



# 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>

## 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

EFFECTIVELY  
COMMUNICATE THE  
IMPORTANCE/IMPACT OF  
YOUR WORK

DEVELOP  
WRITING SKILLS

NETWORKING &  
COLLABORATION

BUILD  
PORTFOLIO

GAIN USEFUL  
FEEDBACK

SETS YOU APART  
FROM OTHERS

ENGAGE IN  
PERSONAL &  
PROFESSIONAL  
SELF ASSESSMENT

VALUE ADDED  
EXPERIENCE



# Fellowships & Awards Life Cycle



## Get Started

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)

## RESEARCH

## TRAVEL

(Research, Language acquisition,  
Study, Teaching)

## DISSERTATION COMPLETION

## POTENTIAL

(Future Goals)

## DEMOGRAPHICS

(Gender, Nationality,  
Ethnicity)



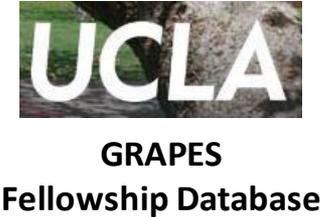
# Awards at Every Stage of the Graduate Journey

- Doctoral
  - Pre-doctoral
  - Various stages throughout the doctoral program
  - Dissertation Completion
- Master's
- Specialist
  - Opportunities related to but formally detached from degree programs



# Search Funding Databases

\*all images below are hyperlinked



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.

## 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

1 Month

Submit revised to drafts to OGFA/Writing Center

1-2 Weeks

Submit application



# OGFA Resources

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Fellowships and Awards for  
International Students



Dissertation  
Completion Fellowships



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# OGFA

## 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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