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 a 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 $500 to offset costs of attending ASC annual meeting. Deadline: April.

American Society of Criminology Graduate Fellowships for Ethnic Minorities (Doctoral Study)  
http://www.asc41.com/awards/GradMinorityFellowship.html
The Graduate Fellowship for Ethnic Minorities (established in 1988) 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. 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.

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 area: (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.

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NIJ W.E.B. DuBois Fellowship for Research in Race, Gender, Culture, and Crime (Postdoctoral)
http://www.nij.gov/funding/fellowships/dubois-fellowship/welcome.htm
This program’s objective is to provide talented researchers with an opportunity, early in their career, to elevate independently generated research and ideas to the level of national discussion. Although the specific areas of focus vary each year, any research funded under this program should have direct implications for criminal justice policy and practice in the United States. Open to all academic disciplines. Candidates must possess a terminal degree in their field (generally a Ph.D.) and not yet have been awarded tenure. One or two new awards are made each year with funding in the range of $50,000 - $100,000. Deadline: Early May annually.

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.) Applications are acceptance in 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.

Baltimore Community Fellowships
http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/baltimore-community-fellowships
Sponsored by the Open Society Institute, the Baltimore Community Fellowships program seeks dynamic activists and social entrepreneurs interested in implementing projects that address problems in underserved communities in Baltimore city. Fellowships are for initiatives that take place in Baltimore City. Applicants may come from any field, including—but not limited to—business, management, the arts, law, medicine, education, architecture, and engineering. Fellowship awards are in the amount of $60,000 over 18 months. Please note that the fellowship does not support research, only project-based proposals.

Boren Fellowships
http://www.borenawards.org/boren_fellowship
International travel for study with an emphasis on language training. Open to all fields for candidates with an interest in national security (broadly defined). Will not support travel/study in Western Europe. U.S. citizens only. This fellowship incurs a one-year paid service requirement with the U.S. Federal Government – a plus for those interested in public service careers.
Byron Hanke Fellowship
http://www.cairf.org/scholarships/hanke.aspx
Sponsored by the Foundation for Community Association Research, the Hanke Fellowship offers up to $4,000 to graduate students (Master’s, Doctoral, or Law) working on topics related to community associations. Community associations govern common-interest communities of any kind—condominiums, cooperatives, townhouse developments, planned unit developments, and other developments where homeowners support an association with mandatory financial assessments, and are subject to use and aesthetic restrictions. Applications are due by May 1 annually. Fellows are expected to prepare a research paper on community associations.

Congressional Black Caucus Congressional Fellows Program
http://www.cbcfinc.org/fellowships-cbcf/congressional-fellows-program.html
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 (August annually.) 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: April.

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Graduate Fellowship Program
http://www.chci.org/fellowships/page/chci-graduate-fellowship-program
This nine-month paid fellowship program offers exceptional Latinos who have earned a master's degree (or higher) within three years of the program start date the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the public policy areas of higher education, secondary education, health, housing, law, and STEM fields. The fellowship consists of placements in policy-making positions in Washington D.C. and offers salary, benefits, and professional development/networking opportunities.

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Public Policy Fellowship Program
http://www.chci.org/fellowships/page/chci-public-policy-fellowship
This program offers talented Latinos who have earned a bachelor's degree within two years of the program start date a paid, nine-month paid fellowship consisting of a work placement in Washington D.C., where the fellow will gain hands-on experience at the national level in the public policy area of their choice. The fellowship includes salary, benefits, and professional development/networking opportunities for candidates between undergraduate and graduate school (or career).

Cosmos Scholars Grant Program
http://www.cosmosclubfoundation.org/scholars/
Small grant ($500-$3,000) 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 two-year fellowship appointments during which they may complete four six-month rotations in different city agencies. Fellows are appointed at a salary of $50,000.

Economic Club of Washington DC: Philip M. Dearborn Fellowship Award  
http://www.economicclub.org/page.cfm/go/scholarship-program  
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. Application deadline: Early March.

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/home.html  
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)
http://www.hsf.net/CollegeScholarships.aspx
The Hispanic Scholarship Fund offers fellowships and scholarships for students at all levels, including graduate students, of Hispanic and Latino descent. Deadlines vary by award.

Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy
http://www.horowitz-foundation.org/grant-info.html
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. Preference will be given to projects that deal with contemporary issues in the social sciences and issues of policy relevance. This grant is not restricted by citizenship. Application deadline: January.

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)
http://www.nsfgrfp.org/
The GRFP recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported disciplines who are pursuing research-based master’s and doctoral degrees at accredited US institutions. Candidates apply when seeing admission to a graduate program or in the third semester of graduate study at the latest. (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 $32,000 per year, plus professional development opportunities and other perks. Limited to U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

NSF SBE Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants (DDRIG)
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13453
The Social, Behavioral, and Economic sciences division of NSF offers dissertation research grants in fields of study that may be relevant for some students in CLS, including “Science, Technology and Society,” “Law and Social Sciences,” and “Sociology.” These awards fund dissertation research up to $14,000 for U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Deadlines vary by field of study; most fields of study run two application cycles per year.

NYC Urban Fellows Program
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.
P.E.O. Scholar Awards
http://www.peointernational.org/peo-projectsphilanthropies
One-time competitive, merit-based awards for women who are either 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
http://www.pdsoros.org/competition/
The Soros Fellowship supports students who are recent immigrants (e.g. naturalized citizens of the U.S.) or the children of recent immigrants who are at the beginning stage 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.

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/page/1074/doctoral_scholars.html
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.