

Finding Ph.D. Funding

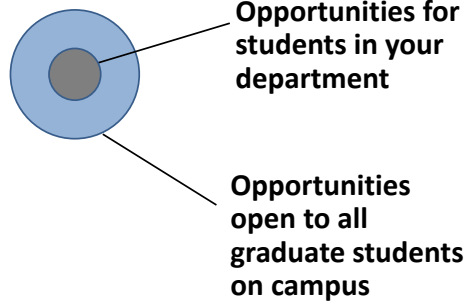
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Different Types of Money

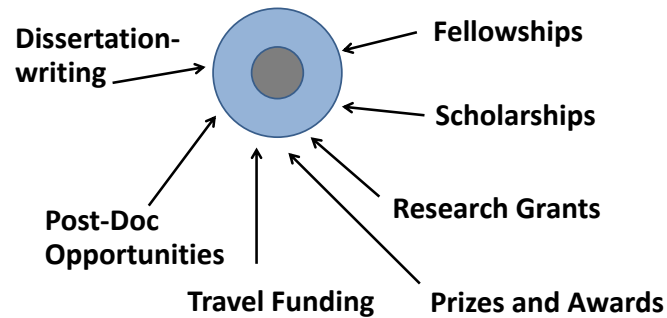
UW – internal funding



- Departmental funding (assistantships for tuition and living support), fellowships and awards for dissertation research and writing
- Funding from the graduate school
- Funding from UW Research Centers (e.g. Simpson Center for the Humanities)
- Some opportunities require nomination (e.g. Graduate School Presidential Dissertation Fellowship)

Different types of Money

External funding from outside UW



- Government, corporations, non-profits, professional or scholarly organizations, etc.
- External funding can be taken anywhere (not institution-specific)
- Based on merit, field of study, research topic or theme, and where you are in the research process
- Vocabulary: fellowship, scholarship, and grant sometimes used interchangeably; depends on specific funding source

Annual Calendar

September – December:

Deadlines for NEXT year

January – April:

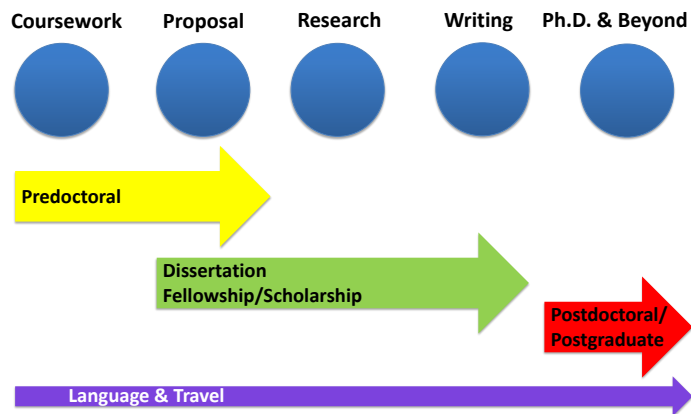
Deadlines for upcoming summer

April – September (and year-round):

Line up letters of recommendation
Prepare research proposals, CVs, etc.
Fall/year-long assistantships posted

- April deadline for the Graduate School Presidential Dissertation Fellowship
- Some deadlines for nationally-coveted fellowships (ex. Fulbright, Luce Scholars, Javits) are before UW starts fall quarter and require extensive prep
- When planning a multi-year funding search, always check “closed” or “previously awarded” opportunities in funding databases to see what recently-passed deadlines you might be able to meet next year

What types of funding at what time?



- Search terms for where you are in your program and where you are in the dissertation process
- There are a few opportunities tied specifically to dissertation proposal development (e.g. Social Science Research Council)

The UW Graduate School Office of Fellowships and Awards

<https://www.grad.washington.edu/students/fa/>

- Fellowships Calendar
- Advising regarding opportunities on Fellowships Calendar



- UW Grad School maintains a calendar of major fellowship and awards
- Both internal UW and nationally-coveted fellowships
- Some require departmental or institutional nomination
- Designated advisors provide info sessions and application prep advice

Some “Fellowships Calendar” Funding by Type

General Funding

- American Association of University Women (AAUW) International
- Bullitt Environmental
- DOE Computational Science
- Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral
- Fanny and John Hertz
- National Defense Science and Engineering
- National Physical Sciences Consortium
- NSF Graduate Research
- UWRA Fellowship in Aging

Travel & Language Funding

- Boren
- Central Europe Summer Research
- Foreign Language Area Study
- Chester A. Fritz and Boeing for International Research and Study
- Fulbright Study/Research Abroad
- German Academic Exchange Service

Dissertation-specific

- **AAUW American**
- **Graduate School Presidential Dissertation in the Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Social Professions**
- **Ford Foundation Dissertation**
- Gatzert Child Welfare
- **GO-MAP Stroum Dissertation**
- **Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion**

Post-graduate:

- Ford Foundation Postdoctoral
- German Academic Exchange Service Fellowship
- Presidential Management Fellowship

