**Office of Graduate Fellowships**

**Fellowship Opportunities for:**

**International Students**

**Introduction**

International students face special challenges when it comes to graduate fellowships. Because many fellowship programs (particularly in STEM fields) are restricted to U.S. citizens and permanent residents, opportunities for international students are harder to come by. This also means that programs with no citizenship restrictions can be intensely competitive, particularly if they are open to a wide range of disciplines or fields.

There are, nonetheless, many opportunities that are open to international students, especially at the doctoral / Ph.D. level. The following list contains a sampling of different kinds of awards to help international students begin their search. This list is by no means comprehensive, and students are encouraged to search for funding opportunities that may be uniquely targeted to their field, topic, or national/ethnic identity. Online funding database services such as SPIN (which is available free of cost to GMU users through a GMU connection) and ProFellow (a free online community and social network open to those who join) are a good place to start because they will allow you to conduct a wide search. Many major research universities (such as University of Illinois and Duke University) maintain publicly accessible databases as well. Professional organizations, diaspora community organizations, and private foundations can also help guide you to awards targeted at a specific field, and are more likely to be open to international student applicants. Finally, listserv communities like H-Net frequently announce academic and research fellowships open to international students.

Graduate students are encouraged to actively seek and apply for fellowships that fit their needs and goals. Fellowships are not only a means of funding your education. The fellowship application process is also an opportunity to define your goals, think critically about your work, and develop valuable academic and job skills. Even if you do not ultimately win an award, you will benefit from the process.

International students in particular need to aware that graduate fellowship opportunities are extremely competitive, and require planning far in advance. It is usually much more difficult to secure such funding than students imagine. Most fellowship programs receive more qualified applications than they have the funds to support, meaning that even many outstanding candidates will be turned away. What’s more, most fellowships provide only partial funding and/or set limits on how funding can be used. They should be approached more as a professional honor and a way to enhance your research than a financial plan. Always have a backup plan in case awards are not granted.

The key to realistic planning is to start early and familiarize yourself with the opportunities that are most relevant to you. The Office of Graduate fellowships is available to provide advising, support, and feedback on graduate fellowship proposals.

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AERA Dissertation Grants
http://www.aera.net/grantsprogram/res_training/diss_grants/DGFly.html
Supports education-related dissertation research using large scale national and international data sets supported by NCES, NSF, or other federal agencies. Research should be quantitative and policy-related. For advanced doctoral students. Deadline: December 9, 2011. No citizenship restrictions.

AIIS Junior Fellowships
http://www.indiastudies.org/catalog.cfm?dest=dir&linkon=Section&linkid=78
Available to doctoral candidates at U.S. institutions in all fields of study for dissertation research in India. No citizenship restrictions.

Allen Lee Hughes Fellowship at Arena Stage
http://www.arenastage.org/education/education-programs/internships-fellowships/
For individuals interested in artistic and technical production, arts administration and community engagement. Fellowship provides a modest stipend and is intended to increase participation of people of color in the arts. Deadline for season fellowship is April 15. A summer internship program is also available, deadline March 15.

American Association for University Women (AAUW) - International Fellowships
http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/international.cfm
Full-time study or research to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents; graduate and postgraduate study is supported.

American Nuclear Society (ANS) Graduate Scholarships
http://ans.org/honors/scholarships/
Awards to prepare for careers in nuclear science and technology. Use the link and scroll down to the bottom of the page to see a list of graduate student awards. A variety of awards are listed, all with different profiles and deadlines.

Asian Cultural Council
http://www.asianculturalcouncil.org/?page_id=20
Open to individuals from the US (citizens and permanent residents) or Asia in the visual and performing arts for research, cultural exchange, observation tours, or specialized training. (US applicants to visit Asia, Asian applicants to visit US.) Letters of inquiry accepted September 1 – October 31 of each year.

Association for Women in Science Educational Awards
http://www.awis.org/
Awards of up to $3,000 for female graduate students or early career professionals in STEM fields. Applicant must have already received at least a bachelor’s degree. Award may be used for professional development activities such as attending a conference, acquiring specialized training, or travel for professional development. Deadline: December 31, 2011

Carter Center Graduate Assistantship Program
http://www.cartercenter.org/involved/internship/grad-assistantship-overview.html
$3,500 stipend for ten week (40 hr/week) assistantship at the Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Applicants must have completed at least two semesters of their graduate program coursework, but not yet have graduated. Program areas include: Americas, China, Conflict Resolution, Democracy, Health, Human Rights, and Mental Health. Deadline is March 1. Note that graduate students and recent graduates are also eligible to apply to Carter Center Internships, but these are unpaid.

