



# 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

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 – 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

## Applications have a lot of moving parts

- 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

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Name of the Award	Sponsor	Website	Deadline	Amount	Application Components	Notes
Fulbright	U.S. State Department	<a href="http://us.fulbrightonline.org/">http://us.fulbrightonline.org/</a>	10/6/2017		Personal Statement State of Grant Purpose Online Application 3 Letters of Recommendation	Internal process

Navigation bar: **Current Opportunities** | Ph.D. Completion | Travel | (+) | [dropdown arrow]



# 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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