Funding Your Graduate Education

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What We Do

Assist current FSU graduate students with articulating their interests and ambitions in support of identifying and applying for external fellowships, scholarships, grants, and awards.
Funding Defined...

Merit vs. Need

✓ Merit is awarded based on academic merit or merit other than financial need as defined by the funding agency
✓ Need is typically awarded based on financial need

Internal (funding that comes from units within the university)

✓ Assistantships, Scholarships & Awards
✓ Graduate School Fellowships & Awards

https://gradschool.fsu.edu/funding-awards/graduate-school-fellowships-and-grants

External (funding that comes from entities outside of the university)

✓ Government
✓ Foundations, Institutes, and Associations
✓ Organizations and Societies
Why should you apply?

- $$$$$ FUNDING
- NETWORKING & COLLABORATION
- ENGAGE IN PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL SELF ASSESSMENT
- EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE THE IMPORTANCE/IMPACT OF YOUR WORK
- BUILD PORTFOLIO
- DEVELOP WRITING SKILLS
- GAIN USEFUL FEEDBACK
- VALUE ADDED EXPERIENCE
Finding the Right Fellowship for YOU

- DEGREE PROGRAM (Master’s, Doctoral, Professional, Specialist)
- RESEARCH
- TRAVEL (Research, Language acquisition, Study, Teaching)
- DISSERTATION COMPLETION
- POTENTIAL (Future Goals)
- DEMOGRAPHICS (Gender, Nationality, Ethnicity)
Awards at Every Stage of the Graduate Journey

- **Doctoral**
  - Pre-doctoral
  - Various stages throughout the doctoral program
  - Dissertation Completion

- **Master’s**

- **Specialist**
  - Opportunities related to but formally detached from degree programs
Tips for Getting Started Early

✓ Most fellowship, scholarship, and grant applications are due 6-12 months before the award is disbursed
✓ Identify faculty, staff, and colleagues that are willing to review your documents and provide feedback
✓ Dedicate time to request supplemental documents
✓ Identify strong recommenders for Letters of Recommendation
  ✓ REQUEST LETTERS FAR IN ADVANCE OF THE DEADLINE
✓ Explore funding databases
✓ Generate a list of funding opportunities to pursue
✓ Dedicate time to prepare and revise application materials
  ✓ WRITE, REVISE, REPEAT
Search Funding Databases

*all images below are hyperlinked

GradFund
Rutgers

pivot™

UCLA

GRAPES
Fellowship Database

Duke
Research Funding

George Mason University
Graduate Fellowships

I Illinois Graduate College
Fellowship Finder

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## Organize Your Funding Finds

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Services & Resources

• Funding search assistance
• Workshops & Info Sessions
• One-on-one & small-group meetings
• Document review/feedback
• Online application tips & resources
• Check out past award winners [here](Grad Student Award Recipient Database)
Contact Information

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