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On behalf of The Foundational Questions Institute (FQXi, at <http://www.fqxi.org>), we are pleased to announce our 2007 funding opportunity, an international grants competition for approximately US\$2.5M, supporting rigorous research on foundational questions in physics and cosmology. Please forward this message to anyone you believe may be interested.

FQXi is an independent, philanthropically-funded, non-profit grant-awarding organization. Our mission is to catalyze, support, and disseminate research on questions at the foundations of physics and cosmology -- particularly new frontiers and innovative ideas integral to a deep understanding of reality, but unlikely to be supported by conventional funding sources.

For this funding opportunity, we welcome grant applications that meet the following criteria for research in physics, cosmology, and closely related fields:

- The research must be **foundational**, with potentially significant and broad implications for our understanding of the deep or "ultimate" nature of reality.
- The research must be **unconventional**, consisting of rigorous research which, because of its speculative, non-mainstream, or high-risk nature, would otherwise go unperformed due to lack of funding.

The deadline for brief Initial Proposals is December 15, 2007. For further information about FQXi, the grant application, and our selection process, please visit <http://fqxi.org/grants.html>. (The complete evaluation criteria that will be given to the review panel are on the web site; we are unable to supply further guidance at this stage.)

If you have other questions regarding FQXi, please contact Kirsten A. Hubbard, FQXi Scientific Program Manager, at hubbard@fqxi.org.

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