Finding and Applying for Funding in Grad School and Beyond

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Who are we?

Center for Fellowship and Scholarship Advising (CFSA) helps students and alumni identify and apply for nationally competitive prestigious fellowships and scholarships.

Office of Research’s Proposal Support Services is dedicated to building faculty research.
Agenda

• Overview of funding opportunities for graduate students
• Why apply?
• Timeline of applications
• Where to search for funding
• Brief PIVOT tutorial
• Resources to help you write your applications
Types of Fellowships and Scholarships for Graduate Students

• Fund foreign language study
• Fund travel, research, or placement abroad
• Fund graduate educational expenses like conference travel, archive access, research equipment
• Fund dissertation progress and completion
Types of Funders

• U.S. governmental agencies (NIH, NSF, NEH, Dept of State, Dept. of Defense, etc).
• Private Foundations and organizations (AAUW, Point Foundation, Tillman, Schwarzman)
• Professional / discipline-specific organizations (MLA, ASCE, AHA)
• Individual educational institutions (archives, universities, museums, etc)
Why Apply?

Early Career – (coursework and early research)

• Why apply?
  • To begin creating a *track record of successful grant acquisition*
  • Gain skills and networks needed later (language, familiarity with labs and/or research facilities, introduced to senior scholars)

Research Phase

• Why apply?
  • To conduct more thorough and comprehensive research in addition to the above reasons

Dissertation Phase

• So you can GRADUATE!
• So you can get your name out there in your field before the job market
• So you can further underscore for future hiring committees the a) broad value of your research and b) solidify your reputation as someone who is capable of receiving grant funding
Important Information about Fellowship Applications

- Due dates are often scheduled in the fall semester / early spring semester for awards that start in the summer or fall of the following year
  - Therefore, START LOOKING EARLY
- Most will require you to write personal statements and/or research statements
- All will require letter(s) of recommendation from faculty mentors
Where to Search for Funding?

- CFSA Scholarship Directory: https://nationalscholarships.syr.edu/airtable_directory/
- PIVOT: https://pivot.proquest.com/
- University of Illinois Fellowship Finder: https://apps.grad.illinois.edu/fellowship-finder/
- The Office of Research “Funding your research” page: https://research.syr.edu/for-researchers/funding-your-research/
- Humanities Center Fellowships listing https://humcenter.syr.edu/research-support/research-development/research-development-news/
- Your college or department’s resources
- National / International professional organizations in your field
Navigating PIVOT: Signing In

Pivot

Signing in with Shibboleth

1. Navigate to page
2. Select institution
3. Login with SUID & PW
4. Finalize your account

Note: Anyone with an syr.edu email is eligible for a Pivot account.

If you leave SU for another institution with a subscription, your account can be affiliated with your new institution.
Browsing by Keyword

• Utilize the interactive Pivot wheel chart on the main funding page to browse by field or subfield
• Browse to see what subfields are receiving the most funding
• Also shows how subcategories of funding are organized in Pivot’s keywords
Advanced Search

- Amount
- Deadlines
- Limited Submission
- Applicant/Institution Location (preset)
- Activity Location
- Citizenship*
- Funding Type*
- Keyword*
- Applicant Type*
- Funder Type
- Country of Funder
- Recently Added
- Exclude Opportunities matching
Advanced Search “Musts”
Navigating PIVOT: Save Your Search

1. Click “Save search” to save your search.
2. Choose a name for your search.
3. Check box if you would like to receive a weekly email containing new or updated opps from this query.
## Office of Research Curated Searches

- **Saved searches available by topic area** - only one is specific for Fellowships (Humanities)
- **These can be a starting point for your own searches**

## Sponsored Funding Opportunities

The Office of Proposal Support Services has provided lists with sponsored funding opportunities below, organized by category.

For information on other funding resources, please visit our Funding Your Research webpage.

For a curated list of major external humanities research fellowships with Fall deadlines, see our Humanities Fellowships webpage. For additional information on humanities research development, please see the Humanities Research Development webpage.

### Funding Opportunities

The following searches are curated by the Office of Proposal Support Services through the Pivot grants database and reflect research funding available to faculty and staff researchers. Dissertation, travel and fellowship support are generally not included unless specifically noted. The searches will initially display with new opportunities from the past week. By selecting "All" in the search window, you will find opportunities added in the last 30 days. Pivot login required.

- Arts
- Biological Sciences
- Business and Marketing
- Communications and Media
- Education
- Engineering
- Health-Related Sciences
- Humanistic Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Humanities Fellowships
- Law
- Physical Sciences & Mathematics
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Other Helpful Resources

• Utilize the Writing Center to improve your writing skills

• SU Libraries have many resources - https://calendar.syracuse.edu/events/category/libraries/?view=upcoming&page=1

• Participate in trainings and sessions offered by the National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (NCFDD) - https://www.facultydiversity.org/

• Check with the funder for resources - NSF has info sessions on applying for GRFP or Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants

• Lots of funded proposals available on the internet! See for examples of successful writing
Office of Research Trainings

• **Trainings** are open to graduate students, although the presentations are targeted for faculty researchers

• Some trainings are restricted to faculty, but we may have a recording

• Highlights
  – Logic Models for Project and Proposal Development
  – Submitting proposals to the National Science Foundation (NSF)
  – National Science Foundation Broader Impacts 101
  – Data Management Planning
  – Humanities Fellowship Proposals—Soup to Nuts
  – Turning Your Dissertation Into a Book (And Finding a Publisher!): Where to Begin
Office of Research Newsletter

Contact vpr@syr.edu to sign up for the newsletter to learn about events open to graduate students

Or consult the Syracuse University Community Calendar and select “Research Support” events to see upcoming opportunities
When to Meet with CFSA

• The award is featured on our scholarship directory: https://nationalscholarships.syr.edu/airtable_directory/
• The award is funded by an organization outside of SU
• The application includes a personal statement
• The application requires you to describe your research to non-specialists
• Make an appointment by emailing cfsa@syr.edu or me directly at mlwelsha@syr.edu
CFSA’s “Art of Applying” Workshop

Art of Applying Video Series:
https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/13DC_pNurufvkfuziMGJ4XQvkq8PHc8wq

Art of Applying PowerPoints and Homework Materials:
https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1sp5D0_ZE4_xu3q2SOKTPz_DYIdjcg6zY
Thank you for your time!

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