



Office of Graduate Fellowships

Fellowships in Criminology, Law, and Society

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards Directly Related to CLS Studies

American Society of Criminology Gene Carte Student Paper Competition

<http://www.asc41.com/awards/CarteAward.html>

Any student currently enrolled on a full-time basis in an academic program at either the undergraduate or graduate level is invited to participate in this competition. These awards are given to recognize outstanding scholarly work of students. Students may submit only one paper per year for consideration in this competition. Papers may be conceptual and/or empirical but must be directly related to criminology. 1st Prize is \$500, 2nd Prize \$300, and 3rd Prize \$200. First Prize will also receive a travel award of up to \$500 to offset costs of attending ASC annual meeting. Deadline: April.

American Society of Criminology Ruth Peterson Fellowship for Racial and Ethnic Diversity

<http://www.asc41.com/awards/RuthPetersonFellowship.html>

The ASC Ruth Peterson Fellowship is designed to encourage students of color to enter the field of criminology and criminal justice. Applicants need not be members of the American Society of Criminology. Individuals studying criminology or criminal justice issues are encouraged to apply. The recipients of the fellowships must be accepted into a program of doctoral studies in the general area of criminology or criminal justice. Generally three awards of \$6,000 each are given each year. Application deadline: March 1.

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Fellowships

<http://www.hfg.org/df/guidelines.htm>

Dissertation completion award of \$20,000 for candidates entering the final year of a Ph.D. program. The HFG Foundation supports research on violence and aggression in relation to social change, intergroup conflict, war, terrorism, crime, and family relationships, among other subjects. Field / discipline is open, but dissertations with no relevance to understanding human violence and aggression will not be supported. Application deadline: February 1.

Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Grants

<https://www.horowitz-foundation.org/grant-info>

The Horowitz Foundation offers targeted grants of \$7,500 for research at the dissertation and post-doctoral level in major areas of the social sciences, including anthropology, area studies, economics, political science, psychology, sociology, and urban studies, as well as newer areas such as evaluation research. One special award, the Donald R. Cressey Award (which comes with an extra \$1,500), is set aside for topics dealing with Criminal Justice and Penology Practices This program is not restricted by citizenship. Application deadline: January.

National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (Dissertation)

<http://www.nij.gov/nij/funding/fellowships/graduate-research-fellowship/welcome.htm>

The NIJ Ph.D. Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF) program provides awards for research on crime, violence, and other criminal justice-related topics to accredited universities that support graduate study leading to research-based doctoral degrees. The program offers awards in two areas: (1) Social/Behavioral Sciences, including Criminology, \$32,000 stipend; (2) STEM fields, \$35,000 stipend. Deadlines and awards offered may vary from one year to the next, though the deadline typically falls in the spring. Check the web site for updates.

Other Awards with Potential Relevance for CLS Graduate Students

AAUW American Fellowships

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/american-fellowships/>

AAUW American Fellowships support women scholars completing doctoral dissertations (applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.) Open to all fields of study. The project need not relate to women's issues, but tie-ins with such issues and/or a desire to enter a field in which women are underrepresented will add value to the application. Dissertation fellowships are \$20,000 for the academic year. Postdoctoral fellowships and awards for international students are also available through AAUW. Deadline: November. AAUW also offers a fellowship for women international students – for more information see:

<https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/international-fellowships/>

Boren Fellowships

<http://www.borenawards.org/>

Supports overseas language training, which may be combined with internship or research activities. Applicant must make a case for the relevance of their country, language, and project to U.S. national security and policy interests (broadly construed). Projects in Western Europe are NOT eligible; see web site for list of preferred countries/languages. Open to U.S. citizens in all fields. Special opportunities exist for applicants studying African and South Asian languages. Fellows are required to work for the U.S. federal government (in most cases for 1 year) following graduation; the Boren program provides assistance with job placement. Deadline: Late January.

