



Office of Graduate Fellowships

Fellowship Opportunities for:

Women's and Gender Studies

About Fellowships for Women's and Gender Studies

The following list of awards is broken down into three groups:

Awards Directly Related to Women's and Gender Studies is a list of awards that fund research, study, and professional development directly related to the field of Women's and Gender Studies (including awards in LGBTQ Studies.) These awards welcome applications from graduate students (and in some cases also graduating seniors) in a range of disciplines and interdisciplinary fields. The applicant's "home" discipline is less important than whether their project and their academic/professional profile fits with the goals and priorities of the funding program. However, some programs may also be confined to particular disciplines or areas of research, and prospective applicants are advised to read eligibility requirements carefully.

Other Awards that May Be of Interest to Graduate Students in Women's and Gender Studies lists awards that, while not directly or exclusively targeted at Women's and Gender Studies proposals, emphasize themes and issues that are relevant to scholars of Women's and Gender Studies. For example, the Harry Frank Guggenheim Dissertation Fellowship program would support research on domestic violence or anti-gay hate crimes. The Charlotte Newcombe Fellowship program would support research on ethical, religious, or cultural values as they relate to gender. The Villers and Wellstone Fellowships might be suitable for a scholar with interest in how gender relates to the issue of health care access. And so on. These programs accept applications from a wide range of disciplinary backgrounds, with an emphasis on humanities and social science or policy research.

Awards for Women Graduate Students lists awards open only to female graduate students. Some of these award programs have a gender theme (and thus overlap with the two categories listed above), while others do not. Many of these awards seek to attract and/or support female researchers in fields where they are under-represented, particularly in the sciences and engineering.

Awards Directly Related to Women's and Gender Studies

Clayman Institute Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (Stanford University)

<http://gender.stanford.edu/postdoctoral-research-fellowships>

Stanford's Clayman Institute for Gender Research offers two-year postdoctoral fellowships open to recent Ph.D. recipients (within 3 years of graduation) in all disciplines of the humanities and social sciences whose research focuses on gender. Scholars with a strong interest in interdisciplinary methods are particularly encouraged to apply. While in residence at the Institute, Postdoctoral Scholars are expected to participate in Clayman Institute activities throughout the academic year in addition to pursuing their own research. No citizenship or gender restrictions. Deadline: January.

CUNY CLAGS Fellowships and Awards in Lesbian and Gay Studies

<http://www.clags.org/fellowships-awards/>

The Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies at CUNY Graduate Center in New York City offers a number of fellowships, scholarships, and awards for graduate students working on topics related to LGBTQ issues. Details (eligibility, amounts, deadlines, and so on) vary by competition. Some awards may require participation in campus events at CUNY Graduate Center, though most do not require residency.

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). Preferred issues and themes vary each year; prospective applicants should refer to the web site. No citizenship or gender restrictions. Deadline: February (for positions beginning the following September.)

National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) Graduate Student Awards

<http://www.nwsa.org/content.asp?pl=16&contentid=16>

The NWSA offers monetary awards in support of graduate study in three categories: (1) NWSA Graduate Scholarship: One award of \$1,000 will be made to a student engaged in the research or writing stages of a Master's Thesis or Ph.D. Dissertation in the interdisciplinary field of women's studies. (2) NWSA Lesbian Caucus Award: One \$500 research award will be made in recognition of a Master's Thesis or Doctoral Dissertation research project in areas of Lesbian, Queer, and LGBT Studies that resonates with the mission of NWSA. (3) NWSA Women of Color Caucus Awards: Four \$500 awards will be made to women of color for an unpublished essay engaging in critical discussions and/or analyses about feminist issues concerning women and girls of color in the United States and the diaspora. Deadline: May 15 annually for all awards. NWSA membership required. U.S. citizenship not required.

Roy Scrivner Memorial Research Grants (American Psychological Association)

<http://www.apa.org/apf/funding/scrivner.aspx>

These grants for advance doctoral students support empirical and applied research focused on lesbian, gay and bisexual family psychology and family therapy. Researchers from all fields of the behavioral and social sciences are encouraged to apply. One grant of up to \$15,000 is available annually. Deadline: November 1.

Sarah Pettit Doctoral Fellowship (Yale University)

<http://lgbs.yale.edu/pettit>

This “in residence” fellowship at the Department of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies at Yale University provides a year of support to a graduate student (from an institution other than Yale) who is writing a PhD dissertation in LGBT Studies, with lesbian studies as its focus. The winner receives \$20,000. The fellowship runs from September-June. Residence in New Haven and participation in LGBT Studies activities is required during the tenure of the fellowship. Deadline falls in January. This is traditionally a biennial fellowship (offered every other year.) Check the web site for information on the next application cycle.

