



## Office of Graduate Fellowships

### Fellowship Opportunities in:

## Education

### Introduction

Fellowships for graduate students in Education and related fields include both academic / research funding and professional development opportunities. A number of dissertation fellowship programs support education-related research at the doctoral level. Other scholarships may support Master's-level research or professional development experiences such as internships. The following list features some of the best-known graduate fellowship opportunities in Education – though students should note that many of these competitions are open to candidates in ANY academic field who are working on education-related topics. Similarly, Education students can in some cases compete for “mainstream” awards open to all fields and disciplines, particularly if their research is academic (rather than practice-oriented) or if their topic addresses wider social and cultural issues in education. Students are strongly encouraged to search for awards in their own areas of interest or specialization.

Mason Graduate students in Education who are also working teachers may wish to consider awards designed specifically for that constituency and listed in a separate document on the Office of Graduate Fellowships (OGF) web site.

### **American Educational Research Association (AERA) Funding Opportunities**

<http://www.aera.net/ProfessionalOpportunitiesFunding/AERAFundingOpportunities/tabid/10241/Default.aspx>

AERA supports a several graduate fellowship programs in the field of Education Research, including:

- **AERA Research and Dissertation Grants Program:** This program provides grants for dissertation or postdoctoral research on education policy and practice using federally funded, large-scale data sets such as those maintained by NCES and NSF. Research should be quantitative in nature and policy-related. Application deadline: January.
- **AERA-Measures of Effective Teaching (MET) Dissertation Fellowship Program**  
This dissertation fellowship program supports graduate students in education research to conduct secondary data analysis using the Measures of Effective Teaching (MET) Longitudinal Database. Application deadline: December.
- **AERA Minority Dissertation Fellowship in Education Research:** Funding for one year of full time dissertation research toward a doctoral degree in Education. Applicant must be a US citizen or permanent resident who is a member of an under-represented minority in higher education (e.g., African Americans, Alaskan Natives, American Indians, Asian Americans, Hispanics /Latinos, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders.) Application deadline: December.

### **AASA Educational Administration Scholarship Award**

<http://www.aasa.org/content.aspx?id=3402>

\$2,500 award intended to provide incentive, honor, and financial assistance to outstanding graduate students in school administration who intend to make the school superintendency a career. No citizenship restrictions. Deadline: September. Please note that the university may submit only one application per year. Please contact the Office of Graduate Fellowships for more information.

### **Education Pioneers Graduate Fellowship**

<http://www.educationpioneers.org/what-we-do/programs/graduate-school-fellowship>

Fellowship for graduate students in Education and related fields offering summer and year-long paid professional development opportunities. Placements are offered in cities across the country, including in the DC metro area. Deadline: February.

### **Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) Richard M. Weaver Fellowship**

<http://home.isi.org/programs/fellowships>

Each year ISI grants Richard M. Weaver Fellowships, ranging from \$5,000-\$15,000 to students who intend to use their advanced degree to teach, grounded in a philosophy consistent with the principles of the sponsoring organization, emphasizing conservative political values, free market economy, and the patrimony of Western civilization. Applicants are expected to make a commitment to teaching as part of their career path. ISI offers other awards not specific to the field of education; information on these can also be found at this link. Deadline: January

### **Jennings Randolph Peace Scholarship Dissertation Program**

<http://www.usip.org/grants-fellowships/jennings-randolph-peace-scholarship-dissertation-program>

For dissertation research and writing on topics related to peace and conflict studies, including peace education. \$20,000 for one academic year. Deadline: December.

### **NAEd / Spencer Dissertation and Postdoctoral Fellowships**

[http://www.naeducation.org/NAED\\_080577.htm](http://www.naeducation.org/NAED_080577.htm)

These awards seek to encourage scholars from a wide range of disciplines and professional fields to undertake research relevant to the improvement of education. The dissertation fellowships (\$25,000) support individuals whose dissertations show potential for bringing fresh and constructive perspectives to the history, theory, or practice of education anywhere in the world. Deadline: October.

### **Pearson Leadership Development Program**

<http://www.pearsonstudents.com/leadership-development-program/index.shtml>

Twenty-four month professional development fellowship with Pearson Education publishing house. Submit resume in early fall recruitment season. Eligibility is based on the date when the applicant received the bachelor's degree. This is a full-time work assignment

### **TIRF Doctoral Dissertation Grants in English Language Education**

<http://www.tirfonline.org/research-grants/doctoral-dissertation-grants/>

Supports students completing their doctoral research on topics related to the foundation's priorities, including bilingualism/plurilingualism, language assessment, English language instruction, language teacher education, and effective English language education relative to students' age. Maximum award \$5,000. Deadline: April.

## **Some Other Programs to Keep in Mind**

### **American Association of University Women (AAUW) Fellowships**

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

The American Association of University Women offers dissertation completion fellowships for women in all fields of study as well as fellowships for international women students.

