



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?

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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

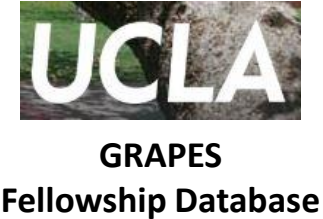
Tips for Getting Started Early

- ✓ 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



Fellowship Finder



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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)



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