



The Flinn Foundation

History:

The Flinn Foundation was established in 1965 as a privately endowed grantmaking organization to improve the quality of life in Arizona for future generations. Robert S. Flinn, a cardiologist and one of Arizona's leading medical practitioners, and Irene Flinn, a woman of considerable wealth and generous philanthropy, created the Foundation as a means to perpetuate their personal goodness and humanity for the benefit of the residents of Arizona.

In the mid-1980s, the Foundation expanded its focus beyond health care and medical research to create the Flinn Scholars Program and fund arts and culture in Arizona. In 2001, the Foundation narrowed its health care focus to the advancement of the biosciences in Arizona. In late 2010, the Foundation launched the Arizona Center for Civic Leadership, a collaborative effort to strengthen civic leadership in Arizona.

Program Areas:

In the biosciences, the Foundation awards targeted grants and advances Arizona's Bioscience Roadmap, a strategic plan launched in 2002 and now running through 2025. The Flinn Scholars Program, in partnership with Arizona's public universities, awards 20 comprehensive scholarships to Arizona's top high-school seniors each year; Scholars' outstanding educational experience includes international travel, mentorship, and an internship program. In arts and culture, the Foundation helps organizations improve stability through integration of creative programming and long-term fiscal planning. The Arizona Center for Civic Leadership's flagship program, the Flinn-Brown Civic Leadership Academy, develops about 35 future state-level Arizona leaders each year.

Grants:

The Flinn Foundation awards grants by invitation only. In the biosciences, the Foundation's preeminent area, grants strengthen the state's biomedical-research and commercialization infrastructure. The Foundation does not award grants for ongoing support, for a specific disease or discipline, or for a single investigator's interests. Flinn Scholarship funds, including for study abroad and internships, are awarded to students through grants to the universities. Arts and culture grants target the state's largest organizations. The Foundation supports and administers the Arizona Center for Civic Leadership and co-sponsors the Flinn-Brown Academy with the Thomas R. Brown Foundations.

Conference Center:

The Foundation's building near downtown Phoenix features a conference center open at no cost to Arizona nonprofit organizations in health care, education, arts and culture, and civic leadership. Nonprofits may reserve space for strategic-planning and training meetings.

Leadership of The Flinn Foundation (www.flinn.org) includes a board of directors drawn from Arizona's medical, law, business, and education communities. The board is chaired by **David J. Gullen, M.D.**, a retired internal-medicine practitioner at Mayo Clinic and assistant professor in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. The Foundation's president & CEO is **Tammy McLeod**, a broadly accomplished private-sector executive and community leader.

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