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About the Author

Cynthia Carr is a former grant writer and grants administrator who has worked at a variety of colleges and universities, including a research institution, an MA institution, and two independent graduate schools. She edited and submitted over 300 grants from 2008 to 2012, resulting in \$3 million in awards from such funders as the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Justice, The John Templeton Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation, and others.

Cynthia has a continuing interest in fundraising and university structure, both in the U.S. and internationally. As a Fulbright Specialist awardee she was invited to consult on higher education fundraising with universities in the Slovak Republic in 2013. Her international interests dovetail with the MA in Islamic Studies she received from UCLA and her extensive travel, particularly in Pakistan and South Korea.

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