- UW funding in purple

- General dissertation writing support in bold

Finding other external funding



General doctoral funding

- Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans

Research funding

- **International Dissertation Research Fellowship (SSRC)**
- Joseph L Fisher Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
- National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Graduate Research Fellowship Program
- **NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants**
- UNCF/Merck Science Research Dissertation Fellowships
- Wenner Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
- Whitaker Fellows

- Consider where you are in the process of study, research, and writing

- These two slides highlight some funding opportunities available at various levels, with the most generally relevant ones in bold

Dissertation writing funding

- Social Science Research Council
- Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Alexander Award
- **Harry Frank Guggenheim Dissertation Fellowships**
- Charlotte W. Newcombe

Post-doctoral opportunities

- Genetics and Public Policy Fellowship
- Senior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program

Funding from professional associations

- American Psychological Association Dissertation Research
- Society for Research in Child Development
- Association of American Geographers

GFIS subject guide

<http://guides.lib.washington.edu/gfis>

Funding by discipline

Funding by Discipline	Arts & Humanities	Business
<p>Check the Guide for a list of all opportunities in your field. You can also search for specific disciplines. The list includes all opportunities that are currently open and all opportunities that are expected to open in the future.</p> <p>Current ID: 123456789</p>	<p>Arts & Humanities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts & Humanities Council Arts & Humanities Foundation Arts & Humanities Society Arts & Humanities Trust Arts & Humanities Foundation Arts & Humanities Society Arts & Humanities Trust Arts & Humanities Foundation Arts & Humanities Society Arts & Humanities Trust <p>Current ID: 123456789</p>	<p>Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Council Business Foundation Business Society Business Trust Business Foundation Business Society Business Trust Business Foundation Business Society Business Trust <p>Current ID: 123456789</p>
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Subscription databases



Other university databases



- The GFIS guide is a great resource for targeted search tools and databases
- Subscription databases are SciVal and Grant Forward (available through UW authentication)
- Both have 25,000+ opportunities for private, foundational, federal, etc. funding
- Both allow you to make a free account to save searches and set email alerts
- Both allow you to filter results based on international student status
- SciVal: strong in “hard sciences” and upper-level/professional researchers, but does have opportunities for other disciplines/levels
- Grant Forward: a new subscription; has good breadth in terms of discipline and level
- Other university databases: you don’t need to be a student at these institutions to access their lists of external funding opportunities

Search Tips & Best Practices

- Brainstorming search terms...
- Open web searching...
 - Bilingual Education
 - Dissertation “bilingual education” funding
 - “Dissertation funding” “language acquisition” bilingual
 - “Funding opportunities” “secondary education” PhD Linguistics
- “Goldilocks”
- Keep a “No” list to refer back to.
- Always look in more than one place!

- Search terms:
 - How can you market your research (discipline, field, specific project, methods, themes, etc.)?
 - How can you market yourself (identity markers: heritage, ethnicity, faith, volunteer or previous work experience, etc.)
- Open web: careful searches can pay off (see tips from googleguide.com)
- Goldilocks: try broad searches, then more specific/filtered searches until you find a happy medium that doesn’t exclude relevant opportunities
- “No” list:
 - track what, where, and how you’ve already searched
 - track opportunities you’ve already determined you’re not eligible for so you don’t waste time re-checking
- Always search more than one database

Strategies & Organization

- Plan ahead
 - Automate what you can
 - Take a tiered approach
 - Keep an updated “Go” packet
 - Contact recommenders
 - Keep track of deadlines
 - Network!

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1	Name of funding opport	Deadline	Websites	Requirements	Amount	Questions	Status
2							
3							
4							
5							

- Automate: save searches and sign up for alerts in SciVal and Grant Forward; subscribe to the GFIS blog
- Tiered approach: look for large and small funding opportunities; put the most energy toward “perfect match” pool of funding opportunities; apply anyway to potential fits or “maybes”
- “Go” packet: keep an updated CV/resume, cover letter, project proposal/research statement on hand in case of surprise deadlines
- Recommenders: have back-up options; prepare an info packet with application materials and clear deadline/submission instructions
- Deadlines: especially when doing a multi-year funding plan, keep track of closed opportunities that might open in the future
- Network: gather advice about opportunities from faculty, professionals, other students, organizations

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One-on-one appointments

Drop-in hours

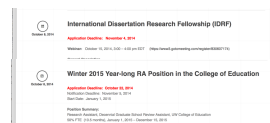
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Public presentations

Customized presentations for depts.,
student groups, classes

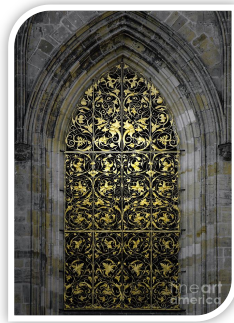
Subject guide

Blog



- Appointments in-person on the UW Seattle campus or via Skype for admitted or enrolled UW graduate students
- Blog post about UW assistantship openings, funding information sessions, and major funding opportunities descriptions/deadlines

**Don't miss the
golden window...**



...apply now!

Thank You

Fall 2014 Drop-In Hours:

Tuesdays: 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Thursdays: 1:30 - 2:30 pm

One-on-one Consultations:

Weekdays, by appt.

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