

GRANTMAKING IN RUSSIA

The MacArthur Foundation's grantmaking in Russia supports universities and other institutions engaged in scholarly research and training, and promotes the development of effective human rights protections.

AT A GLANCE

- MacArthur's grantmaking began in Russia in 1991; the Foundation opened its Moscow office in 1992. Since then, MacArthur has awarded grants totaling nearly \$179 million to institutions and individuals in Russia.
- The Foundation currently makes two types of grants in Russia: grants for universities and scholarly infrastructure, and for human rights.
- MacArthur is committed to carrying out this work in a spirit of deep respect for our Russian colleagues and partners, and trust in the creative energies of the Russian people.
- MacArthur's presence in Russia not only provides financial resources for worthy projects and institutions, but also helps demonstrate the possibilities for international cooperation and meaningful partnerships between private and public institutions.

WHAT IS A PRIVATE FOUNDATION?

In the United States, private foundations are charitable organizations that provide grants to organizations or individuals, helping those in need or working to solve social problems. Foundations can operate locally, nationally, or internationally and enjoy considerable flexibility in choosing where to work and what to support. Private foundations act independently of any private business and of the United States government; they receive no government support. Many private foundations, including MacArthur, have endowments that are the sole source of funds for the grants they make.



Russia is one of four countries where MacArthur focuses its international grantmaking, including India, Mexico, and Nigeria. The Foundation's grantmaking in Russia seeks to support universities and other scholarly institutions engaged in research and training, and promotes the development of effective human rights protections.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

MacArthur has committed nearly \$106 million in support of Russian higher education, including state and private universities. In addition, the Foundation supports research institutes, scholarly journals, and networks of scholars.

The Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation has been an important partner in this work. MacArthur and another private American foundation, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, have worked with the Ministry to establish and fund programs that support 29 centers of excellence at state universities across Russia.

The Program on Basic Research and Higher Education assists 20 centers in the natural and physical sciences, and the Centers for Advanced Study and Education Program helps nine centers in the social sciences and humanities. The programs are leading to scientific innovations in fields as diverse as health, agriculture, marine biology, and regional development.

MacArthur also supports three private institutions of advanced research and education in the social sciences: the New Economic School, the Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences, and the European University at St. Petersburg. The Foundation has provided assistance to the Moscow State Institute of International Relations and to Smolny College in St. Petersburg to help strengthen Russian university curricula.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

Russia's 1993 Constitution provides a framework for domestic human rights. To help further these human rights norms, MacArthur has awarded 233 grants totaling \$32 million to support human rights protections and advance the rule of law in Russia, with a focus on ten selected regions: Krasnodar, Moscow, Nizhny Novgorod, Perm, Rostov-on-Don, Samara, Saratov, Yekaterinburg, Tatarstan, and Voronezh.

The Foundation's funding focuses on three topics:

- Assistance to develop the institution of the regional human rights ombudsman, a cost-effective and accessible non-judicial mechanism for human rights protections;
- Support for police accountability, a key indicator of the level of human rights protection and respect for the rule of law; and
- Access to Russian justice institutions and the European Court of Human Rights.

REPRESENTATIVE GRANTS

Higher Education and Research

ACADEMIC EDUCATIONAL FORUM ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Moscow, Russia
\$500,000 to strengthen the scholarly field of international relations in Russia (2008)

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE NEW ECONOMIC SCHOOL
University Park, PA
\$600,000 to establish two new professorships in the New Economic School (2009)

ANALYTICAL CENTER OF JURI LEVADA
Moscow, Russia
\$150,000 in support of the project, "Monitoring of Social and Economic Transformations in Russia" (2009)

CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE
Washington, DC
\$375,000 in renewed support of the journal *Pro et Contra* (2007)

CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT SOCIAL RESEARCH
St. Petersburg, Russia
\$350,000 to develop a new scholarly journal, associated web portal, and other activities aimed at strengthening the field of sociology in Russia (2009)

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF NATIONALISM AND EMPIRE
Kazan, Russia
\$240,000 in renewed support of the journal *Ab Imperio* (2008)

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY AT ST. PETERSBURG
St. Petersburg, Russia
\$2,500,000 in support of research and graduate education in the social sciences and for institutional development activities (2009)

HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

Moscow, Russia

\$350,000 to support the project
“Labor Market Informality in Russia:
An Economic-Sociological Perspective”
(2009)

INDEPENDENT INSTITUTE
FOR SOCIAL POLICY

Moscow, Russia

\$333,000 in support of a sociological
data archive and related training program,
and the SPERO journal of social policy
research (2007)

INSTITUTE OF LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY

Moscow, Russia

\$375,000 to promote legal conscious-
ness and legal reform in Russia (2009)

INSTITUTE OF SOCIOLOGY OF THE
RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Moscow, Russia

\$600,000 in renewed support of the
Center for Sociological Education's
training program in the social sciences
and humanities for young Russian
regional university faculty and
researchers (2010)

MOSCOW SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC SCIENCES

Moscow, Russia

\$645,000 in support of graduate training
and research in the social sciences, and
an annual conference on Russia's
sociopolitical development (2009)

ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY,
SMOLNY COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
AND SCIENCES

St. Petersburg, Russia

\$450,000 in support of a project to
develop new undergraduate courses in
the social sciences and humanities (2008)

U.S. CIVILIAN RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Arlington, VA

\$1,500,000 for Program on Basic Research
and Higher Education in Russia (2009)

Human Rights

ASSOCIATION OF GROUPS FOR
PUBLIC INVESTIGATIONS

Kazan, Russia

\$375,000 in support of renewed funding
to promote human rights protection in the
Russian Federation (2008)

