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Dear Deans,

Please consider a nomination from your unit for the grant program described below. This competition is limited by major divisions of an institution (e.g., College of Arts and Sciences, College of Medicine) rather than by institution. **One applicant may be nominated from each major division of an institution each year.** Thus the nomination process will be coordinated by the Deans of the major divisions of the institution (individual schools or colleges). Once a nominee has been selected, the submission process remains the same as always - through Sponsored Project Administration. The sponsor requires a “Letter of Independence of Multiple Investigators" from SPA if applicable, confirming that “the applicants represent distinct schools or major divisions of the institution.”. Therefore, please let me know by May 1 if an applicant is selected from your unit so if necessary SPA can prepare the required letter.

**The William T. Grant Scholars Program**

Every year, four to six William T. Grant Scholars are selected and each receives $350,000 distributed over a five-year period. **Only one applicant may be nominated from a major division of an institution each year.** This program supports career development for promising early-career researchers. The program funds five-year research and mentoring plans that significantly expand junior researchers’ expertise in new disciplines, methods, and content areas. The award includes a mentoring component, as well as an emphasis on community and collaboration. Applicants should have a track record of conducting high-quality research and an interest in pursuing a significant shift in their trajectories as researchers. Proposed research plans must address questions of policy and practice that are relevant to the sponsor’s focus areas.

**The Foundation supports research that focuses on youth ages 5-25 in the United States. This year they are seeking research projects in two focus areas:**

- Programs, policies, and practices that reduce inequality in youth outcomes, and
- Strategies to improve the use of research evidence in ways that benefit youth.

Deadline: The application deadline is July 6, 2017. Awards will be announced in March 2018. 
**URL for more information:** [http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/william-t-grant-scholars-program](http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/william-t-grant-scholars-program)

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