

The Elsevier Foundation

Catalyzing impact, inspiring change

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Advancing human progress together

Who we are

The [Elsevier Foundation](#) is a corporate not-for-profit 501(c)(3), funded by Elsevier, a global leader for advanced information and decision support in science and healthcare.

Since its establishment in 2005, the Elsevier Foundation has contributed over \$18 million in grants to support over 100 partners in more than 70 countries around the world.

The partnerships we support are strongly intersectional and highlight our commitment to supporting under-resourced communities around the world for better health outcomes and a more sustainable research ecosystem.

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2005

New Scholars (women in STEM) and Innovative Libraries in Developing Countries grant programs are launched for the coming decade.



2011

OWSD-Elsevier Foundation Awards launched, recognizing women researchers in developing countries.



2017

Technology for development pilot program created.



2022

New early career researcher partnerships introduced



2008

Nursing program established in collaboration with Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), the International Council of Nurses (ICN) and the National League for Nursing (NLN).

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

2015

UN SDGs founded, our grant programs are retired, and a new partnership driven model is established.



2020

Race & ethnicity portfolio established to tackle health and research initiatives.



2024

The Future of Research Libraries portfolio established to support underserved communities

“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
OWSD-Elsevier Foundation Women in Science
Award winner, Ghana

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20 years of impact



For 20 years, the Elsevier Foundation has been a catalyst for inclusive research and health partnerships, supporting impact makers to accelerate early-stage interventions that underpin long-term change. Our mission remains more relevant than ever as our communities work to address grand challenges facing our world such as the impact of climate change and health disparities.”

Youngsuk “YS” Chi, President, The Elsevier Foundation, Elsevier

\$18,181,000

Total funding allocated



\$3 million+

employee donations
matched since 2006



197

grants and partnerships



122

award winners



53
countries

reached via partnerships
and grants



63%

of programs funded
since 2016 support

Inclusive Research



37%

of programs funded
since 2016 support

Inclusive Health



Starting from 2016

22%

of programs funded support
**SDG 3, Good Health and
Wellbeing**

28%

of programs funded support
SDG 4, Quality Education

31%

of programs funded support
SDG 5, Gender Equality

50%

of programs funded support
SDG 10, Reduced Inequalities

13%

of programs funded support
SDG 13, Climate Action

13%

of programs funded support
**SDG 17, Partnerships for the
Goals**

50%

of programs funded
since 2021 include

Climate dimensions



48%

of programs funded
since 2016 include

**Socio-economic
dimensions**



57%

of programs funded
since 2016 include

Gender dimensions



Our programs

“Our support of the Elsevier Foundation is an integral part of our commitment to help advance science and healthcare to advance human progress.”

Kumsal Bayazit
CEO, Elsevier

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Inclusive Research

The future of science requires a robust workforce drawn from all corners of society. Our partnerships support greater participation in the science and innovation endeavor amongst underresourced communities.



Inclusive Health

Our partnerships support organizations working to improve health outcomes in communities around the world, advancing the delivery of health equity for underresourced populations.



Matching Gift

To encourage community involvement and maximize the impact of charitable giving, the Elsevier Foundation contributes to global disaster relief efforts and provides matching funds to eligible charities supported by Elsevier employees.

How we work

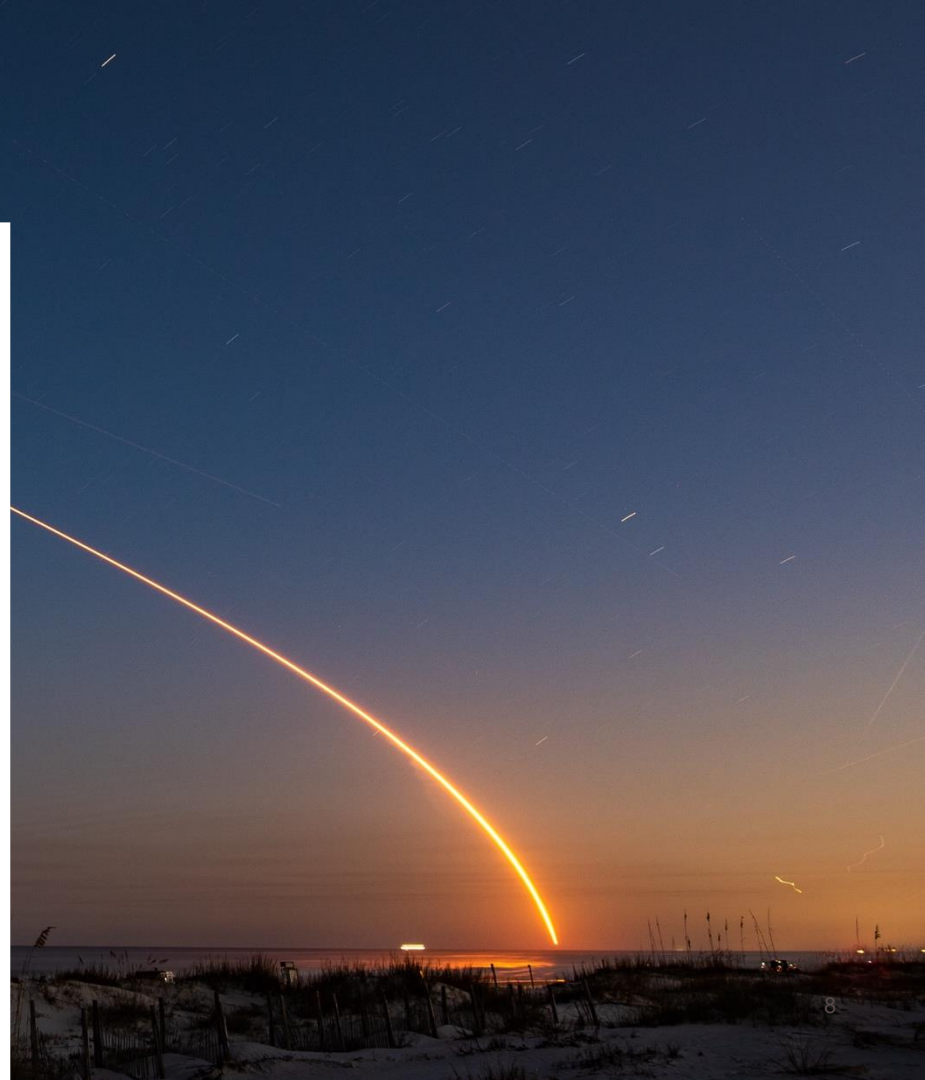
On a day-to-day basis, the Elsevier Foundation is supported by a [small core team](#), as well as a specially appointed Treasurer and Legal Counsel. The Foundation team also regularly draws on the expertise of Elsevier advisors.

