Philanthropy, from the Greek meaning “love of humanity,” has its roots in the simple notion of individuals helping others. Today, the staff at foundations do the hard work of executing the mission of the foundations, which involves grantmaking.

Who are these individuals and what qualifies someone to take on this role? In this session we hear from two Mandel School alumni who made the transition from nonprofit agency to foundation officers, to learn what practitioners can bring to this important work.

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