WELCOME, DR. ADRIENNE STEPHENSON

Dr. Adrienne P. Stephenson was recently named an Assistant Dean of the Graduate School at FSU, where she serves as the Director of the Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards (OGFA). Prior to working at Florida State University, Dr. Stephenson served as the STEM Center Coordinator at Tallahassee Community College where she managed the FAMU-TCC Bridges to the Baccalaureate in the Biomedical Sciences, FGLSAMP and STEM Star/Council Scholars Programs. She also served as a Science Specialist/STEM Coordinator at the Florida Department of Education for several years.

Adrienne received a bachelor's degree from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, where she majored in Chemistry and was a LASER DOE/NASA Scholar. She then earned a master's degree in Pharmacology/Toxicology (2005) and a Ph.D. in Pharmacology/Toxicology (2014) from Florida A&M University. While a graduate student at Florida A&M University, she was a Harriet Jenkins NASA Fellow, McKnight Doctoral Fellow and the Delores Auzenne Fellow. She also served as an adjunct instructor in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Stephenson has a passion for service and remains active in the community by participating in several service-based organizations, volunteering regularly and mentoring K-12, undergraduate and graduate students.

Are you looking for external fellowships and awards to support your graduate education?

Contact the Office of Graduate Fellowships & Awards to get the process started. Use our link below to fill out our survey and to schedule an initial meeting!
ADVICE FROM EXTERNAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Jamie Wang
NSF GRFP
Chemistry

“I am extremely thankful for all the help provided by OGFA. The professional advice I received really strengthened my application and I learned so much during the process. I recommend applicants take advantage of the great resources they have in OGFA.”

Omotola Ogunsolu
PEO International Peace Scholarship
Materials Science and Engineering

“Be willing to spend the time it takes to search for awards that you are eligible to apply for. Tailor your application towards what they are looking for. You will particularly find the assistance of OGFA invaluable in this regard.”

Aaron Brooks
Golden Key Graduate Scholar Award
Philosophy

“Be sure to visit OGFA. My advice is to look early in the semester before classwork starts piling up. Find a few scholarships for which you might qualify, then dedicate time to applying. The potential pay-off is worth the time!”

Carolina Alarcon
Fulbright Full Grant to Spain
Art History

“Think of your applications not as a frustrating process, but as a learning process that helps refine your project for a broad range of audiences outside of your field. Ultimately this makes your application, and your project, stronger.”

Kevin Eady
McKnight Dissertation Fellowship
Neuroscience

“Apply often to what you can, as applying is its own reward. You will often be surprised at how the application process will help structure your thinking about your research and career.”

Spence Purnel
Gubernatorial Fellowship
Public Health

“The OGFA is a huge asset for anyone who is serious about getting placed in a fellowship or internship. Being able to sit down one on one with a professional who can give you objective and productive advice about your application is incredibly valuable to students. It’s like having a partner throughout the entire process.”
General Guide to External Funding
Thursday, August 27th
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
HSF 3009
This introductory presentation is designed for first time applicants who want to learn more about external awards. Content includes an overview of external funding as well as advice on how to conduct a successful funding search. Participants will also learn about OGFA and the services that we provide during your application process.

Funding your Research Abroad
Monday, August 31st
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
HSF 3009
There are many funding avenues for students who need to conduct research abroad. This presentation will discuss several of the most common opportunities including Fulbright, Boren, IDRF and DAAD.

Humanities and Social Sciences Dissertation Research and Completion Fellowships
Tuesday, September 1st
11:00 am - Noon
HSF 3009
Have you already advanced to candidacy or are within a year of preparing your prospectus and concerned about where you will receive the funding to complete your degree? Attend this workshop to learn about various dissertation funding opportunities and resources at FSU to help you create a competitive application.

Opportunities for Women and Minorities
Thursday, September 3rd
11:00 am - Noon
HSF 3009
This workshop will feature prestigious awards that support women and minority graduate students. We will highlight the Ford Foundation, AAUW, and PEO awards among many others.

Preparing your Application (3 part Series) –

Part One
CV and Resume:
Thursday, September 3rd
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
HSF 3009
The first in the fellowship application preparation series. Learn what to include and what not to include in your fellowship application resume or CV ensuring that you match the needs of the sponsoring agency.

Part Two
Personal Statement:
Thursday, September 10th
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
HSF 3009
Writing about yourself can be difficult, but we are here to help. In this session, you will receive more than the generic dos and don’ts list and leave with an outline for your personal statement.

Part Three
Research Statements and Proposals:
Thursday, September 17th
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
HSF 3009
Participants will experience being a member of a review committee. In addition, the following topics will be covered: Essential points to address in the application and Writing strategies for the interdisciplinary review committee.

All OGFA workshops will be held in room 3009 of the Honors, Scholars, Fellows House (also known as the Johnston Annex).