Congressional Black Caucus Congressional Fellows Program

<http://www.cbcfinc.org/fellowships/>

The CBC Congressional Fellows program aims to increase the number of African Americans working as professional staff in the U.S. Congress through this two-year paid professional development experience on Capitol Hill. Open to candidates who will have completed a graduate degree by the start date of the program. The ideal candidate will possess demonstrated interest in public policy and commitment to creating and implementing policy to improve the living conditions for underserved and underrepresented individuals, plus familiarity with the federal legislative process and the CBC. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or have the right to work in the U.S. for the duration of the fellowship. Deadline: March.

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Graduate Fellowship Program

http://chci.org/programs/graduate_fellowship/

This nine-month paid fellowship program offers exceptional Latinos who have earned a master's degree (or higher) prior to the program start date the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in public policy. The fellowship consists of placements in policy-making positions in Washington D.C. and offers salary, benefits, and professional development/networking opportunities.

Application deadline: January. CHCI also offers a fellowship for candidates who have recently completed a bachelor's degree: <https://chci.org/programs/public-policy-fellowship-program/>

Cosmos Scholars Grant Program

<http://www.cosmosclubfoundation.org/scholars/>

Small grant (\$500-\$4,000) in support of research in any field to graduate students at D.C. metro area universities. May be used at the master's or doctoral level for direct research expenses.

Deadline: Early November.

Critical Languages Scholarships (CLS)

<http://clscholarship.org/>

CLS is a U.S. Department of State initiative providing funding for participants to attend a pre-organized overseas summer language program in a "critical" language. For some languages (Azerbaijani, Bangla, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Punjabi, Turkish, Urdu) no background is required and students at all stages (including beginners) may apply. Other languages (Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Persian, Russian) require some prior study. Open to U.S. citizens in all fields of study who are enrolled as students (undergraduate or graduate) at the time of application. There is no service requirement, nor any expectation that participants will go on to careers in public service, but alumni have privileged access to some federal government job opportunities.

District of Columbia Capital City Fellows Program (CCFP)

<http://dchr.dc.gov/page/capital-city-fellows-program>

CCFP recruits recent graduates of master's degree programs in public administration, public policy, urban planning and related fields to work for the city of Washington, DC. Candidates compete for an 18-month fellowship appointments during which they may complete three six-month rotations in different city agencies. Fellows are appointed at a salary of \$56,821 (as of 2017). Note: This program accepts applications in odd numbered years; the next application cycle will be in 2019.

Economic Club of Washington DC: Philip M. Dearborn Fellowship Award

<https://www.economicclub.org/philip-m-dearborn-vernon-e-jordan-jr-doctoral-fellowships>

A \$10,000 award offered annually to students in the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area (including George Mason University) to support doctoral-level research dealing with issues of direct and specific relevance to the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area, including issues of economics, public and private finance, education, transportation, law enforcement, social welfare, housing, and regional/community development. It is expected that the research will rely to a significant extent on information and data derived from or relating to the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Deadline: February.

Ford Foundation Fellowship Program

<http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/index.htm>

Pre-Doctoral, Dissertation, and Post-Doctoral awards for PhD and Sc.D students intending academic careers. This award is open to US citizens in most fields of study in the STEM and liberal arts fields (see web site for complete list.) The award aims to promote diversity in higher education by funding candidates: (a) Who are a member of an under-represented minority AND/OR (b) Whose research and career aims demonstrate a likelihood of using the diversity of human experience as an educational resource in teaching and scholarship. Deadline: November.

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

<http://us.fulbrightonline.org/>

Independent research and study opportunities in all fields in countries around the world. Restricted to U.S. citizens. Application deadline in September – start planning in spring/summer to submit in early fall. For some countries (but not all) language proficiency is required. Can be used for Master’s or Doctoral level research, or post-MA independent project.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF)

<https://www.hsf.net/scholarship>

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund offers scholarships of up to \$5,000 for students at all levels, including graduate students, of Hispanic and Latino descent. Deadline: March.