Wayne F. Placek Grants (American Psychological Association)

<http://www.apa.org/apf/funding/placek.aspx>

One \$15,000 grant supporting empirical research from all fields of the behavioral and social sciences on any topic related to lesbian, gay, or bisexual issues. Open to graduate students and early-career researchers. Proposals are especially encouraged for empirical studies that address the following topics: (1) Heterosexuals' attitudes and behaviors toward lesbians and gay men, including prejudice, discrimination and violence. (2) Family and workplace issues relevant to lesbians and gay men. (3) Subgroups of the lesbian and gay population that have historically been underrepresented in scientific research. Deadline: March 1.

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 or gender restrictions. Open to all disciplines/majors with emphasis on women’s issues in public policy. Deadline: June. Note: This program was not offered in 2014. Please check the web site for updates on future competition cycles.

Woodrow Wilson Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship in Women’s Studies

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

This fellowship 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. The fellowship 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. Application deadline: October (for awards in the subsequent academic year.)

Other Awards that May Be of Interest to Graduate Students in Women's and Gender Studies

The following awards are not specifically targeted at Women's and/or Gender Studies, and some are open to a wide range of fields (including the sciences and professional fields.) However, due to the type of projects and/or candidates they support, may be of particular interest to graduate students in WGS.

AAUW (American Association of University Women) Fellowships

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

AAUW sponsors a number of different fellowship program supporting graduate education and professional development for women. The AAUW programs most relevant to current graduate students are:

- American Fellowships: Dissertation completion (and postdoctoral research) awards of up to \$30,000 for U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Application deadline: November.
- International Fellowships: Funds one year of graduate or postdoctoral study in the U.S. for non-U.S. citizens or permanent residents. (Dual citizens are not eligible.) \$18,000 at the master's level, \$20,000 for doctoral, \$30,000 at the postdoctoral level. A small number of awards may be renewed for a second year. Application deadline: December.
- Career Development Grants: Provides funding of up to \$12,000 to women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance or change careers or re-enter the workforce. Priority is given to women of color, women pursuing their first advanced degree, and women pursuing credentials in nontraditional fields. Doctoral work is not supported. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Funds are available for tuition, fees, books, supplies, local transportation, and dependent care. Application deadline: December.
- Selected Professions Fellowships: Selected Professions Fellowships of up to \$18,000 are awarded to women who intend to pursue a full-time course of study at accredited U.S. institutions during the fellowship year in one of the designated degree programs where women's participation traditionally has been low (see list below). Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Eligible fields include master's programs in: Architecture, Computer/Information Sciences, Engineering, and Mathematics/Statistics. Additionally, applications from women of color are accepted in the following fields: MBA (second year of study only), Law (third year of study only); and Medicine (third or fourth year of study.) Application deadline: January.

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships

<http://woodrow.org/fellowships/newcombe/>

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. Application deadline: November (for the subsequent academic year.)

Davis-Putter Scholarships

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

Need-based grants (up to \$10,000) for undergraduate or graduate student activists working for peace and justice on campus and/or in the wider community, with an emphasis on socially progressive causes. No citizenship restrictions, but applicant must be enrolled in a U.S. institution and residing in the U.S. Preference is given to applicants who show an interest in continuing their activism in the U.S. after graduation. Prospective applicants are encouraged to read the profiles of past awardees at the Davis Putter web site to gain a sense of the typical awardee profile. Deadline: April 1.

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Fellowships

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

Dissertation completion award of \$20,000 for candidates in the final year of their 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. Deadline: February 1 (for awards in the subsequent academic year).

Human Rights Watch Fellowships in International Human Rights

<http://www.hrw.org/en/about/fellowships>

For recent graduates 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., and in some instances in other locations. Open to students completing a relevant graduate degree in the year of application and those who are recent graduates of Master's and JD programs. No citizenship restrictions. Proficiency in at least one foreign language and knowledge of countries/regions where there are significant human rights concerns is strongly preferred. Deadline: Early October (for awards beginning the following year in September.)

Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund Scholarships

<http://www.mmmf-grants.org/home/uscanada-program>

The McNamara fellowship is for women international students from developing countries who are currently studying in the U.S. or Canada and will be at least 25 years of age at the time of application. It is open to all fields at all levels (undergraduate, master's, or doctoral), with emphasis on international development, policy, and service toward improving the lives of women and children in developing countries. Recipients agree to return to their home country after graduation to perform service in keeping with this goal. Prospective applicants should carefully read eligibility requirements and FAQs at the web site. Deadline: January.

