

Fellowships Program Information Sheet – Finding Graduate School Funding in US and Abroad

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- **General advice first:**
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 - [Grad School 101 – Funding Graduate School](#) (U. of Illinois)
 - [Getting Started \(Fellowships\)](#)
 - [Principal Fellowships](#)
 - [Fellowships & Scholarship by class year](#)
 - [Letters of recommendation](#)
- **Plan ahead:** Familiarize yourself with scholarship and awards that provide portable funding for graduate school. Some programs require applications in your junior year of college (Beinecke and Truman Scholarships). Other programs require simultaneous application for graduate school (NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program, Payne/Pickering/Rangel Fellowships). Links to all of the mentioned programs available from the [Fellowships Program Quick Guide](#).
- **Look close to home:** The program and school that admit you are your first sources of funding. Do your research. Ask questions. Find out what resources are available.
- **Supplemental funding:** Some scholarship awards may cover only part of the costs of attending graduate school. If you seek supplemental funding, use some of the search tools listed below.
- **Search tools:** Do your own search using the following tools. Each is a database in which you can set a variety of parameters.

[CARAT at Harvard Graduate School of Arts & Sciences](#)

Harvard database that allows students to search and sort opportunities by program duration, purpose, academic area, and travel area. Many grants support specific research projects (usually dissertation research), although some support the early years of graduate study and language study.

[COS PIVOT](#) (you'll need to sign in using your Smith College credentials)

Large research funding opportunities database primarily intended a tool for faculty and institutional grant opportunities. Also includes funding opportunities for graduate students. Seeks to provide global and local connections that strengthen research by letting faculty, staff researchers and graduate students explore new avenues for funding and collaboration. (Note: "graduate school scholarship" search yielded 3,308 results)

[GOGRAD.ORG](#)

An online commercial platform for aspiring graduate students. Useful for leads; verify information is up-to-date.

[GRAPES at UCLA Graduate School](#)

This database catalogs extramural funding opportunities of interest to prospective and current graduate students, students working on a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation, and postdoctoral scholars. It contains information on over 625 private and publicly funded awards, fellowships, and internships. Advanced

search options allow users to refine their search by field, academic level, award type, award amount, and other criteria. GRAPES is maintained by the UCLA Fellowships and Financial Services Office

[Scholarship Connection at UC Berkeley](#)

UC Berkeley's clearinghouse for information on scholarships that are funded by sources outside the University. The Scholarship Connection website is run by the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships (OURS). Competition for these awards may be local, national, or international in scope, and scholarship deadlines and requirements vary.

- **Specific information:** Seek out information sources in specific areas or that depend on your personal circumstances or background:

Biomedical and behavioral research:

- [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\) funding](#)
- [Non NIH sources of funding](#)

[Environmental studies information at Columbia University's Earth Institute](#)

[International affairs fellowships and scholarships information at APSIA](#)

[Public health fellowships and internships information at ASPPH](#)

STEM fellowships and scholarships information generally:

- [Pathways to Science](#)
- [ORISE](#)

[International student fellowships and scholarships opportunities](#)

(alternative link <http://bit.ly/NonUSCitizenFellowships> copy to your status bar)

Underrepresented groups:

- [Gem Consortium \(applied science and engineering\)](#)
- [General listing prepared by McNair Scholars Program that highlights graduate scholarship opportunities for students from underrepresented groups across many disciplines](#)