
Securing External Fellowships

Graduate School Workshop

September 16, 2011



30 Different Fellowships Currently Held by 82 Brown Graduate Students

- AAUW (American Assoc. of Univ. Women)
- BAEF (Belgian American Education Foundation)
- CONICYT
- DAAD
- DOE
- Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund
- Dumbarton Oaks Junior Fellow
- EPA Star
- Ford (NRC)
- Fulbright
- Hewlett Foundation
- Javits
- Kauffman Foundation
- Korean Gov't/Makepeace Foundation
- Mellon ACLS
- Mellon Mays Dissertation Fellowship
- Memoria Romana Project
- Metropolitan Museum NY
- NDSEG
- NIH
- NRSA



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- NSERC
 - NSF
 - Samsung Scholarship
 - SSHRC
 - Turkish Ministry of National Education
 - Univ Bologna
 - Wenner Gren
 - Yellow Ribbon



Which Fellowship to Apply For?

- Depends on...
 - How far along are you in your graduate study matriculation?
 - What is your area of study?
 - What is your demographic profile?
 - Are your research and interests domestic or international?



And Regardless of the Fellowship...

- Start the process early!
- Pay attention to deadlines.
- Find a way to make your story, your project stand out.
- Know what audience you're writing the proposal for.
- Be entrepreneurial. The best information is from the fellowship staff. Don't be afraid to contact them!



The Fulbright Process

- Sept. 22: Brown's "internal" application deadline
 - This application is online at fulbrightonline.org
 - When you "submit" this application, it goes to me
 - At the same time, send all application materials to me as pdf files
 - Note: All recommendations **do not** have to be in at this time
- Oct. 6th & 7th: Brown campus committee interviews
 - Purposes:
 - Rate the Brown candidates for Fulbright
 - Provide feedback to each candidate so that they can improve their final application
- Oct. 8th: I "unsubmit" your proposal so you can work on it again
- Oct. 11: Revised proposal due; you have to "submit" again online
- I submit all Brown Fulbright proposals together in a batch, along with the Brown committee's recommendations



The DAAD Process

- We are allowed to submit two “pre-select” candidates who go into a pool with a higher probability of winning an award
- Oct. 12: Deadline for internal application
- Committee reviews applications
- All applications, along with committee recommendation on top two candidates are submitted to DAAD



The Bad News

- Javitts fellowships not funded for this year
- Fulbright-Hays is likely not funded for this year



Resources

- Graduate School website



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The Graduate School has launched a video series detailing the process of applying for external fellowships.



[Applying for External Fellowships: "Timing is Everything - Preparing a Proposal"](#)



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| Timing of Applications | Financial Aid Office | Research Protections Office |
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| Proposal Writing | Searching for Opportunities | Office of Sponsored Projects |



CoS Funding Opportunities

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The [Community of Science \(CoS\) Funding Opportunities](#) is a frequently updated database of announcements for funding opportunities, including grants, fellowships, and awards from governmental agencies, private foundations, and international sources.

A funding alert, a personalized electronic notification service of funding information, provides a weekly email with a customized list of funding opportunities based on previously specified criteria provided by the individual CoS members. Create a [Workbench](#) profile to access this service.

Off-campus access to CoS may be granted through the [University Library](#) or by logging in with your Workbench profile username and password. Please contact [Amy Robb](#) at the ADVANCE Program for help with additional database features or for any questions or concerns.

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Community of Scholars (CoS) Funding Opportunities



Current; *CoS Funding Opportunities* is a frequently updated database of funding opportunity announcements from across the disciplines (including the humanities and social sciences). It contains information on awards, fellowships, and grants from federal/non-federal, corporate/private foundation, and international funding sources. Includes *COS Funding Alert*, a weekly e-mail notification with a customized list of funding opportunities based on specified criteria provided by the individual COS member. **SIGN UP FOR TRAINING.**

Duke University Funding Opportunities Database

Well maintained site of grant, award, and scholarship notices. Funding opportunities may be searched by funding agency, discipline, targeted opportunity and funding designation.

Grants.gov

A searchable database of funding opportunities available through all 26 federal grant-making agencies. Records include program scope, eligibility requirements, deadlines, and program director contact information.

Rhode Island Science & Technology Advisory Council Funding Opportunities

The Rhode Island Science and Technology Advisory Council (STAC) is committed to stimulating economic development and job creation by maximizing the economic impact of research, technology and innovation. In an effort to continue this commitment, STAC has created a funding opportunities tool where state leadership, researchers, entrepreneurs, and all citizens of Rhode Island interested in research and development can find competitive federal funding opportunities in one central location.

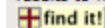
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- = Some full text
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- My office
- Amy Robb...CoS database
- Office of Financial Aid
 - Assistant Director Beth Murphy
- Office of Sponsored Projects
 - Point person depends on department
- Grad School website
- **Individual funder websites!**



Resource for NSF Applications

- Neal Fox's NSF application website
- https://sites.google.com/site/nealpfox/resources/nsf_grfp





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NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program

In early November every year, the National Science Foundation accepts applications for [Graduate Research Fellowships](#). The NSF has awarded hundreds of students with this fellowship early in their graduate careers (or right before they begin them). The fellowship is a great opportunity to apply for external funding in the sciences for 3 years.

I applied in November 2009 for a fellowship in the "Interdisciplinary" field. I was lucky to receive one during my first year in graduate school when I was studying neural mechanisms of coding in the Systems and Information Engineering Department at the University of Virginia. I decided to make a section of my website devoted to helping other students apply for the funding. Hopefully you can find some of the items useful.

General Notes on Applying

First off, these are some general links you can peruse that will answer a lot of your questions:

Promotional Materials (to get a sense of what it is): http://www.nsfgrfp.org/about_the_program/promotional_materials

Applicant FAQs (especially about transcripts and GREs): http://www.nsfgrfp.org/applicant_resources/frequently_asked_questions

Tips on Applying (top tips from Fellows and Reviewers): http://www.nsfgrfp.org/applicant_resources/tips_for_applying

I also strongly recommend the following webpages for more information and ideas:

More example essays and general guidelines from Notre Dame: http://graduateschool.nd.edu/professional_development/research/nsf-graduate-research-fellowship-program-resources/



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