Funding Your Graduate Education

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One-on-one appointments

Drop-in hours

General workshops

Presentations for depts., student groups, classes

Blog

Funding guide:  http://guides.lib.washington.edu/gfis
Overview

Funding types & timelines

Internal funding resources
- Evans School
- Assistantships
- UW Research Centers
- UW Graduate School

External funding resources
- Subscription databases (SciVal, Grant Forward)
- University databases
- Professional & academic organizations

Search & organization strategies
Different Types of Money

**UW – internal funding**

- Opportunities for students in your department
- Opportunities open to all graduate students on campus
Different types of Money

External funding from outside UW

- Fellowships
- Scholarships
- Research Grants
- Prizes and Awards
- Travel Funding
- Post-Doc Opportunities
- Dissertation-writing
Annual Calendar

September – December:
Deadlines for NEXT year

January – April:
Deadlines for upcoming summer

April – September (and year-round):
Line up letters of recommendation
Prepare research proposals, CVs, etc.
Fall/year-long assistantships posted
What types of funding at what time?

- Coursework
- Proposal
- Research
- Writing
- Ph.D. & Beyond

- Master’s Predoctoral
- Dissertation Fellowship/Scholarship
- Postdoctoral/Postgraduate

Language & Travel
• Loan-based aid *is* available for graduate students
  ✓ [http://www.washington.edu/students/osfa/graduate/](http://www.washington.edu/students/osfa/graduate/)

• File the FAFSA
  ✓ Filing doesn’t obligate you to accept loans
  ✓ Some scholarships/fellowships require a FAFSA on file

• **Contact** the Student Office of Financial Aid for more information:
  ✓ Schmitz Hall office hours
  ✓ (206) 543-6101
  ✓ osfa@uw.edu

• Loan forgiveness & repayment programs
How to Find Internal Funding?
I. Evans School Resources

- Fellowships
- Assistantships
- EvansJobs

http://evans.uw.edu/prospective-students/tuition-expenses
2. Assistantships

GFIS Blog

2015-2016 GSA Position in the ADVANCE Center for Institutional Change

Application deadline: April 30, 2015

http://grantsandfundinginformationserviceblog.wordpress.com/

UW Hires

Other Campus Departments & Schools

Academic Departments

The following list represents only those UW academic departments that have provided Web site addresses. (Submit department into)

- Aeronautics and Astronautics
- African Studies
- American Ethnic Studies
- American Indian Studies
- Anthropology
- Architecture
- Art History
- Astronomy
- Astrophysics
- Art
- Atmospheric Sciences
- Atmospheric Sciences
- Astrophysics
- Astronomy

http://www.washington.edu/discover/academics/departments/

Details about assistantships:
http://www.grad.washington.edu/students/fa/uawcontract.shtml

https://uw hires.admin.washington.edu/eng/candidates/default.cfm?szLocationID=88
3. UW Research Centers & Institutes

http://www.washington.edu/research/centers/

- Examples to check out:
  - Center for American Politics and Public Policy (CAPPP)
    http://cappp.org/
  - Nancy Bell Evans Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy
    http://evans.uw.edu/centers-projects/nbec/nancy-bell-evans-center
  - West Coast Poverty Center (WCPC)
    http://depts.washington.edu/wcpc/
4. UW Graduate School Resources

Office of Fellowships & Awards
https://www.grad.washington.edu/students/fa/

- Fellowships calendar
- Examples to check out:
  - Presidential Management Fellows Program (PMF)
  - Foreign Language Area Study (FLAS)
  - Chester A. Fritz and Boeing for International Research and Study

GO-MAP
(Graduate Opportunities & Minority Achievement Program)
http://www.grad.washington.edu/gomap/
Fee-based Degree Programs

- UW Graduate Programs are “fee-based/self-sustaining” or are “state-supported”
  ✓ Part-time, accelerated, or executive MPA options are fee-based

- Fee-based students may not be eligible for some types of *internal* funding, including some assistanships

- Look out for language that says “fee-based students are not eligible to apply”
  ✓ If you don’t see anything mentioning “fee-based,” you can ask the hiring department.

