

Grad Awards At-A-Glance

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This is a list of the most common general grants and fellowships available to graduate students. To search for other options (such as funding for a specific discipline/field) we recommend the Fellowship Finder from the University of Illinois: <https://app.grad.illinois.edu/fellowship/>.

Early Career Awards

Department of Energy (DOE) Computational Science Graduate Fellowship (CSGF): Funding for up to four years of Ph.D.-level study for students using computational modeling or simulation to advance their primary field of study in engineering and the physical, computer, mathematical, or life sciences.

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- Graduating seniors and first-year graduate students
- Engineering and the physical, computer, mathematical or life sciences

Website: <https://www.krellinst.org/csgf/>

Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship: Three years of support for individuals engaged in graduate study leading to Ph.D. or Sc.D. who are committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level, with an interest in working to make the academy a more diverse and inclusive environment.

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizens, nationals, and permanent residents
- Individuals enrolled in or planning to enroll in an eligible research-based (dissertation-required), program leading to a Ph.D. or Sc.D.
- Individuals who as of the 2020 fall semester require a minimum of three years of study to complete their Ph.D./Sc.D. degree
- Individuals who have not earned a doctoral degree at any time, in any field

Website: https://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_171962

Hertz Fellowship: Five years of funding for a Ph.D. in the applied physical and biological sciences, mathematics, and engineering. This award provides financial independence and access to a robust professional network.

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizens and permanent residents
- Graduating seniors and first-year graduate students
- Applied physical and biological sciences, mathematics, and engineering
- Willing to morally commit to make their skills available to the United States in time of national emergency

Website: <https://hertzfoundation.org/fellowships/faqs>

National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship (NDSEG): Funding for three years to pursue a Ph.D. from any U.S. institution in one of fifteen supported STEM disciplines (see website for details).

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizens and native residents of a U.S. territory such as American Samoa
- Graduating seniors
- See website for eligible STEM fields

Website: <https://ndseg.asee.org/>

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship (GRFP): Funding for three years of graduate study in research-based Master's and doctoral programs in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and STEM education.

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizens and permanent residents
- Graduating seniors or first and second year graduate students
- Science (including social sciences), technology, engineering and math (STEM) and STEM education
- Current grad students may apply only once, during first or second year

Website: <https://www.nsfgrfp.org/>

Awards for Dissertation Research

Boren Fellowship: Funding to conduct research outside the U.S., Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand for an academic year while studying a less commonly taught language.

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizens
- Graduate students enrolled in a degree-seeking program at an accredited U.S. college or university
- All disciplines
- Must demonstrate interest in a career in public service

Website: www.borenawards.org/

Chateaubriand Fellowship: Support for research in France for a period of four to nine months.

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizens and foreign nationals
- Current PhD students
- Humanities, social sciences, and STEM disciplines
- French proficiency not required

Website: <https://www.chateaubriand-fellowship.org/>

CLIR/Mellon Fellowships for Dissertation Research in Original Sources: Support for dissertation research in the humanities and related social sciences, for research conducted on-site using original source materials.

Eligibility:

- PhD students enrolled in a US institution
- Dissertation approval is approved or will be approved by March of fellowship year

Website: <https://www.clir.org/fellowships/mellon/applicantguidelines/>

Critical Language Scholarship: Fully-funded overseas summer language and cultural immersion program for those at the beginner, intermediate, or advanced level of proficiency. Ideal for graduate students who require proficiency in a critical language to complete their dissertation.

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizens
- Graduate students who are enrolled in a degree-seeking program at an accredited U.S. college or university
- All disciplines
- Previous experience required for some languages, see program website for details

Website: <https://www.clscholarship.org/>

DAAD Research Award: Support for independent research in Germany for a period of seven to 10 months.

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizens and some foreign nationals
- Graduating seniors or graduate students
- All disciplines
- German proficiency typically not required for STEM applicants, applicants in the humanities and social sciences require a level of German commensurate to the proposed project

Website: <https://www.daad.org/en/find-funding/graduate-opportunities/research-grants/>

Fulbright U.S. Student Program: Funding to teach English or conduct independent research in over 140 different countries for an academic year.

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizens
- Must have obtained a Bachelor's degree by the start of the program, but have not yet earned a PhD
- All disciplines
- Prospective applicants should be aware of country-specific requirements, such as whether or not foreign language proficiency is required.

Website: <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/>

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad: Funding to conduct doctoral dissertation research outside the U.S., Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand for an academic year. Preference is given to projects incorporating a less commonly taught language.

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- PhD students who have advanced to candidacy
- Language and/or area studies

Website: <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/index.html>

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (F30/F31): Five to six years of funding to obtain individualized, mentored research training from outstanding faculty sponsors while conducting research in scientific health-related fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers.

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or nationals
- Current Ph.D. candidates at the dissertation research stage of training at the time of award
- Health-related fields (see website for details)

Website: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/pa-18-671.html>

NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants: Funding to conduct doctoral dissertation research. Students apply under NSF programs in the Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences; application details vary by program.

Eligibility:

- PhD students (some programs limit applicants to those who have advanced to candidacy)
- Application submitted by student's institution via FastLane or Research.gov; faculty advisor is the PI and student is the co-PI

Website: <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/programs.jsp?org=SBE>

(look for programs with Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement in the title)

Social Science Research Council: Funding to conduct nine to twelve months of dissertation research in the humanities and humanistic social sciences. Applicants must be conducting research on non-US topics outside the U.S., Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand.

Eligibility:

- PhD students enrolled in PhD programs in the United States
- Applicants must have advanced to candidacy by the start of the fellowship or by December of the fellowship year, whichever comes first

Website: <https://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/view/idrf-fellowship/>

Dissertation Completion Awards

American Association of University Women American Dissertation Fellowship

Funding for women pursuing full-time study to complete dissertations.

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizens and permanent residents (for non-citizens, see AAUW International Fellowships)
- Applicants must have completed all coursework, passed all preliminary exams, and had the dissertation research proposal or plan approved by November 1, 2019
- All disciplines
- Must demonstrate active commitment to helping women and girls through service

Website: <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/>

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship: One year of support for Ph.D. candidates finishing dissertations in the humanities and social sciences that involve significant study of ethical and/or religious values.

Eligibility:

- Ph.D. candidates currently enrolled at a U.S. university (i.e. open to international students)
- Completed all requirements for the Ph.D. except dissertation
- Humanities and social sciences with emphasis on topics involving religious and/or ethical values

Website: <https://woodrow.org/fellowships/newcombe/>

Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Dissertation Completion Fellowship: One year of support for humanities and social science Ph.D. candidates in the last year of dissertation writing.

Eligibility:

- Ph.D. candidates currently enrolled at a U.S. university (i.e. open to international students)
- Completed all requirements for the Ph.D. except dissertation
- Humanities and social sciences
- Be no more than six years into the degree program at the time of application (including time spent in that program earning a Master's, if applicable)

Website: <https://www.acls.org/programs/dcf/>

Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship: One year of support for individuals working to complete a dissertation leading to a Ph.D. or Sc.D. This award is intended to support the final year of writing and defense of the dissertation for individuals committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level, with an interest in working to make the academy a more diverse and inclusive environment..

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizens, nationals, and permanent residents
- Ph.D. or Sc.D. degree candidates who will complete the dissertation in a period of 9-12 months during the 2020-2021 academic year
- Individuals who, by December 10, 2019, have completed all departmental and institutional requirements for their degree, except for writing and defense of the dissertation
- Individuals who have not earned a doctoral degree at any time, in any field

Website: http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_171939