Graduate Student Funding Opportunities: External Fellowships & Grants

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Fellowships & Scholarships (UB resource) - includes links to external databases, national fellowships, and internal fellowships

Graduate Student Fellowship database (external) **–** use to search for fellowships in all divisions; opportunities listed for doctoral, master's, post-master's, postdoc, prospective applicants https://grad.uchicago.edu/fellowships/fellowships-database/

- Kinds of funding opportunities: Artist residency; conference grant; dissertation; early grad school; postdoc; professionalization; research grant - international; research grant - open; research residency - library/museum/institute; scholarship

Academic Jobs Wiki: opportunities listed by field, updated each year (with past years searchable)

Arts Services Incorporated – grants and other professional resources for artists

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Note: several fellowships on the list may be cross-listed with other fields

Anthropology

- Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research (Nov 16)
- Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Dissertation Fieldwork Grants (May 1 and Nov 1)
- Fellowship in Anthropology and Black experiences (Dec 15)
- Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowship

Africana and African American Studies

- Carter G. Woodson Institute for Afro-American and African Studies, University of Virginia (Dec 1)
- John Carter Brown Library – Short- and Long-Term Fellowships
- UCLA Institute of American Cultures (IAC) Visiting Research Scholar Fellowship Program in Ethnic Studies (no competition for current cycle; check in September 2027-2028 for an update)
- Listings on Race & Ethnic studies H-Net may be relevant; ongoing postings

Asia and Asian American Studies

- Asian Cultural Council (ACC), Arts and Humanities Fellowships
- Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Asian Studies Grants and Fellowships
- Korea Foundation Scholarship - field research

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Education

- Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) (Jan 15)
- P.E.O. Scholar Award (by nomination)
- Small research grant (Spencer foundation)
- NAE Dissertation fellowship

Gender and Sexuality

- Listings on H-Net Gender & Sexuality Studies; ongoing postings
- LGBT research at Yale
- National Women's Studies Association fellowships
    - Gender
    - Sexuality

Global and Romance Languages and Literatures

- Edward Guiliano Global Fellowship
- Lorraine Beitler Research Fellowship (bi-annual)
- Harvard Center for Italian Renaissance Studies, I Tatti Fellowship (Oct 15)
- American Councils for International Education - Critical Language Scholarship

Humanities and social science (qualitative) - general/several fields

- American Academy in Rome - Rome prize (for ABD students)
- American Academy in Berlin (humanities and social sciences)
- American Council of Learned Societies
    - Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Innovation Fellowship
- Fulbright
- Mellon Fellowship of Scholars in the Humanities (post-doc; calls for applications from different fields each year). This year's fields of interest: Comparative Literature, French and Italian, Religious Studies
- AMS Graduate Fellowship in the History of Science - dissertation fellowship
- Smithsonian Institute Fellowship Program (SIFP)
- Graduate Fellows Summer Research Institute in U.S. Law and Race
- NEH
- Cornell Society for the Humanities Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship
- Leslie Center for the Humanities Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowships (Dartmouth College)
- Huntington Library Fellowships (short term awards)
- Smithsonian Institution Fellowships Program

History

- Southern Studies Doctoral Fellowship
    - Dissertation Prospectus Research Fellowship
    - Dissertation Research Fellowship
- American Society for Environmental History
    - Grad student grants and Dissertation grants

- Early American - post-doc
- Leibniz Institute of European History (IEG) Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum / National Archives and Records Administration (March 15 for fall award; September 15 for spring award)
- Smithsonian Institution Fellowships Program

Indigenous Studies

- John Carter Brown Library – Short- and Long-Term Fellowships
- Henry Roe Cloud Dissertation Writing Fellowship in American Indian and Indigenous Studies - Yale
- International Dissertation Research Fellowship - for US Indigenous or non-US cultures and societies
- UCLA Institute of American Cultures (IAC) Visiting Research Scholar Fellowship Program in Ethnic Studies (no competition for current cycle; check in September 2027-2028 for an update)
- The Phillips Fund for Native North American Research (March 1, 2027 deadline)

Jewish Studies

- Association for Jewish Studies (AJS) Dissertation Completion Fellowship Competition
- University of Pennsylvania, Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies
- John C. Danforth, Washington Center, Washington University

Media Study

- The Image Centre
- Graphic Culture/Arts

Philosophy

- American Philosophical Association funds
    - for Diversity & Inclusion
    - for Public Philosophy
- Newcombe Doctoral Completion fellowship (for research related to religion, ethics, morals, values)

Social Work

- National Association of Social Workers Foundation
- Social Work Scholarships Database

Specific topics of interest:

- The Association of Record Sound Collection
- Strong Museum of Play
- Gardens
    - The Huntington
    - Garden Club of America

Grants for libraries and archival research:

- Bancroft Library (Berkeley) (email Bancroft for application details)
- Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library (Yale)
- New England Research Consortium
- Rubenstein Library (Duke)
- Autry Museum of the American West
- McGill University Osler Library of the History of Medicine
- Folger Library Fellowships
- Newberry Library - short term archival research
- University of Michigan Special Collections Research Fellowships
- Smith College Libraries Research Fellowships
- Houghton Library Visiting Fellowships (Harvard) - fifteen fellowships
- University of Michigan Clements Library Fellowships
- Friends of Princeton University Library Research Grants