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)

<http://www.nsfgrfp.org/>

The GRFP recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported disciplines / interdisciplinary fields who are pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees at accredited US institutions. Candidates have two chances to apply: (1) When first seeing admission to a graduate program or; (2) during either their first or second year of graduate study. (Note that this includes ALL post-baccalaureate study, including both master’s and doctoral programs.) The GRFP provides three years of support, including an allowance for tuition and other education-related costs and a stipend of \$34,000 per year, plus professional development opportunities and other perks. Limited to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Deadline: October.

NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants (DDRIG)

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/education.jsp?fund_type=2

The Social, Behavioral, and Economic sciences division of NSF offers dissertation research grants in interdisciplinary fields of study that may be relevant for some students in CLS, including “Science, Technology and Society,” “Law and Social Sciences,” and “Decision, Risk, and Management Sciences.” These awards fund direct costs of dissertation research (typically up to about \$15,000). Deadlines vary by field of study.

NYC Urban Fellows Program

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/html/work/urbanfellows.shtml>

The Urban Fellows Program is a highly selective, nine-month professional development fellowship that combines work in Mayoral offices and City agencies with an intensive seminar series that explores current urban issues impacting public policy. Eligibility is based on when the candidate received the bachelor's degree. Graduate students who are eligible may apply, but will be expected to suspend graduate study and outside work during the fellowship. Award pays \$30,000 plus health insurance. Deadline: January.

Open Society Foundation Grants Programs

<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants>

The Open Society Foundation (OSF) offers grants for individual scholars/researchers, including grants aimed at supporting dissertation or other graduate-level research. Specific program offerings vary from year to year, as do eligibility requirements and deadlines. For current grant listings, visit the web site.

P.E.O. Scholar Awards

<http://www.peointernational.org/peo-projectsphilanthropies>

One-time competitive, merit-based awards of \$15,000 for women who are pursuing a doctoral level degree. These awards provide partial support for study and research for women who will make significant contributions in their varied fields of endeavor. Candidate must be within two years of completion and have at least one year of academic work remaining. Priority is given to women who are well established in their programs, study or research. No citizenship restrictions.

Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans

<https://www.pdsoros.org/>

The Soros Fellowship supports students who are recent immigrants (e.g. naturalized citizens of the U.S.) or the children of recent immigrants in the early stages of graduate study (including master's, doctoral, and most professional degrees) in the United States. All fields are eligible, but student must not be beyond their second year of graduate study in their chosen field. Multi-year awards are possible. This competition gives preference to academically gifted students who have overcome significant hardship in their journey to becoming Americans, or whose path to citizenship has strongly influenced their academic and career path. Deadline: November.

PMF (Presidential Management Fellowship)

<http://www.pmf.gov/>

The PMF program offers a privileged pathway into U.S. federal government service for entry-level professionals with graduate degrees. Students apply during their final year in graduate school (Master's or PhD) or within two years after graduation. Finalists in the competition win the opportunity to secure a two-year appointment in a federal agency with full salary and benefits and the possibility of conversion to a permanent job at the end of the two-year fellowship. Fellows also participate in special professional development and leadership training opportunities, as well as rotational assignments to offer a diversity of experience. As of 2013, two "tracks" are offered within the PMF competition – a "Traditional" track and a "STEM" track for applicants in STEM fields. Deadline for initial application: Fall, usually in September.

SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program (Southern Regional Education Board)

<http://www.sreb.org/new-applicants>

SREB is a regional award open to minority Ph.D. students at eligible universities, including George Mason University. Applicants must be VA residents. Two types of fellowship are offered: The Doctoral Award supports new Ph.D. students (applying for admission or in their first year of Ph.D. program) for 3-5 years of doctoral program study. The Dissertation Award is a one-year award for students working toward the completion of the dissertation. The award is open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents who are members of a racial or ethnic minority and plan to enter an academic career path. Please note that to obtain the full benefits associated with this award you must apply with university endorsement; contact the Office of Graduate Fellowships for details. Deadline: March.