CENTRAL-BLACKSOIL FOR PROTECTION
OF MEDIA RIGHTS

Voronezh, Russia

\$300,000 in renewed support of activities
to protect media rights in Russia (2009)

COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

Moscow, Russia

\$300,000 in support of renewed funding
for a project to promote police account-
ability in the Russian Federation (2008)

CONSORTIUM OF WOMEN'S
NONGOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS

Moscow, Russia

\$400,000 in support of its work with
regional and municipal public authorities
and the mass media to combat gender
discrimination through the implemen-
tation of existing laws in the Russian
Federation (2010)

HUMAN RIGHTS RESOURCE CENTER

St. Petersburg, Russia

\$375,000 in support of a project to
provide legal support to Russian NGOs
and promote the professional growth of
these organizations (2010)

INDEPENDENT COUNCIL OF
LEGAL EXPERTISE

Moscow, Russia

\$800,000 in renewed support of activities
to facilitate reform of the courts and law
enforcement agencies and improve
mechanisms for the protection of human
rights in Russia; and to partially fund the
purchase of office space (2008)

KAZAN HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER

Kazan, Russia

\$250,000 in renewed support of its
long-term strategy to promote police
accountability in Russia (2010)

MOSCOW HELSINKI GROUP

Moscow, Russia

\$400,000 in renewed support for its
long-term strategy to strengthen the
human rights movement through
monitoring human rights in Russia and
the continued development of its regional
monitoring network (2009)

NIZHNY NOVGOROD REGIONAL NON-
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION
COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

Novgorod, Russia

\$375,000 in renewed support of its
long-term strategy to promote police
accountability in Russia (2010)

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW INSTITUTE

New York, NY

\$495,000 in support of a project to
produce a study on the current state of
legal education in Russia (2009)

PUBLIC VERDICT FUND

Moscow, Russia

\$300,000 in renewed support of activities
to combat torture and promote police
reform in Russia (2009)

SUTIAZHNIK PUBLIC ASSOCIATION

Ekaterinburg, Russia

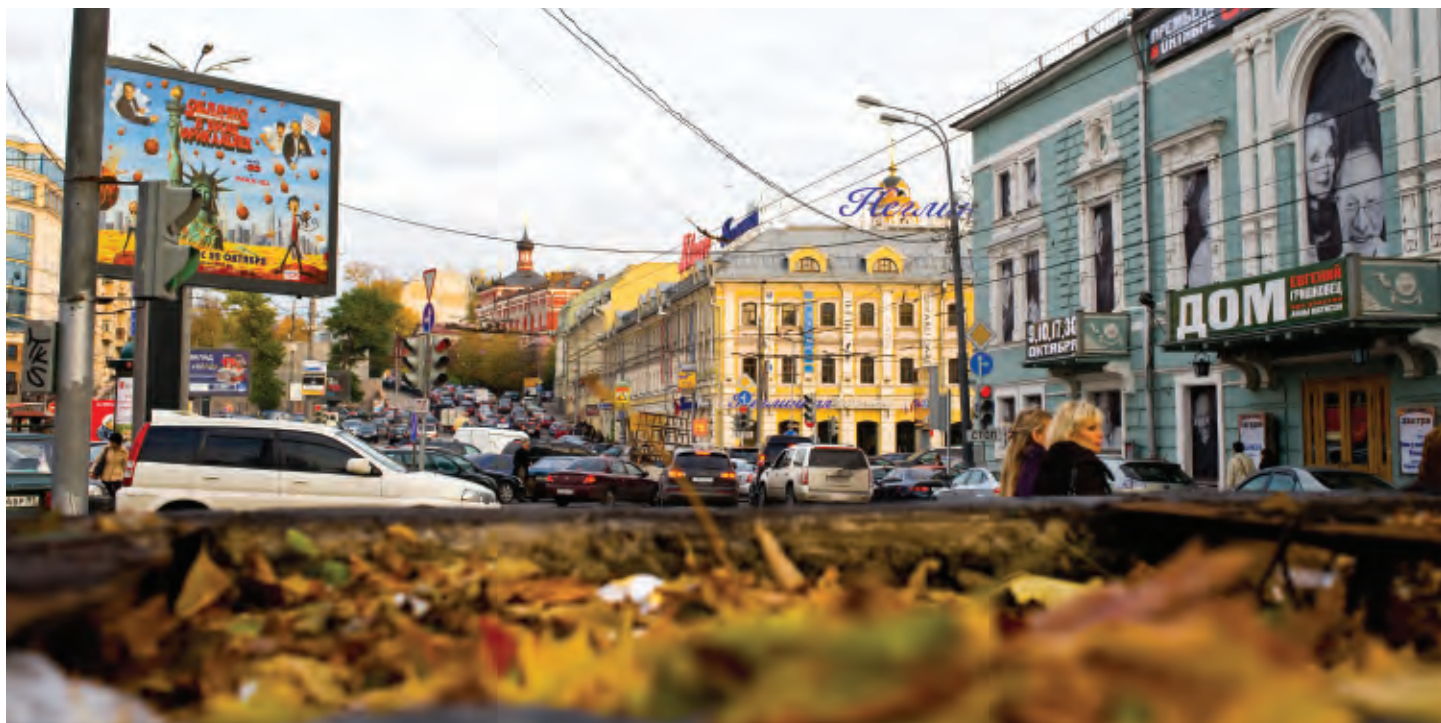
\$300,000 in support of a project titled,
“Strategic Implementation of the
Convention for the Protection of Human
Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in
Russian Courts” (2009)

WOMEN OF THE DON REGION

Novocherkassk, Russia

\$280,000 in support of renewed funding
for a project to promote reform of the
regional police force (2007)

MacArthur's grantmaking strategies for Russia are currently under review. New grantmaking guidelines are expected in 2011.



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