



Funding Your Graduate Education

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Getting Started

Things to consider...

- Managing TIME/OBLIGATIONS
- Funding Opportunity Fit
- General Application Timeline
- The Application Experience
 - Preparation - Application Components
 - Writing and Revising Essays
- Additional support involved



Finding the Right Fellowship for You

- Demographics (gender, nationality, ethnicity, etc.)
- Research (may be discipline specific)
- Potential (future goals)
- Travel to conduct research and/or present research findings



Application Timeline

Time Prior to Deadline	Task to Complete
It's Never Too Early to Get Started	Meet with OGFA to discuss funding opportunities
3-4 Months	Create a funding search template & submit to OGFA
2-3 Months	Submit an initial draft of documents to OGFA for structure & content review Submit draft to major professor for review Submit draft to the Writing Center for review
2 Months	Submit revised drafts to OGFA/Writing Center
1 Month	Obtain all required signatures Request letters of recommendation
1 Month	Submit revised drafts to OGFA/Writing Center
1-2 Weeks	Submit application



The Application Experience

Applications have a lot of moving parts

- Criteria

- Is this funding opportunity a good fit for you?
- What are the reviewers looking for?
 - Overall and for every part of the application

- Timeline

- Application deadline - Planning ahead
- Requesting additional materials (e.g., letters of recommendation)
- Several drafts, feedback, revision
 - Feedback from multiple sources
 - OGFA
 - Major advisor/someone familiar with your field of study and/or research



The Application Experience

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- Developing a strong and compelling application
 - CV
 - Personal Statement
 - Research Proposal
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Budget, Timeline Justification
 - IRB Approval (if applicable)
- Review, Revise, **REPEAT, REPEAT, REPEAT**, Submit



Pivot: Funding Database

The Office of Research at FSU pays for Pivot

- 3rd party database of external funding opportunities

- Funding Opportunities=27,000+ records
- Scholarly profiles= 3.2 million *profiles*
- Pivot suggests *funding* based on *Pivot* profile...and vice-versa



- Free access
- One stop searching
- Allows you to set up searches and alerts



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