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, teach English, learn a language
## Application Timeline

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<th>Time Prior to Deadline</th>
<th>Task to Complete</th>
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<td>It’s Never Too Early to Get Started</td>
<td>Meet with OGFA to discuss funding opportunities</td>
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<td>3-4 Months</td>
<td>Create a funding search template &amp; submit to OGFA</td>
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<td>2-3 Months</td>
<td>Submit an initial draft of documents to OGFA for structure &amp; content review Submit draft to major professor for review Submit draft to the Writing Center for review</td>
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<td>Submit revised drafts to OGFA/Writing Center</td>
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<td>Obtain all required signatures Request letters of recommendation</td>
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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 – When should you apply?
  - 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, 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
Other Funding Databases

- Fellowship Finder from the University of Illinois
- Cornell University Fellowship Database
- UCLA GRAPES Funding Database
- GradFund from Rutgers
## Organizing Your Funding Search

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Upcoming Workshops

CRAFTING A COMPETITIVE PERSONAL STATEMENT
January 30 | 2pm-3:30pm | HSF 3009

WORKSHOP YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT LABS FOR NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH
February 2 | 2pm-3:30pm | HSF 3009
March 7 | 2pm-3:30pm | Hecht House

THE BASICS OF PROPOSAL WRITING
February 6 | 2pm-3:30pm | HSF Great Hall

WRITING THE CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)/RESUME
February 15 | 11:30am-1pm | HSF 3009

Workshop Your Curriculum Vitae (CV) Lab
February 26 | 11:30am-1pm | HSF 3009
March 5 | 2pm-3:30pm | HSF 3009

LANGUAGE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES
February 20 | 2pm-3pm | HSF 3009

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION AND COVER LETTERS
March 22 | 2pm-3pm | HSF 3009
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