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Catholic Relief Services International Development Fellows Program (IDFP)
http://crs.org/about/careers/fellowships/
The CRS International Development Fellows Program (IDFP) gives people who are interested in a career in international relief and development an opportunity to increase their overseas experience and gain exposure to CRS programs. Each year, CRS places approximately 20-25 fellows with CRS country programs overseas. Assignments are paid and run for 8-12 months, starting in early September. Specific job responsibilities vary from one country to another depending on the country program’s focus (Agriculture, Health, Peacebuilding, Education, Microfinance, or a combination of these). Most fellowships lead to regular positions with CRS. Requires proficiency in French or Arabic. Deadline: December 1.

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships
http://www.woodrow.org/higher-education-fellowships/religion_ethics/index.php
Dissertation completion fellowship to encourage original and significant study of ethical or religious values in all fields of the humanities and social sciences. In addition to topics in religious studies or ethics, topics such as the ethical implications of foreign policy, the values influencing political decisions, the moral codes of other cultures, or religious and ethical issues reflected in history, art, or literature are welcome. Approximately 20 awards of $25,000 are made per year for twelve months of full-time dissertation writing.

Chateaubriand Fellowship
http://www.chateaubriand-fellowship.org/
The Chateaubriand Fellowship is a grant offered by the Embassy of France in the United States that allows doctoral students enrolled in American universities to conduct research in France for up to 10 months in a wide range of fields. French language not required. French citizens not eligible.

Christine Mirzayan Science & Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship Program
http://www7.nationalacademies.org/policyfellows/
Funds graduate students and recent graduate degree recipients to participate in a semester-long DC-based program focused on science and technology policy. Open to student in social/behavioral science, medical/health discipline, physical or biological science, any field of engineering, law/business/public administration, or any relevant interdisciplinary fields

Cosmos Scholarships
http://www.cosmosclubfoundation.org/scholars/
Small grants ($500-$3,000) in support of graduate level research in any field. Limited to graduate students at DC metro area universities. No citizenship restrictions.

Davis-Putter Scholarships
http://www.davisputter.org/
Need-based grants (up to $10,000) to undergraduate or graduate students actively working for peace and justice on campus and/or in the community. No citizenship restrictions, but applicant must be enrolled in a U.S. institution and residing in the U.S. during their studies. Preference is given to applicants who show an interest in continuing their activism in the U.S. after graduation.

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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

Economic Club of Washington DC: Vernon Jordan Fellowship Award
http://www.economicclub.org/page.cfm/go/scholarship-program
Two $10,000 stipends will be awarded to doctoral-level students from Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area institutions (including George Mason University) to support independent research in areas of interest to the Economic Club of Washington. Areas of concentration could include economics, finance, international trade or business. Application Deadline: Early March

Environmental Research and Education Foundation (EREF) Scholarships
http://erefdn.org/index.php/scholarships/
A variety of different scholarships are awarded annually by EREF to recognize excellence in master’s, doctoral or post-doctoral waste management research and education.

Explorers Club Exploration Fund
http://www.explorers.org/index.php/expeditions/funding/expedition_grants
Exploration Fund, for graduate, post-graduate, doctorate and early career post-doctoral students, provides grants in support of exploration and field research for those who are just beginning their research careers. Our awards typically range from $500-1500 US for both funds. A few awards may be granted up to a $5000 award level. Deadline mid-November.

Five Colleges Fellowship Program
http://www.fivecolleges.edu/academic_programs/academprog_fellowship.html
Year-long residency for doctoral students completing dissertation. This program supports scholars from under-represented groups and/or scholars with unique interests and histories. Fellows will complete the dissertation in residence at Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College, or Smith College. Most fellows also teach 1 course while in residence. $30,000 plus other support. Open to all fields with no citizenship restrictions.

German Chancellor Fellowship
http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/4074.html
This program is for university graduates from the U.S., the Russian Federation and the People’s Republic of China with an interest in international issues and demonstrated leadership potential. It is targeted at young professionals who are likely to become decision-makers and thought leaders in their respective fields, including but not limited to politics, public policy, law, media, business, the non-governmental sector, and the arts. Fellows spend one year in Germany, where they will conduct an independent project at a home institution and network with other prospective leaders from abroad. Deadline for applicants from the U.S. is October 15 annually.

Harambe Entrepreneur Alliance
http://www.healliance.org/content/bsymposium/hbwsapp.php
Opportunities for African students interested in entrepreneurship in a range of fields including business, microfinance, global health, public policy, agriculture, and gender.

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Harry Frank Guggenheim Dissertation Fellowships  
http://www.hfg.org/df/guidelines.htm  
Dissertation completion fellowship for candidates whose Ph.D. research concerns issues of violence and aggression in society. No citizenship restrictions.

