The OU Department of Sociology and the College of Arts and Sciences are hosting a visit by the William T. Grant Foundation to the OU-Norman Campus

The WT Grant Foundation will promote their research initiatives and encourage faculty applications for funding.

The William T. Grant Foundation invests in high-quality research focused on reducing inequality in youth outcomes and improving the use of research evidence in decisions that affect young people ages 5-25 in the United States. In their focus area of reducing inequality, they support research to build, test, and increase understanding of approaches to reducing inequality in youth outcomes, especially on the basis of race, ethnicity, economic standing, language minority status, or immigrant origins. They are interested in research on programs, policies and practices to reduce inequality in academic, social, behavioral and economic outcomes. In their focus area of improving the use of research evidence, they support research to identify, build and test strategies to ensure that research evidence is used in ways that benefit youth.

On Wednesday, April 3, Kimberly DuMont, senior program officer for the WT Grant Foundation will be offering two morning presentations on their funding strategies and individual or small group afternoon appointments from 1-4 p.m. with faculty and researchers to discuss proposal ideas.

**Presentation on the Foundation’s goals of Reducing Inequality and Improving the Use of Research Evidence Focus Areas**

**Time, Date, Location**
9 – 10 a.m., April 3, Ellison Hall, Room 132

**Presentation for Early Career Faculty on WT Grant Foundation’s Scholars Program**

The William T. Grant Scholar’s Program supports career development for promising early-career researchers. The program funds five-year research and mentoring plans that significantly expand researcher’s expertise in new disciplines, methods and content areas.

**Time, Date, Location**
10:30 – 11:15 a.m., April 3, Ellison Hall, Room 323

**Individual meetings with faculty**

For setting up individual appointments or learning more about the visit please contact Erin Maher, Associate Professor of Sociology, at erin.maher@ou.edu

**Time, Date, Location**
1 – 4 p.m., April 3, Ellison Hall, Room 132

Kimberly DuMont, senior program officer at the William T. Grant Foundation, oversees the Foundation’s Institutional Challenge Grant program, major research grants and focus on improving the use of research evidence in child welfare. Prior to joining the foundation in 2011, she worked as a research scientist with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. In that capacity, she bridged research—a rigorous evaluation of home visitation services—with the needs of practitioners and policymakers working to reduce child abuse and neglect.

For accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact Cassie Zaccarelli at (405) 325-4645