



OFFICE OF GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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Office Mission

The Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards (OGFA) assists currently enrolled FSU graduate students in obtaining external fellowships, grants, scholarships, and awards

OGFA Services and Resources

One-on-one advising
Campus policy information
Additional audience
Newsletter
Blackboard (Award Library)
Workshops

Email us at
OGFA-info@fsu.edu
to make an
appointment

OGFA Fall 2014 Workshops

Funding Your Research in Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe and Asia

Wednesday, September 3rd; 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Do you have an external collaboration? Are the resources you need to complete your studies outside of FSU/Tallahassee? Come to this workshop to learn about potential awards to cover your research and creative activities away from FSU.

Dissertation Research and Completion Fellowships

Thursday, September 4th; 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Are you within a year of preparing your prospectus? Or are you just concerned about where you will receive the funding to complete your degree? Come to this workshop to learn about various dissertation funding opportunities and resources at FSU to help you complete your application.

General Funding Opportunities

Wednesday, September 8th; 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

The first in the fellowship application preparation series – learn what to include and what not to include on your application resume and CV and ensure you match the needs of the sponsoring agency. Yes, these are very different from the documents you used for your graduate school application or jobs.

Opportunities for Women and Minority Students

Tuesday, September 9th; 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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.

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program

Wednesday, September 10th; 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

We will discuss NSF's Graduate Research Fellowship Program. Learn tips on writing for NSF as well as details about the application and program changes.

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program 2

Saturday, September 13th, 8:00 am—12:00 noon

King Life Sciences Bldg. Room 2057

The workshop will be taught by faculty who are previous awardees and will include a panel discussion with graduate students who have recently been awarded the fellowship.

Preparing your Fellowship Application (Series)

CV and Resume: Thursday, September 25th, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

The first in the fellowship application preparation series – learn what to include and what not to include on your application resume and CV and ensure you match the needs of the sponsoring agency. Yes, these are very different from the documents you used for your graduate school application or jobs.

Personal Statement: Thursday, October 2nd, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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 at least the outline for your personal statement if not a rough draft.

Research Statements and Proposals: Thursday, October 9th; 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Join us in this hands-on writing workshop that will focus on persuasive writing techniques for proposals. Topics include: essential points to address in the application, writing strategies for the interdisciplinary review committee, and participants will also experience being a member of a review committee..

Unless otherwise noted, workshops are held in room 3009 in the Honors, Scholars, and Fellows House located at 127 Honors Way.

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Top Ten Reasons to Apply for External Funding

10. They told me to: Your advisor suggested that you should apply for external funding
9. Feedback: The Sponsor's reviewers will often provide feedback regarding your research proposal
8. Recognition: Here at FSU, nationally, and in and out of your field, you will receive recognition for your accomplishment
7. Knowledge: Gain a deeper understanding of a field that interests you
6. Experience: Gain valuable experience in grant/proposal writing
5. They are looking for you: There are sponsors with multiple fellowships that match your demographics and research interests
4. Freedom: You will have more freedom to choose projects, advisors, etcetera...
3. Time: Complete your degree in less time
2. Money! Complete graduate school with less debt
1. We are here to help: OGFA is free and available to all FSU graduate students

Upcoming Fellowship Deadlines

Early Graduate Career Awards

Paul and Daisy Soros New American Fellows
www.pdsoros.org
Deadline: November 1, 2014

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program
<http://www.nsfgrfp.org>
Deadline: October 29, 2014

Ford Predoctoral Fellowships
<http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/index.htm>
Deadline: November 19, 2014

SMART Defense Scholarship
<http://smart.asee.org/about/>
Deadline: December 15, 2014

Microsoft Research Graduate Women's Scholarship Program
<http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/collaboration/awards/fellows-women.aspx>
Deadline: October 17, 2014

Dissertation Awards

AAUW American Fellowships
www.aauw.org
Deadline: November 15, 2014

NAEd/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship Program
http://www.naeducation.org/NAED_080577.htm
Deadline: October 3, 2014

Doris Duke Fellowship
<http://www.chapinhall.org/fellowships/doris-duke-fellowships>
Deadline: December 15, 2014

Jennings Randolph Peace Scholarship Dissertation Program
<http://www.usip.org/fellows/scholars.html>
Deadline: December 12, 2014

Ford Dissertation Fellowships
<http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/index.htm>
Deadline: November 14, 2014

Recommended Application Preparation Time Table

Time Prior to Deadline	Task to Complete
Anytime	Preliminary meeting with OGFA to discuss options and strategy
3 months	Application components outline
3 months	Contact Sponsored Research Services (SRS) for ID's (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 & chair (if necessary)
10 days	Upload documents & submit to SRS (if necessary)
2 days	Submit Final Draft to Fellowship/Award Sponsor