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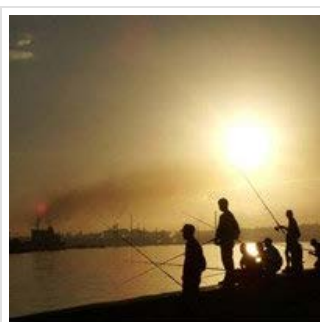
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The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation supports creative people and effective institutions committed to building a more just, verdant, and peaceful world. In addition to selecting the [MacArthur Fellows](#), the Foundation works to defend [human rights](#), advance [global conservation](#) and [security](#), make [cities better places](#), and understand how [technology is affecting children and society](#).

MacArthur is one of the nation's largest independent foundations. Through the

support it provides, the Foundation fosters the development of knowledge, nurtures individual creativity, strengthens institutions, helps improve public policy, and provides information to the public, primarily through support for public interest media.

The Foundation makes grants and loans through four programs.

International Programs focus on international issues, including [human rights and international justice](#), [peace and security](#), [conservation and sustainable development](#), [youths' secondary education in developing countries](#), [migration](#), and [population and reproductive health](#). MacArthur grantees work in about 60 countries; the Foundation has offices in India, Mexico, Nigeria, and Russia.

U.S. Programs address issues in the United States, including [community and economic development](#); [housing](#), with a focus on the [preservation of affordable rental housing](#); [juvenile justice reform](#); education, with an emerging interest in [digital media and learning](#); and [policy research and analysis](#).

Media, Culture, and Special Initiatives support [public interest media](#), including public radio, documentary programming, and work to explore the use of digital technologies to reach and engage the public. Grants are also made to [arts and cultural institutions in the Chicago area](#) and for special initiatives.

The [MacArthur Fellows Program](#) awards five-year, unrestricted fellowships to individuals across all ages and fields who show exceptional merit and promise of continued creative work. It is limited to U.S. citizens and residents.

To learn more about the MacArthur Foundation [read our FAQs](#) and visit our [annual report](#).

[John D. MacArthur](#) (1897-1978) developed and owned Bankers Life and Casualty Company and other businesses, as well as considerable property in



Our President



About Robert L. Gallucci ›

Note to Media

Members of the media seeking comment from the Foundation or to interview a MacArthur staff person, should call MacArthur Public Affairs at (312) 917-3690 or email Andy Solomon.

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Florida and New York. His wife [Catherine](#) (1909-1981) held positions in many of these companies and served as a director of the Foundation.

At a Glance

Total Assets: \$5.7 billion as of December 31, 2011

Grantmaking 2011

- Grants authorized: *\$230.0 million*
- Grant requests: *6,774*
- Number of grants: *497*
- Range of grants: *\$10,000 to \$5 million*
- Range of operations: *U.S. and about 50 countries worldwide*
- Global Security & Sustainability: *\$87 million*
- Human & Community Development: *\$90.5 million*
- General Program: *\$40.4 million*
- MacArthur Fellows Program: *\$12.1 million*
- Program-Related Investments: *\$9.6 million*

Foundation Staff

- United States: *152*
- Overseas: *23*

MacArthur staff provides advice to other foundations, corporate donors and individual donors who wish to make gifts in fields in which we work.

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