Contact Information for The Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards:
Website: http://www.ogfa.fsu.edu
Email: ogfa-info@fsu.edu
Phone: 850-645-0850
Critical Language Scholarship Program
Sponsor: U.S. Department of State
Website: http://clscholarship.org/
Description: Fully funded overseas language and cultural immersion program for American undergraduate and graduate students. With the goal of broadening the base of Americans studying and mastering critical languages and building relationships between the people of the US and other countries.
Fields: Humanities and Social Sciences

National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship
Sponsor: Department of Defense
Website: http://ndseg.asee.org/
Description: Intends to increase the number of U.S. citizens and nationals trained in science and engineering disciplines of military importance. Three year graduate fellowships to individuals who have demonstrated the ability and special aptitude for advanced training in science and engineering.
Fields: STEM

Ford Foundation Dissertation Study and Teaching Award
Sponsor: Ford Foundation
Website: http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/fellowships/tabid/10243/Default.aspx
Description: Help early-stage doctoral students formulate innovative dissertation research proposals through workshops, exploratory summer research, and writing guided by peer review and faculty mentorship. The program seems young scholars who are interested in strengthening their dissertation research plans through exposure to the theories, literatures, methods, and intellectual traditions of disciplines outside their own.
Fields: Humanities and Social Sciences

PEO Scholar Award
Sponsor: PEO International
Website: http://www.peointernational.org/about-peo-scholar-awards-psa
Description: One-time, competitive, merit-based awards for women of the US and Canada who are pursuing a doctoral level degree at an accredited college or university. In addition to recognizing and encouraging excellence in higher education, these awards provide partial support for study and research for women who will make significant contributions in their varied fields of endeavor. Please contact OGFA if you are interested in applying for this award.
Fields: All

AERA Minority Dissertation Fellowship in Education Research
Sponsor: AERA
Website: http://www.aera.net/ProfessionalOpportunitiesFunding/AERAFundingOpportunities/MinorityDissertationFellowshipProgram/tabid/10243/Default.aspx
Description: The dissertation study should focus on an education research topic such as high stakes testing; ethnic studies/curriculum; tracking; STEM development; measurement of achievement and opportunity gaps; English language learners; or bullying and restorative justice.
Fields: Education, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Dennis Weatherstone Predoctoral Fellowship Program
Sponsor: Autism Speaks
Website: https://www.autismspeaks.org/science/grants-program
Description: Predoctoral students interested in pursuing careers in autism research. This program supports the growth of a promising cadre of young scientists who will make autism research their chosen field.
Field: Any

Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship
Sponsor: SSRC
Website: http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/dpdf-fellowship/
Description: Helps early-stage doctoral students formulate innovative dissertation research proposals through workshops, exploratory summer research, and writing guided by peer review and faculty mentorship. The program seems young scholars who are interested in strengthening their dissertation research plans through exposure to the theories, literatures, methods, and intellectual traditions of disciplines outside their own.
Field: Humanities and Social Sciences
REASONS TO APPLY AND SUGGESTED DEADLINES

Top Ten Reasons to Apply for External Funding

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<td>10. They told me to</td>
<td>Your advisor suggested that you should apply for external funding.</td>
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<td>9. Feedback</td>
<td>The reviewers may provide feedback regarding your research proposal.</td>
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<td>8. Recognition</td>
<td>Here at FSU, nationally, and in and out of your field, you will receive recognition for your accomplishments.</td>
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<td>7. Knowledge</td>
<td>Gain a deeper understanding of a field that interests you.</td>
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<td>6. Experience</td>
<td>Gain valuable experience in grant/proposal writing.</td>
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<td>5. They are looking</td>
<td>There are Sponsors with multiple fellowships that match your demographics and research interests.</td>
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<td>4. Freedom</td>
<td>You will have more freedom to choose projects, advisors, etcetera...</td>
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<td>3. Time</td>
<td>Complete your degree in less time.</td>
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<td>2. Money!</td>
<td>Complete Graduate School with less debt.</td>
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Time Prior to Deadline | Task to Complete
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Anytime | Preliminary Meeting with OGFA to Discuss Options and Strategy
3 Months | Application Components Outline
3 Months | Contact Sponsored Research Services (SRS) For IDs (If Necessary)
2 Months | Submit Initial Draft of Documents to OGFA for Structure and Content Review
1.5 Months | Submit Draft of Documents to Writing Center for Additional Audience Review
1 Month | Submit Draft of Documents to Major Professor
3 Weeks | Submit Revised Drafts of Documents to OGFA/Writing Center
2 Weeks | Proposal Transmittal Form Signed by Major Professor, Dean, and Chair (If Necessary)
10 Days | Upload Documents and Submit to SRS (If Necessary)
2 Days | Submit Final Draft to Fellowship/Award Sponsor