Human Rights Watch Fellowships in International Human Rights  
http://www.hrw.org/en/about/fellowships  
For recent graduates (Master’s or J.D.) in journalism, international relations, area studies, law, or other relevant disciplines. Fellows work full-time for one year with Human Rights Watch typically in New York or Washington, D.C., or in some instances in another location. Students may apply in the final year of their graduate program to begin after graduation. No citizenship restrictions. Deadline: Early October.

Humane Studies Fellowships  
http://www.theihs.org/internshiplanding.aspx  
For undergraduate and graduate students interested in the classical liberal/libertarian tradition of individual rights and market economies. Open to a variety of fields although Economics predominates. Awards range from $2,000-$15,000. No citizenship restrictions.

Inter-American Foundation (IAF) Fellowships  
www.iie.org/iaf  
Supports dissertation research on grassroots development in Latin America and the Caribbean undertaken by students who have advanced to Ph.D. candidacy in a university in the United States. Fellows may be U.S. citizens or citizens of an independent Latin America or Caribbean country (except Cuba).

International Dissertation Field Research Fellowships  
http://www.ssrc.org/programs/idrf/  
For Ph.D. students in the social sciences and humanities conducting dissertation field research in all areas and regions of the world. Student must be advanced to doctoral candidacy by the time the award begins.

Jack Kent Cooke Dissertation Fellowship Award  
http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/graduate-scholarships/jack-kent-cooke-dissertation-fellowship-award/  
$25,000 award to support advanced doctoral students who are completing dissertations that further the understanding of the educational pathways and experiences of high-achieving, low-income students. No citizenship restrictions. Deadline: February 3, 2012

Japan-IMF Scholarship Program  
For Japanese citizens pursuing the Ph.D degree in Economics (macroeconomics) outside Japan to prepare them for work as economists and the International Monetary Fund. Student must not be beyond the second year of the Ph.D. program at the time of application.

Jennings Randolph Peace Scholarship Dissertation Program  
http://www.usip.org/fellows/scholars.html  
Supports doctoral dissertations that explore the sources and nature of international conflict, and strategies to prevent or end conflict and to sustain peace. Citizens of all countries are eligible, but must be enrolled in an accredited college or university in the United States.
Joseph L. Fisher Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships
http://www.rff.org/fellowships/fisher
Supports the final year of doctoral dissertation research/writing for research on issues related to the environment, natural resources, or energy. Proposals in economics and social sciences are the primary target, although proposals from the sciences with obvious relevance for environmental policy matters will also receive consideration. Open to both U.S. citizens and non-U.S. citizens, provided the latter have proper work/residency documentation.

Josephine de Karman Fellowships
http://www.dekarman.org
Open to students in any discipline, including international students, who are currently enrolled in a university or college located within the United States. Graduate fellowships are for doctoral students in their final year of dissertation completion. Postdoctoral and masters degree students are not eligible for consideration. Special consideration will be given to applicants in the Humanities.

Kate Neal Kinley Memorial Fellowship
faa.illinois.edu/files/KateNealKinley2009.pdf
Three fellowships annually ($9,000 - $20,000 depending on field) to defray the cost of advanced study (Master’s or Doctorate) of the fine arts, theatre, and urban/regional planning in the United States or abroad. No citizenship requirements. Deadline: December 3, 2011.

King Faisal Foundation Scholarship
http://www.kff.com/
Funding opportunity for Muslim students in the sciences, engineering, medicine, and geology to study at an accredited European or North American university.

Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (RCAC) Fellowships
http://rcac.ku.edu.tr/fellowships
Approximately 10 yearly fellowships awarded to Ph.D. candidates of any nationality in the archaeology, art history, history, and allied disciplines for dissertation research focused on the geographical area of Turkey / Anatolia from the Neolithic through the Ottoman eras (including Classical civilizations, late Antiquity, Byzantine studies, studies of Anatolian Islam and Christianity, and studies of communities within the Ottoman Empire.) Fellowships include accommodation, travel, and stipend to spend one academic year in Istanbul at Koç University's Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, located in central Istanbul. No teaching requirement, but fellows must be resident in Istanbul during the tenure of the award. Note that the language medium at Koç University is English; proficiency in Turkish is not required unless it is otherwise relevant to the topic of research.

Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund Scholarships
http://www.mmmf-grants.org/grants-us.html
For women from developing countries currently studying in the U.S. or Canada who will be at least 25 years of age by December 31. Recipients agree to return to their home country after graduation to perform service. Special emphasis on service toward improving the lives of women and children in developing countries.

