



# Funding Opportunities and Grant Writing

Some graduate school programs fully fund their graduate students, paying for tuition and providing a modest stipend for living expenses. However, this funding is frequently contingent on service to the department through teaching and/or research responsibilities. Some schools allow students to pursue external funding to supplement or replace their departmental funding.

## Funding opportunities

Many specific organizations and professional associations support a wide range of external funding opportunities. The resources below provide information on some of these alternative funding sources. Opportunities specifically tailored to students from populations that are underrepresented in graduate schools are marked with an asterisk (\*). Students should also check with the professional association in their discipline (e.g., the [American Sociological Association](#) [ASA], [American Psychological Association](#) [APA]).

### Jobs, Funding, and Opportunities Alert

Sign up for the [Jobs, Funding, and Opportunities alert](#) from the National Research Center on Hispanic Children & Families to get information on new jobs, funding, postdoctoral fellowships, calls for papers, conferences, and other opportunities!

Organization	Description
<b>American Association of University Women*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ The AAUW offers a series of <a href="#">fellowships and grants for women</a> graduate students.</li></ul>
<b>American Economic Association*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ The AEA hosts a <a href="#">Summer Training Program</a> to increase diversity in the field of economics.</li></ul>
<b>American Educational Research Association*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ AERA offers <a href="#">research and dissertation grants</a> that provide small amounts of funding for conducting research.</li><li>▶ AERA also offers a <a href="#">Minority Dissertation Fellowship Program</a> that provides funding for members of racial and ethnic groups historically underrepresented in higher education (e.g., African Americans, Alaskan Natives, American Indians, Asian Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islanders) who are in the dissertation stage.</li></ul>
<b>American Evaluation Association*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ The American Evaluation Association's <a href="#">Graduate Education Diversity Internship Program</a> (GEDI) provides paid internships and training opportunities for graduate students of color and students from populations that are otherwise underrepresented in graduate school.</li></ul>
<b>American Indian Graduate Center*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ The American Indian Graduate Center offers a variety of funding opportunities for <a href="#">American Indian or Alaska Native</a> graduate students.</li></ul>

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<b>American Psychological Association*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ APA administers a funded <a href="#">Minority Fellowship Program</a> to train researchers from underrepresented ethnic and racial groups.</li> <li>▶ APA also offers mentorship and training opportunities through its <a href="#">Leadership and Education Advancement Program</a> (LEAP) for Diverse Scholars.</li> </ul>
<b>American Sociological Association*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The American Sociological Association's <a href="#">Minority Fellowship Program</a> provides professional development opportunities to sociologists of color.</li> </ul>
<b>Association for Public Policy Analysis &amp; Management*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ APPAM offers an <a href="#">Equity &amp; Inclusion Student Fellowship</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute offers a <a href="#">graduate fellowship for predoctoral students</a> looking to learn about and make an impact in public policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Family Process Institute</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The Family Process Institute's <a href="#">Grants Initiative</a> awards at least two grants each year to early professionals and doctoral students.</li> </ul>
<b>Ford Foundation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The <a href="#">Ford Foundation fellowship</a> supports 36 PhD or ScD candidates in the final year of dissertation writing and defense.</li> </ul>
<b>Fulbright Scholar Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The Fulbright Program offers <a href="#">diverse opportunities</a> for foreign students to study in the United States and for U.S. students to travel and study abroad.</li> </ul>
<b>Hispanic Scholarship Fund*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The Hispanic Scholarship Fund has a scholarship designed to assist <a href="#">graduate students of Hispanic heritage</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>National Academy of Education and the Spencer Foundation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Together, the National Academy of Education and the Spencer Foundation offer a <a href="#">Dissertation Fellowship Program</a> aimed at scholars studying education.</li> </ul>
<b>Johns Hopkins University</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ JHU has compiled a continuously updated <a href="#">repository of funding opportunities</a> for graduate students.</li> </ul>
<b>National Science Foundation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ NSF offers a series of <a href="#">special programs</a> for graduate students.</li> <li>▶ One of the most popular NSF programs for graduate students is the <a href="#">Graduate Research Fellowship Program</a> (GRFP), which recognizes and financially supports outstanding graduate students pursuing research-based Master's and doctoral degrees.</li> </ul>

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<b>National Institutes of Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ NIH offers predoctoral training awards both through university population centers (as training grants) and directly to individual students (through <a href="#">fellowships</a>).</li> <li>▶ Students should check with their institution about whether they have a population center with training grants.</li> <li>▶ NIH awards administrative <a href="#">Diversity Supplements</a> to principal investigators with <a href="#">active NIH grants</a> to recruit and support postbaccalaureates, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and independent investigators who are underrepresented in research.</li> </ul>
<b>Paul &amp; Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The Paul &amp; Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans provides fellowship award stipends to 30 <a href="#">graduate students who are immigrants</a> or the children of immigrants to attend one to two years of graduate school from an advanced degree program.</li> </ul>
<b>Society for Research in Child Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ SRCD has a series of <a href="#">fellowships</a> aimed at graduate students focused on child development issues and policy.</li> <li>▶ SRCD also offers <a href="#">dissertation research funding</a> awards.</li> <li>▶ SRCD also has an <a href="#">Early Career Interdisciplinary Scholars Fellowship Program</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Society for Social Work and Research*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ SSWR's <a href="#">doctoral fellowship program</a> offers opportunities for social work scholars to advance research practice and policy in their dissertations.</li> </ul>
<b>United States Office of Personnel Management*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The U.S. OPM <a href="#">Presidential Management Fellows Program</a> is a leadership program for doctoral candidates in the final stages of their degrees and for early career professionals.</li> </ul>
<b>UNIGO*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ UNIGO provides a list of many <a href="#">scholarship opportunities specifically for Hispanic</a> students.</li> </ul>

## Grant writing

Many of the [funding opportunities](#) we have provided here are competitive and require a written application. The following resources provide information to help students write a strong application for any type of funding opportunity.

Resource	Description
<a href="#">Writing a Grant Application as a PhD Student: Reflections, Advice, and Grievances</a> <i>Sam Parsons</i>	Tips, advice, and personal reflections based on a student's experience in the process of grant writing
<a href="#">How to Write a Successful Grant or Fellowship Application</a> <i>Masud Husain</i>	Guide for writing a successful grant or fellowship application with practical questions for students on thinking through their proposal weaknesses, writing plan, and more

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<p><b><u>Write Your Application</u></b>  <u>National Institutes of Health</u></p>	<p>NIH's guide to writing an application for agency funding</p>
<p><b><u>Grant Proposals (or Give Me the Money!)</u></b>  <u>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</u></p>	<p>Guide on the grant-writing process, with example figures, from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's writing center</p>
<p><b><u>A Quick Guide to Grant Writing for Minority Serving Institutions</u></b>  <u>Penn Center for Minority Serving Institutions</u></p>	<p>Guide from the Penn Center for Minority Serving Institutions on writing grant proposals and securing grant funding</p>

