Who we are

The Elsevier Foundation is a corporate not-for-profit 501(c)(3), funded by Elsevier, a global information analytics business specialized in science and health.

Since 2005, the Elsevier Foundation provides grants to knowledge-centered institutions around the world.

The Elsevier Foundation champions inclusive health and research through partnerships that incubate new approaches, highlight inequities and catalyze change toward the UN Sustainable Development Goals. By leveraging Elsevier’s funding, networks and unique insights in content, data and analytics, the Elsevier Foundation expands its impact in health, inclusion and diversity, and climate action.
Who we are | Our history

2005
Mission-driven grants focused on women in STEM and libraries in lower-income countries.

2012
OWSD-Elsevier Foundation Awards recognize women researchers in the Global South.

2015
A new partnerships-driven approach better aligns with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

2020
Race & ethnicity portfolio aims to tackle health and research disparities in underrepresented communities.

2021
Climate action-focused partnerships portfolio with a strong gender focus.

2022
New portfolio supports inclusive research partnerships for early-career researchers.
“I’ve always wanted to do something to make the world better. This Award will help me get exposure and create more opportunities for my research.”

Marian Asantewah Nkasah
2021 OWSD-Elsevier Foundation Women in Science Award winner, Ghana
Inclusive Health
Information technology can significantly advance the delivery of healthcare in vulnerable communities. Our partnerships support organizations working to improve health outcomes in underserved communities through the innovative use of health information.

Inclusive Research
The future of science requires a robust and diverse workforce drawn from all corners of society. Our programs advance women in science, encourage underserved youth to choose STEM careers, and widen access to academic knowledge for scientists in developing countries.

Currently: 20+ partnerships in 10+ countries
How we work | Our team

• On a day-to-day basis, the Elsevier Foundation is run by a small core team consists of an Executive Director, Partnerships Director, Coordinator and Communications Director.

• The team receives support from a Treasurer and Legal Counsel.

• In addition to annual programmatic funding, Elsevier provides funding to cover the administrative costs of running the Foundation and in-kind support through marketing, media outreach, data science expertise, analytics and volunteer support as needed from throughout the company.
How we work | Our Board

• The Elsevier Foundation is governed by its Board which is comprised of 5 external and 6 internal (or ex-officio) members representing Elsevier - the company and funding partner. Members serve 3 year renewable terms.

• The Elsevier Foundation Board meets biannually to provide strategic guidance for the Foundation’s programming and governance. Throughout the year, Board members also provide expertise and advice around new partnership development opportunities.

• In addition, the Foundation team also regularly draws on the technical insights of a number of Elsevier advisors on areas such as data science, health informatics, nursing education and inclusion and diversity.
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Partnerships | Health emergencies in Africa

MSF/Epicentre: Niger Research Center
Support the capacity and visibility of this critical West African research center to deliver better emergency care in the region.

Concern Worldwide: Health Systems Strengthening in Somalia
Capacity building to provide a timely, effective response to surges in cases of children with acute malnutrition.
DataKind: Surfacing actionable insights from a decade of trainings with Amref

Improve the effectiveness of community health worker training by leveraging the power of data.

Aidsfonds: Tanya Marlo

Accessible HIV-related information, counselling and lifesaving care for youth and minority groups in Indonesia.
Partnerships | Health equity in the United States

Julius L. Chambers Biomedical & Biotechnology Research Institute: Implementation Science Program
Build research capacity and increase the rapid adoption of evidence-based interventions to address health disparities in diverse communities.

Sansum Diabetes Research Institute: Latino Diabetes Community Scientists
Reduce healthcare barriers and disparities for the Latino community at risk of type 2 diabetes.

Black Women’s Health Alliance: Millennial Sister Circle
Improve healthcare outcomes and reduce health disparities for young African American women through prevention and empowerment.
Partnerships | Nurses and Early-career researchers

National League for Nursing: NLN/Elsevier Innovation in Technology Excellence Program
Faculty coaching to train nurses of color, ensure a diverse workforce, and address scarcity in resources for faculty development in HBCUs.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities Schools of Nursing: Scholarship Fund
Scholarships fund to provide additional support for the nurses of tomorrow.

Cell Press: Rising Black Scientists Awards
Celebrate US early career black researchers’ talent and achievements in STEM and help them grow their networks and opportunities.
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Partnerships | Women in Science Awards

- Since 2013, helping elevate the careers of women researchers in low- and middle-income countries.
- In 2023, contributions to research that tackles food security.
- The prize also acknowledges the scientists’ commitment to leadership, mentoring and engagement within their communities.
- **Awarded at AAAS each year**, it increases the researchers’ international visibility.

50 women scientists

from 20+ Global South countries awarded through the OWSD-Elsevier Foundation Women in Science Awards.
Partnerships | Chemistry for Climate Action Challenge

- Awards projects that use green and sustainable chemistry solutions to tackle some of the Global South’s greatest challenges
- Since 2017, contributions to research that tackles climate change.
- Collaboration with Elsevier Chemistry journals portfolio
- Awarded at the Elsevier Green & Sustainable Chemistry Conference each year, it increases the researchers’ international visibility.
Partnerships | Research in the Global South

Research4Life: Country Connectors
Deliver local interventions to enhance access and improve usage of Research4Life resources.

The World Academy of Sciences: Climate action gender catalyst grants
Support projects led by women scientists to address climate change issues through interdisciplinary research.
Partnerships | Early-career women researchers

Falling Walls: Women Science Talents
Inspire and empower women to take their next career step, and promote female leadership in STEM.

The Asian Scientist-Elsevier Foundation Salon for Leadership in STEM
Empower women to take on leadership positions in STEM, tackling underrepresentation of Asian scientists.

RIKEN: Envisioning Futures
Map the journey of senior women scientists in Japan, shedding light on challenges and best practices.
Partnerships | Diversity in STEM

Vitae: Tackling the under-representation of early career Black researchers
Understand current practice supporting Black ECRs and amplify lessons learned towards future interventions.

Material Sciences: Agents of Change Awards
Recognize initiatives that focus on intersectionality & encourage systemic change in the Material Sciences community.
Partnerships | Underserved youth

Girls Inc. of NYC: Pre-G3 The Elsevier Foundation Data Analytics Preparatory Program
Targeted program to equip and empower underserved teen girls by teaching data analytics through a social justice lens.

Black Girls CODE: Philadelphia CODE Club
Deliver a culturally-sensitive and community-focused Coding Club for underserved girls of color.

IMC Weekendschool: Amsterdam STEM program
Inspire pre-teens from underserved communities to explore STEM careers and pursue their goals.
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The Elsevier Foundation is part of Elsevier’s corporate responsibility and sustainability program, which centers on our unique contributions to sustainable development in health, gender, climate action and reducing inequalities.

By combining our unique insights in content, data and analytics with the networks and expertise of our partners in the research and health communities, we believe that it is possible to achieve significant progress towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
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