- For general information about fee-based degree programs:
  ✓ [http://depts.washington.edu/registra/students/feeBasedFAQ.php](http://depts.washington.edu/registra/students/feeBasedFAQ.php)
International Students

What You Might Be Eligible For
- Some departmental/university scholarships & awards
- Graduate Assistantships (TA/RA/GSA)
  - TA must pass spoken English test
  - Consider:
    - Visa requirements
    - May not be able to work in summer, or have to register for 2 credits
    - Contact ISS for more details
- Non-Profits
- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- Foundations
- Professional Associations

What You Aren’t Eligible For
- U.S. government financial aid (Pell Grant, SEOG Grant, Stafford Loan, Perkins Loan, PLUS Loan, Federal Work-Study)
How to Find External Funding?
Databases

Subscription

From other universities
Tips for Searching Databases

Funding databases can be a great central resource to search many different sponsor organizations and funding opportunities based on criteria such as discipline, type of award, and user-generated keywords.

One of the most useful things about searching databases is using your own keywords. These keywords allow you to be as broad or specific as you want. Have at least 3-5 keywords that describe:

1. your discipline/area of study
2. any specific research interests or funding needs.

Outside of finding specific opportunities, searching the funding databases can be a great way to discover organizations that fund work in your field! Always a good idea to follow leads and see what other funding they offer that might not be in the databases.

Subscription Databases

Subscription databases contain main different types of funding for a wide variety of individuals and organizations. Both SciVal and Grant Forward contain opportunities ranging from small scholarships to large grants for non-profit and community organizations. These are a great place to start your search! These are available to students with a valid UW NetID and password.

- **Grant Forward**
  Searches for funding opportunities across a wide variety of foundation, federal and other funding sources. Formerly called IRIS.

- **SciVal Funding**
  SciVal is a powerful funding database that allows you to search via many different criteria and includes funding opportunities from government, non-profit, corporate, and other sources.

- **Foundation Grants to Individuals**
  UW-Seattle does not currently subscribe to this database, but individual subscriptions cost around $20/month. The Central branch of the Seattle Public Library has onsite access. If you are able to make the trip, UW-Tacoma also has access to this database in their library.

Databases from Academic Institutions

Several universities maintain databases of external academic fellowships (ie: they are open to all graduate students, not limited to a specific school). These databases are a great way to really focus on awards offered only to graduate students, and in many databases you are able to filter by citizenship status, academic discipline, and academic level (MA, PhD, dissertation-specific awards, Post Doc opportunities).

- **Columbia University Fellowship Database**
- **Cornell University Fellowship Database**
  Allows filtering by citizenship status and degree level.
- **Duke University Funding Opportunities**
- **Harvard University Graduate Guide to Grants**
  Allows filtering by citizenship, academic level, language study-only opportunities, and application deadline.
- **Michigan State University Grants to Individuals**
  A great place to start your search! Funding broken down by discipline, academic level, and population groups.
- **UCLA Graduate and Postdoctoral Extramural Support (GRAPES) Database**
  Allows filtering by citizenship status, travel opportunities, academic level, and minimum award amount.
Resource demo...

- SciVal Funding & Grant Forward via
  [http://guides.lib.washington.edu/gfis/fundingdatabases](http://guides.lib.washington.edu/gfis/fundingdatabases)
- UCLA GRAPES
  [https://grad.ucla.edu/asis/grapes/search.asp](https://grad.ucla.edu/asis/grapes/search.asp)
- Michigan State:
  [http://staff.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3subject.htm](http://staff.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3subject.htm)
Professional & Academic Organizations

http://www.cacareercafe.com/association-lessons/

• Examples to check out:
  ✓ Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)
  ✓ American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)
  ✓ National Association of Schools of Public Affairs & Administration (NASPAA)
  ✓ Society of Research Administrators International (SRA International)
Search Tips & Best Practices

• Brainstorming search terms
  ✓ Think of all aspects of your identity

• Open web searching... ([googleguide.com](http://googleguide.com))
  ✓ “graduate scholarship” “public policy”
  ✓ “MPA funding” “graduate school”
  ✓ “funding opportunities” “public administration”
  ✓ “public management” “graduate fellowships”
  ✓ Specific words for your interests: e.g. non-profits, international affairs, rural development, NGOs, etc.

• Keep a “No” list to refer back to.

• Always look in more than one place!
Strategies & Organization

• Plan ahead and keep track of deadlines
• Automate what you can
• Keep an updated “Go” packet
• Contact recommenders
• Network!

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Don’t miss the golden window...

...search early & apply!
Resources @ UW Research Commons

Citation, design, funding, & writing help

Reservable collaborative spaces

Equipment for checkout

Events for grad students

Allen Library South, ground floor
Thank You

Spring 2015 Drop-In Hours:
  Mondays: 1:30 - 2:30 pm
  Wednesdays: 1:30 - 2:30 pm

One-on-one Consultations:
  Weekdays, by appt.

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