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Lumina Foundation Makes \$350,000 Grant to The Conversation

Boston, September 4, 2019 – The Conversation US (TCUS), a leading nonprofit media organization delivering explanatory journalism and expert analysis written exclusively by university scholars, has been awarded a two-year, \$350,000 grant from Lumina Foundation, a private foundation focused on expanding access to post-secondary educational opportunities.

The grant will support The Conversation’s education desk, helping to enhance its coverage of critical, timely topics including educational solutions and policies that serve all students, the need for and value of post-secondary education, and connections between work and learning.

The grant will also encourage the development of cross-disciplinary stories exploring education-based solutions and themes by authors writing on TCUS topic areas including Arts + Culture, Economy + Business, and Science + Technology.

“We are excited to help The Conversation US advance its mission to bring relevant scholarly insights to the public – particularly around topics related to creating a better-educated country,” said Jamie Merisotis, Lumina Foundation President and CEO. “The Conversation’s commitment to enriching public understanding by making research-based scholarship, especially the expertise of researchers of color, more accessible stands in strong alignment with Lumina’s objectives of preparing people for informed citizenship through education and advancing diversity, inclusion, and racial equity.”

The Conversation’s staff of subject-expert editors works with top scholars nationwide to transform their research into accessible journalistic content, which is offered free to news media. Stories are distributed through the Associated Press and other means. TCUS has relationships with scholars at more than 625 colleges and universities and has published more than 9,000 articles. It is funded by support from many of the nation’s leading foundations and universities.

“We are grateful for Lumina’s partnership and for the opportunity to produce more content on post-secondary education,” said Beth Daley, TCUS Editor and General Manager. “At a time when building the effectiveness and equity of post-secondary education has such importance and urgency, we look forward to bringing more scholarly voices to the fore of public dialogue on this issue.”

“We are delighted that Lumina Foundation has joined the ranks of our supporters who help The Conversation achieve its mission of democratizing knowledge,” said Bruce Wilson, TCUS Chief Innovation and Development Officer.

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About The Conversation US

The Conversation US (TCUS) is an organization of professional editors working at the nexus of academic research and news media to help build the quality of conversations in today's public discourse. TCUS seeks to increase the public's access to expert, research-focused scholars, with the goal of increasing the availability of evidence-based information that can help us have better conversations. Launched in 2014, The Conversation's newsroom is based in Boston, with editors in New York, Atlanta and Washington, D.C. It is part of a global network that shares content, with editorial offices in Australia, Canada, the UK, France, Indonesia and Africa. theconversation.com/us

About Lumina Foundation

Lumina Foundation is an independent, private foundation in Indianapolis that is committed to making opportunities for learning beyond high school available to all. The foundation envisions a system that is easy to navigate, delivers fair results, and meets the nation's need for talent through a broad range of credentials. Lumina's goal is to prepare people for informed citizenship and for success in a global economy. www.luminafoundation.org

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