



Funding Your Graduate Education

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Getting Started

- Explore Funding Databases and Sites
- Generate a list of funding opportunities with the following in mind
 - Award timeline
 - Application components
 - Supporting documents
- Request additional support in advance
 - Review of application materials
 - Letters of recommendation
- Identify 2-3 sets of eyes to review your documents



Funding

Internal vs. External

Internal

- ✓ Departmental Assistantships, Scholarships & Awards
- ✓ FSU Graduate School Fellowships/Awards

<http://gradschool.fsu.edu/Funding-Awards>

External

- ✓ Government
 - DOD, NSF, Fulbright, AHA
- ✓ Foundations and Institutes
 - Ford, Hertz
- ✓ Organizations and Societies
 - Society of Women Engineers, P.E.O., AAUW



Why You Should Apply

(what you get)

- Ongoing Professional Development
 - Practice an effective articulation of the “So What” factor
 - Development of writing skills
 - Early career preparation
 - Portfolio Enhancement
- Funding Support (\$\$\$)
- Recognition
- Experience engaging application processes



Finding the Right Fellowship for You

- Demographics (gender, nationality, ethnicity, etc.)
- Research (may be discipline specific)
- Potential (future goals)
- Travel
 - Research
 - Language acquisition
 - Study
 - Teaching (English?)



Opportunities at Every Stage

- Doctoral
 - Predoctoral
 - Various stages throughout the doctoral program
 - Dissertation Completion
- Master's
 - Particularized awards for first-year graduate students
- Specialist
 - Opportunities related to but formally detached from degree programs



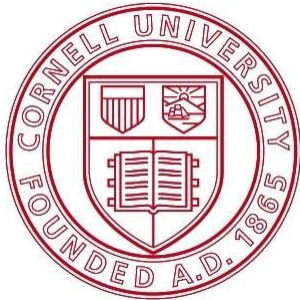
**Write down 3-5 keywords
related to your field of study,
work in action and/or
research interest**



**Write down 3 names of people
that you can reach out to today
to review your documents and
provide feedback**



Where should you look?



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**Non-US Citizen
Opportunities**

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OFFICE OF GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FALL 2018 WORKSHOP SERIES



Personal Statement Workshop - Non-Native English Speakers

September 12 | 12:00-1:00pm | Hecht House Conf Room

September 18 | 1:15-2:30pm | Hecht House Conf Room

October 1 | 10:00-11:00am | Hecht House Conf Room

In this session, staff from the Center for Intensive English Studies (CIES) will cover vocabulary, phrases, and organizational patterns needed to draft a strong personal statement suited for various kinds of fellowship applications. Participants of the first workshop will be invited to the follow-up workshops on Sept 18 and Oct 1, where community, time, space, and assistance with strengthening writing skills and revising draft documents will be provided.

Crafting a Competitive Personal Statement

September 12 | 2:00-3:00pm | HSF 3009

Writing about yourself can be difficult; however, the Personal Statement is a critical component in any fellowship application. In this session, Leah Sibbitt (Career Center) will give tips and suggestions on how to craft and draft a competitive personal statement.

Funding Graduate Education/Interactive Database Search

September 14 | 1:00-2:30pm | HSF Great Hall

Identifying prospective external fellowships and awards is the first step in the fellowship application process. In this interactive session, learn how to navigate the comprehensive funding database, Pivot. The goal is to conduct a funding search and create a fellowship action plan with your research, interests, needs, and a reasonable timeline in mind. Please bring your laptop or tablet.

The Basics of Proposal Writing

September 19 | 11:00am-12:00pm | HSF Great Hall

Mike Mitchell (Office of Proposal Development) will facilitate a workshop focused on persuasive writing techniques for proposals. Topics include: introduction to proposal writing, essential points to address in the application, look for in a winning proposal, and tips and strategies to support clear, concise, interesting and persuasive writing.

Foreign Language Research & Study Opportunities

September 26 | 1:00-2:00pm | HSF 3008

This workshop introduces opportunities to study particular languages overseas. We discuss opportunities for funding such study: the Critical Language Scholarship, DAAD, the Boren Fellowship, and others. We will provide an overview of awards and application processes and provide space for questions. Think outside the box with career planning!

Writing the Curriculum Vitae - CV/Resume Workshop

October 2 | 2:00-4:00pm | HSF 3009

Learn what and what not to include on your resume or CV. Think of your audience and consider the mission / vision of the sponsoring agency. Leah Sibbitt (Career Center) will offer valuable advice, tips, and strategies for writing an effective resume/CV. At the end of this workshop, discipline-specific Career Center Liaisons will be present to review your CV and provide individualized feedback.

Navigating Grant Resources as FSU

October 3 | 1:00-2:00pm | HSF 3008

Does your department have a Grants Office Administrator? Come learn about grant resources on FSU's campus for assisting grantees with navigating pre- and post-award administration for government-related (i.e., public) funds. Susan Fells (Sponsored Research Administration) will facilitate the workshop and answer any questions.

Letters of Recommendation and Cover Letters

October 4 | 2:00-3:00pm | HSF 3009

Letters of recommendation are often key components of fellowship applications and generally constitute your first impression. A letter of recommendation paints a picture of who you are as an applicant. Learn how to craft your cover letter and request letters of recommendation, what should go into these critical documents, and tips to facilitate the request and follow-up for the submission of strong letters.

* Register for workshops at ogfa.fsu.edu/workshops

**All workshops qualify for PFF & PFP credit



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