

MacArthur Foundation

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1 Who We Are

The MacArthur Foundation supports those who are creating solutions to the world's most pressing social challenges and making the world more just and peaceful.

2 Our History

- On Oct. 18, 1970, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation was established, so their money would go to good use after they were longer there.
- When John passed on Jan. 6, 1978, the Foundation assumed his assets, estimated at \$1 billion, and made its first two grants of \$50,000 each to Amnesty International and the California League of Cities.

3 Today

- John Palfrey currently leads the foundation as president.
- Since 1978, the Foundation has made grants totaling over \$6.8 billion in the U.S. and about 40 countries around the world.
- MacArthur is one of the nation's largest independent foundations. Organizations supported by the Foundation work in about 50 countries. In addition to its headquarters in Chicago, MacArthur has offices in India and Nigeria.

4 Our Work

MacArthur Fellowship

A \$625,000, no-strings-attached award to extraordinarily talented and creative individuals as an investment in their potential.

Awards

100&Change

A competition for a \$100 million grant to fund a single proposal that promises real and measurable progress in solving a critical problem of our time.

Our Four Big Bets

Climate Solutions

Criminal Justice

Nuclear Challenges

On Nigeria

Enduring Commitments

Chicago Commitment

Our commitment to Chicago is deep and enduring, with support to creative and effective organizations working to improve the quality of life and the prospects for resident, and make our hometown a city where opportunity is equitable, and justice can thrive.

Journalism & Media

Working to strengthen American democracy by informing, engaging, and activating Americans through deep investments in independent journalism and media

Field Support

Impact Investments

Building the field of impact investing and providing catalytic capital to address social and environmental challenges around the world.

Philanthropy

Supporting a variety of organizations that are strengthening and advocating for the sector at the local, state, and national levels

Technology in the Public Interest

Strengthening research and advocacy addressing the social impacts of technology