### **Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Graduate Fellowship Program**

[http://chci.org/programs/graduate\\_fellowship/](http://chci.org/programs/graduate_fellowship/)

CHCI's Graduate Fellowship Program is designed for exceptional emerging Latino leaders who want to immerse themselves in a specific public policy area. This paid, nine-month fellowship provides valuable work experience, access to powerful Latino network, and a chance to showcase your public policy knowledge on Capitol Hill. Focus areas are: higher education, secondary education, health, housing, law, and STEM fields. The fellowship consists of placements in policy-making positions in and around Washington D.C. and offers salary, benefits, and professional development/networking opportunities. Deadline: February.

### **Cosmos Scholars Grants**

<http://www.cosmosclubfoundation.org/scholars/grants-program.html>

Small grant (\$500-\$4,000) in support of graduate level research in any field to graduate students at D.C. metro area universities. Deadline: November 1, annually.

### **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 their Ph.D. program. The HFG Foundation supports research pertaining to 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. No citizenship restrictions. Deadline: February 1.

### **Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans**

<http://www.pdsoros.org/competition/>

Supports students who are recent immigrants (e.g. naturalized citizens of the U.S.) or the children of recent immigrants for graduate study in the United States. All fields are eligible, but student must not be beyond their second year of graduate study in their chosen field.

### **PMF (Presidential Management Fellowships)**

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

The PMF Fellowship places graduating graduate students in a two-year paid position in the US federal government. U.S. citizens only. The fellowship offers a STEM track for scientists interested in leadership positions in government labs, institutes, and scientific policymaking positions.

**SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program**

[http://www.sreb.org/page/1074/doctoral\\_scholars.html](http://www.sreb.org/page/1074/doctoral_scholars.html)

SREB (Southern Regional Education Board) is a regional award open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents who are members of a racial or ethnic minority and plan to become a full-time college or university faculty member after earning the Ph.D. Please note that to hold this award at GMU the applicant must be VA-domiciled. Two types of awards are offered: The Doctoral Award supports new Ph.D. students for 3-5 years. The Dissertation Award is a one-year award for students who are completing their dissertations. Open to most fields, with STEM fields particularly encouraged to apply. Prospective applicants must inform the Office of Graduate Fellowships if they intend to apply for this award program.

**Woodrow Wilson Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship in Women's Studies**

<http://woodrow.org/fellowships/womens-studies/>

This one-time award of \$5,000 is offered to Ph.D. candidates at institutions in the United States who will complete their dissertations on issues related to women, gender, women's studies or feminist/gender/LGBTQ theory during the fellowship year. It aims to offer comprehensive support in the final year of dissertation writing. This competition is for projects in the humanities and social sciences; interdisciplinary projects are encouraged. However, projects in fields such as management, the clinical and biological sciences, health-related fields, and law are not eligible unless they have a demonstrable academic grounding in the humanities and social sciences. Candidates should be advanced to candidacy at the time of application. No citizenship or gender restrictions.

**If you are interested in international research and language training opportunities, the following prestigious overseas programs support graduate students in all fields of study:**

### **Boren Fellowships**

[http://www.borenawards.org/boren\\_fellowship](http://www.borenawards.org/boren_fellowship)

Supports overseas study and/or research with an emphasis on language training and on research/career goals related to U.S. national security interests. Projects in Western Europe are NOT eligible; see web site for list of preferred countries/languages. Open to U.S. citizens in all fields. 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. Special opportunities exist for African and South Asian languages. Deadline: Late January.

### **Critical Languages Scholarships**

<http://clscholarship.org/>

CLS sends participants on fully funded overseas summer language programs in “critical” languages. Currently 14 languages are offered. For some, no background is required and students at all stages (including beginners) may apply. Others require some prior formal or informal study. U.S. citizens only; heritage speakers are considered so long as they require additional training to attain meaningful fluency. Open to undergraduate and graduate students in all fields of study (including STEM fields) who can demonstrate long-term commitment to the language and host culture. Applicants may apply to one language per year. Application deadline: November for subsequent summer.

### **Fulbright U.S. Student Program**

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

Fulbright grants support U.S. citizens who will hold a bachelor’s degree (but not yet a Ph.D.) by the start date of the grant. (The name of the program notwithstanding, student status is NOT required.) There are two principle types of Fulbright grants available to U.S. students: “Research” grants allow students to engage in independent self-designed research and study projects overseas for one academic year. “ETA” grants fund students to assist in ESL classrooms at various levels around the world. In addition, some countries also offer other specialized types of Fulbright grants, including grants for students of business, public policy, public health, music, and other fields. Open to candidates in ALL fields. Requirements vary by country. This award requires a campus-level review process; applicants must consult with the Director of Graduate Fellowships. Application is due September 15 annually.

### **Teaching Assistantship Program in France (TAPIF)**

<http://highereducation.frenchculture.org/teach-in-france>

This French government-sponsored program places American students in EFL classrooms throughout France for seven months, during which time they assist with English language instruction for students of all ages. Placements are also available in the French overseas departments of French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, and Réunion. Award consists of a monthly stipend intended to meet living costs in France. U.S. citizens and permanent residents (with certain restrictions – see web site) may apply. A minimum intermediate level of proficiency in French is required. Deadline falls in January.