Intro to 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 based**

- 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

[http://gradschool.fsu.edu/Funding-Awards](http://gradschool.fsu.edu/Funding-Awards)

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

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

- Effectively communicate the importance/impact of your work
- Develop writing skills
- Gain useful feedback
- Value added experience
- Sets you apart from others
- Networking & collaboration
- Build portfolio
- Engage in personal & professional self assessment
- Funding

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The Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards assists current FSU graduate students with articulating their interests and ambitions in support of identifying and applying for external fellowships, scholars, grants and awards. Our support ranges from help in identifying funding that best fits your academic and professional goals and needs to one-on-one meetings throughout the application process, careful review/feedback of application materials, and assistance with building your professional development toolbox. There are funding opportunities for every student regardless of the program, degree level, or stage in your program. Learn how to navigate the world of fellowships by requesting an intro meeting.
Finding the Right Fellowship for YOU

DEGREE PROGRAM
(Master’s, Doctoral, Professional, Specialist)

TRAVEL
(Research, Language acquisition, Study, Teaching)

DISSEYATION COMPLETION

RESEARCH

POTENTIAL
(Future Goals)

DEMOGRAPHICS
(Gender, Nationality, Ethnicity)

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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
Search Funding Databases

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GradFund
Rutgers

GRAPES
Fellowship Database

Graduate Fellowships

Duke
RESEARCH FUNDING

ILEINOIS Graduate College

Fellowship Finder
Application Timeline

- External awards generally have about a 6-12 month window from the time that you apply to the time that the award is disbursed (this includes submission of an application, the selection process, award announcement, and funding disbursement).
- External awards are competitive in nature and received via a selection process. The process for selection varies by funding agency.

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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>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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OGFA Resources

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Fellowships and Awards for International Students

Dissertation Completion Fellowships

Fellowships, Scholarships, and Awards for Graduate School

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Services & Resources

• Funding search assistance
• One-on-one & small-group meetings
• Document review/feedback
• Workshops & Info Sessions
• Monthly Deadlines Announcements
• Online application tips & resources
• OGFA FAQs
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