Villers Fellowship for Healthcare Justice

<http://www.familiesusa.org/fellowships/the-villers-fellowship.html>

The Villers Fellow works as a full-time policy analyst in Families USA's Health Policy Department in Washington, D.C. During their year-long tenure, Villers Fellows work on Medicaid and enrollment policy issues and develop an understanding of the federal legislative and regulatory process. They will also be exposed to different advocacy strategies, including producing analytic reports, disseminating effective messages through the media, successful coalition building, and e-advocacy techniques. The fellowship runs from August through July, and Fellows will receive a compensatory package that includes an annual salary of approximately \$38,000 and excellent health care benefits. Deadline: January.

Wellstone Fellowship for Social Justice

<http://www.familiesusa.org/fellowships/wellstone-fellowship.html>

The Wellstone Fellowship is a year-long professional development award in Families USA's Health Policy Department in Washington, D.C., designed to increase the number of low-income, American Indian & Alaska Native, Asian American, Black/African American, Latino, and Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander social justice leaders. The Wellstone Fellow's primary responsibilities include drafting talking points, blogs, fact sheets, and other publications, as well as developing content for the Families USA website and email lists that promotes health equity and the reduction and elimination of disparities in health and health care. The fellowship runs from August through July, and Fellows will receive a compensatory package that includes an annual salary of approximately \$38,000 and excellent health care benefits. Deadline: January

Awards for Women Graduate Students

The following awards seek to support women pursuing advanced degrees in a wide range of fields, including fields where women are traditionally under-represented.

AAUW (American Association of University Women) Fellowships

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

See description above.

Google-Anita Borg Memorial Scholarship for Women in Computer Science

<http://www.google.com/anitaborg/us/>

A \$10,000 scholarship in support of women in computer science, computer engineering, or a closely related technical field. Open to undergraduate seniors planning to enter graduate school as well as to continuing graduate students. No citizenship restrictions. Application deadline: January.

Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund Scholarships

<http://www.mmmf-grants.org/home/uscanada-program>

See description above.

Microsoft Research Graduate Women's Scholarship Program

<http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/collaboration/awards/fellows-women.aspx>

The Microsoft Research Graduate Women's Scholarship is a one-year scholarship program for outstanding women graduate students in Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, or Mathematics (if your program is within the scope of these areas, but is titled differently, you are eligible). This program supports women in the second year of their graduate studies ONLY. Women who are interested in this scholarship must apply during first year of graduate studies. The award is \$15,000 for the academic year plus \$2,000 to allow recipients to attend a conference in their field of academic study. Applicants who intend to pursue a PhD are strongly preferred. Departmental nomination is required for this fellowship. Please consult the Director of Graduate Fellowships well in advance of the deadline for details on how to obtain this nomination. Deadline: October

NOAA Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program

<http://fosterscholars.noaa.gov/aboutscholarship.html>

Provides support for outstanding scholarship and encourages independent graduate-level research in oceanography, marine biology, or maritime archaeology, particularly by women and members of minority groups. \$30,000 stipend plus additional funds to support tuition and other expenses. Multi-year awards are possible. Application deadline: December.

P.E.O. International

<http://www.peointernational.org/peo-projects-and-philanthropies>

PEO International Sisterhood offers scholarships for women in higher education. The awards most relevant to graduate students are the following: (1) PEO Scholars Award, a one-time competitive, merit-based award of up to \$15,000 for women who are citizens of the US or Canada pursuing a doctoral level degree. Priority is given to women who are well established in their programs, study or research. (2) PEO International Peace Scholarships provides scholarships of up to \$10,000 for selected women from other countries for graduate study in the United States and Canada.

Women In Defense (WID) HORIZONS Scholarships

<http://wid.ndia.org/horizon/Pages/default.aspx>

Through the HORIZONS Scholarship, WID encourages women to pursue careers related to U.S. national security and defense and to provide development opportunities to women already working in national security and defense fields. The scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance to further educational objectives of women who are U.S. citizens either employed or planning careers in defense or national security areas. Preferred fields of study: security studies, military history, government relations, engineering, computer science, cyber security, physics, mathematics, international relations, political science, and economics. Others will be considered if the applicant can successfully demonstrate relevance to a career in the areas of national security or defense. The amount of the awards varies according to applicant need and available funds. Deadline: July 1.

Zonta International Amelia Earhardt Fellowship for Women

<http://www.zonta.org/WhatWeDo/InternationalPrograms/AmeliaEarhartFellowship.aspx>

Amelia Earhart Fellowship is awarded annually to women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace-related sciences and aerospace-related engineering. The fellowship of US\$10,000, awarded to 35 Fellows around the globe each year, may be used at any university or college offering accredited post-graduate courses and degrees in these fields. No citizenship restrictions. Deadline: November.