



Office of Graduate Fellowships

For GMU Faculty:

Helping Your Graduate Students Win Fellowships, Scholarships, and Grants

Office of Graduate Fellowships – Here to Help You

When graduate students approach you seeking advice about external funding it can be hard to know where to begin. The Office of Graduate Fellowships works to ease the burden of fellowship advising on faculty members by helping Mason graduate students locate opportunities and providing them with support they need to put forth strong applications. We also provide direct support for faculty members to help you become the kind of mentor you want to be.

What the Office of Graduate Fellowships Offers

We provide information on demand! At <http://gradfellows.gmu.edu> you can find:

- ❖ Lists of fellowship opportunities by field, fellowship type, and/or demographic group. If we don't already have a list that addresses your students' needs, we will work with you to create it.
- ❖ Search tools and databases for locating fellowship and funding opportunities.
- ❖ Tips and advice on finding funding, including crafting a strong application package, getting letters of recommendation, writing proposals, statements, budgets, and more.
- ❖ Specific advice for popular programs such as Fulbright, Boren, NSF GRFP, and NIH F31.
- ❖ Announcements of fellowship competitions, deadlines, and upcoming info sessions/workshops.

The Director of Graduate Fellowships comes to you! Contact me at kagoston@gmu.edu to set up:

- ❖ An info session, class visit, or workshop tailored to the needs of your program and your students.
- ❖ A presentation, Q&A, or workshop on graduate fellowships for faculty in your program.
- ❖ A private appointment to discuss matters related to graduate fellowships and funding.
- ❖ One-on-one advising for students in your program. Students may also contact me directly.
- ❖ Announcements of opportunities in your field for distribution via email, Twitter, or social media.

Be the Professor Who Changed Their Life

- ❖ Encourage talented students to consider applying for grants and fellowships.
- ❖ Remind students to seek out the Office of Graduate Fellowships. We offer info sessions and workshops year round, plus one-on-one coaching, advising, and writing support. Students can learn about us on the web at <http://gradfellows.gmu.edu> and on Twitter @GradFellowsGMU.
- ❖ Urge students to plan far ahead. Most competitions require applications to be submitted 6-12 months before funding is awarded.