Mariam K. Chamberlain Fellowship in Women and Public Policy
http://www.iwpr.org/about/fellowships
Paid nine-month professional development fellowship / internship at the Institute for Women’s Policy Research in Washington, D.C., related to women’s issues in public policy. Open to students with BA/BS in hand (whether currently enrolled in graduate school or not). No citizenship restrictions. Deadline: March 1, 2012 (Offerings and deadlines may vary from year to year.)

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Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships
http://www.acls.org/programs/dcf/
Dissertation completion fellowship in the humanities and related social sciences. For use in the final year of the Ph.D. program. No citizenship restrictions. Approximately 65 fellowships of $25,000 (plus other funds to support research and university fee costs) awarded annually.

NAEd / Spencer Dissertation Fellowship
http://naeducation.org/NAEd_Spencer_Dissertation_Fellowship.html
$25,000 dissertation completion fellowship for research relevant to the improvement of education. No citizenship restrictions. Deadline: Early October

NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants (DDIG) – Directorate of Biological Sciences
The National Science Foundation awards Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants in selected areas of the biological sciences (Environmental Biology and Integrative Organismal Systems). These grants provide partial support of doctoral dissertation research to improve the overall quality of research. Applicant must be studying at a U.S. institution but need not be a U.S. citizen. Deadline: Early November

NSF Social & Behavioral Sciences Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG)
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13453
Grants to doctoral students in a wide range of social and behavioral science disciplines and interdisciplinary fields to improve the quality of dissertation research. These grants provide funds for items not normally available through the student's university. Applicant must be studying at a U.S. institution but need not be a U.S. citizen. Deadlines vary by field. Some fields run multiple application cycles per year.

Open Society Foundations Global Supplementary Grant Program
http://www.soros.org/initiatives/scholarship/focus_areas/global_supplementary
The Open Society Scholarship Programs offers supplementary grants to students from select countries of Southeastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Mongolia, the Middle East, and South Asia. The purpose of the program is to enable qualified students to pursue doctoral studies in the humanities and social sciences at accredited universities in Asia, Australia, Europe, the Middle East, and North America. The award ($10,000) is intended to supplement funding resources already secured by the applicant, not as a stand-alone grant. See guidelines on the web site for details.

P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship
http://www.peointernational.org/peo-projectsphilanthropies
Grants to female international students to pursue or continue graduate studies in the United States and Canada. Student must have at least one year of coursework remaining in their program, and must plan to enroll full time during the scholarship year. Maximum award is $10,000; smaller awards are possible. Award is based on demonstrated need, but is not intended to fully cover all the student's academic or personal expenses. Prospective applicants must submit eligibility paperwork between August 15 – December 15 annually. Those found eligible must submit remaining application materials by January 31.

Smithsonian Fellowships
http://www.si.edu/ofg/fell.htm
The Smithsonian offers fellowships in a variety of fields and at all levels (graduate, pre-doctoral, post-doctoral, senior.) Some opportunities are open to non-US citizens.

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SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF)
http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/idrf-fellowship/
Offers 9-12 months of support to graduate students (regardless of citizenship) in the humanities and social sciences who are enrolled in doctoral programs in the US and conducting dissertation research outside the US. Research topics may address all periods in history, but applicants should call attention to the broader implications of their work as it relates to contemporary issues and debates.

TIRF Doctoral Dissertation Grants in English Language Education
Supports students completing their doctoral research on topics related to the foundation’s priorities, including bilingualism, language assessment, English language instruction, language teacher education, and effective English language education relative to students’ age. Maximum award $5,000. Deadline: May.

UNESCO/ Keizo Obuchi Fellowships
For young researchers with advanced degrees (M.A., M.Sc. or equivalent) from developing countries specializing in one of four areas: environment, intercultural dialogue, information and communication technologies, and peaceful conflict resolution. The fellowship funds overseas research, preferably in the candidate’s home region.

World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship Program
http://www.srf.org/grants/world_politics.php
Up to 20 grants of $7,500 each to support Ph.D dissertation research and writing on American foreign policy, international relations, international security, strategic studies, and diplomatic and military history. Funds can be used to pay for fieldwork, archival research, and language training in the context of advanced doctoral research. No citizenship restrictions. Deadline: October.

WREI Congressional Fellows on Women and Public Policy
http://www.wrei.org/FellowsFAQ.htm
Eight-month professional development fellowship in Washington, D.C. Participants intern for members of Congress on women’s issues in public policy. Open to Masters and Ph.D. students during studies or up to 18 months post graduation. No citizenship restrictions. Open to all disciplines/majors with emphasis on women’s issues in public policy.

Zonta International Amelia Earhardt Fellowship for Women
http://www.zonta.org/WhatWeDo/InternationalPrograms/AmeliaEarhartFellowship.aspx
For women in aerospace-related science/engineering programs to undertake research toward a Ph.D. No citizenship restrictions.