The Elsevier Foundation [is governed by a Board](#) of external and Ex-Officio members. External Board members are experts in sustainability, development, innovation, diversity, education, research and health. Ex-Officio members are leaders within the company, who are deeply supportive of the Foundation's mission.



Research partnerships

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[OWSD Awards for talent in STEM](#)

Celebrates women researchers across low-income countries for their talent and contributions to sustainability research.

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[Chemistry for Climate Action Challenge](#)

Awards innovative green and sustainable chemistry solutions which address climate change research with a gender lens.



[Materials Today: Agents of Change Awards](#)

Honors initiatives that focus on intersectionality and encourages systemic change in the Material Sciences community.



[Portia Gender Summit](#)

Promotes global dialogue on equity in research, bringing together diverse stakeholders for impactful change.

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[Research4Life Country Connectors](#)

Delivers local interventions to improve usage of Research4Life resources and increase research output from low-income countries.



[The World Academy of Sciences: Climate Grants](#)

Supports concrete projects led by women scientists from low-income countries to address climate change issues in their communities.



Falling Walls Female Science Talents

Supports women to take their next career step, and promote female leadership in STEM.

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RIKEN Envisioning Futures

Maps the journey of senior women scientists in Japan, shedding light on challenges and best practices.



CWAST: Supporting Women Scientists in China

Offers networking opportunities, international resources and training sessions in localized workshops for women in science.



[Future of Libraries. NUS: Building capacity with early-career librarians](#)

Equips under-resourced early-career librarians from the ASEAN region with essential skills to better support research and education.



[Future of Libraries. ACRL: AI Community of practice](#)

Enables librarians to extend AI knowledge and skills within their institutions and communities.

Health partnerships

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[Aidsfonds](#) [Tanya Marlo](#)

Provides accessible HIV-related information, counselling and lifesaving care for youth and minority groups in Indonesia.

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[Concern Worldwide](#) [Health System](#) [Strengthening in Somalia](#)

Strengthens capacity to provide a timely, effective response to surges in cases of children with acute malnutrition.



[Swasti](#) [Climate Care Champions](#)

Trans frontline healthcare workers in India to address climate-induced health challenges and improve community health resilience.



North Carolina Central University Implementation Science Program

Increases the rapid adoption of evidence-based interventions to improve health equity for all.



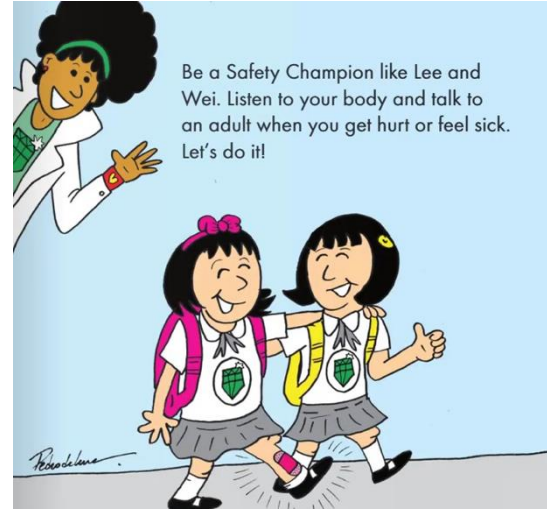
FUEL: Fostering Undergraduate Excellence and Leadership in Nursing

Enhances nursing students' success, ensuring that graduates enter the workforce as practice-ready.



Kidshelp: Diabetes Prevention and Management in Cambodia

Tackles the diabetes crisis by providing localized education, screening and support to patients in their diabetes management.



World Patients Alliance Patient Safety Children Books

Empowers the community to act for safer care through the education of children, by developing a book series about patient safety.



Resources

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