



FUNDING GRADUATE SCHOOL AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

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Today you will...

- ④ Learn the differences between undergrad and grad funding;
- ④ Discover the different types of graduate funding;
- ④ Search for graduate funding.



Funding for graduate school is different....

- ⦿ Unlike undergraduate education, there are no federal grants available. The FAFSA will only yield loans.
- ⦿ But don't despair, there is plenty of money available...

At the graduate level, you seek funding/support; not financial aid!





Doing the legwork is a big part
of finding the money.



Apply!

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Let a “ship” pay for grad school...

- Teaching Assistantship*
- Research Assistantship*
- Graduate Assistantship*
- Fellowship*



*Funding application process/deadline differs from admission application process/deadline.

Assistantships

- Awarded by institution
- Available at most research universities
- Teaching, research, or administrative duties
- Monthly stipend for living expenses
- Tuition - waived, reduced, or assists in paying
- Requires good academic progress

Fellowships

- ⦿ Awarded by university or outside agency.
- ⦿ No service (work) required.
- ⦿ Awards based primarily on merit.
- ⦿ Monthly stipend for living expenses.
- ⦿ Tuition usually waived or paid.
- ⦿ Single or multi-year

Other Funding Sources

What's in your own backyard?

UNLV Scholarships and Fellowships

<http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/financing/scholarships.html>

Other Funding Sources

A number of institutions have set aside incentives strictly for McNair Scholars.

http://www.coenet.us/files/mcnair_scholars_fee_waiver_list-Entire_List_022414.pdf

More Sources

◎ Peterson's

- <http://www.petersons.com/graduate-schools/graduate-loans-scholarships.aspx>

◎ Grad Schools.com

- [http://www.gradschools.com/article-detail/graduate-fellowships-1676#Some Examples of Institutional Fellowships](http://www.gradschools.com/article-detail/graduate-fellowships-1676#Some_Examples_of_Institutional_Fellowships)

◎ Examples of Fellowship Databases

- UNLV <http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/financing/external.html>
- Cornell <http://www.gradschool.cornell.edu/fellowships>

Other ways to locate external funds...

- Faculty
- Professional organizations
- Professional journals/newsletters
- Search engines
- Graduate school representatives

Example

◎ The Ford Fellowship

<http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/index.htm>

Activity

- Use one of the databases below to identify at least one fellowship:

UNLV <http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/financing/external.html>

Cornell <http://www.gradschool.cornell.edu/fellowships>

- Or, go to the website for your “dream school” to find a funding source.
- Or, use one of the upcoming links to learn more about a fellowship.

Let's find the money!

Find out the following:

- Name of funding source
- Amount of award
- Eligibility requirements
- How to apply
- Deadline
- Duration of funding
- Renewability
- Requirements to remain eligible

More Fellowship Opportunities for Graduate Students

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Research Fellowships	http://www.sloan.org/
American Association of University Women (AAUW) American Dissertation Fellowships	www.aauw.org
American Educational Research Association (AERA) Minority Dissertation Fellowships in Education Research	www.aera.net
American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Fellowships	www.acls.org

Beinecke Scholarship Program	www.beineckescholarship.org/
The Boren Award	http://www.borenawards.org/boren_fellowship
College Scholarships.org	http://www.collegescholarships.org/grants/graduate.htm
Council for Opportunity in Education – McNair Scholars	http://www.coenet.us/files/mcnair_scholars_fee_waiver_list-entire_list_120512.pdf
The Ford Fellowship	http://sites.nationalacademies.org/P/PGA/FordFellowships/index.htm

Foundation for Jewish Culture - Dissertation Fellowships in Jewish Studies	www.jewishculture.org
Gates Cambridge Scholarship	http://www.gatescambridge.org/
George Mitchell Scholarships	http://www.us-irelandalliance.org/scholarships.html
Grad Schools.com	http://www.gradschools.com/article-detail/graduate-fellowships-1676
Harry Frank Guggenheim Dissertation Fellowships for Research in the Areas of Violence, Aggression, & Dominance	www.hfg.org

Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowships in Applied Physical Sciences	http://www.hertzfoundation.org/
Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Fellowship Program	www.jackkentcookefoundation.org/
James Madison Junior Fellowships	http://www.jamesmadison.com/
Kress Foundation History of Art Dissertation Research Travel Fellowships	www.kressfoundation.org
National GEM Consortium Fellowship	http://www.gemfellowship.org/gem-fellowship
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	http://www.nsf.gov/

Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans	www.pdsoros.org
Peterson's	http://www.petersons.com/graduate-schools/graduate-loans-scholarships.aspx
Princeton Review	http://www.princetonreview.com/scholarships-financial-aid.aspx
Rhodes Scholarship	www.rhodesscholar.org
Social Science Research Council (SSRC) International Dissertation Research Fellowships	www.ssrc.org

**Spencer Foundation
Dissertation Fellowships for
Research Related Education**

www.spencer.org

**U.S. Institute of Peace
Jennings Randolph Peach
Scholarship Dissertation
Program**

www.usip.org

**Wenner-Gren Dissertation
Fieldwork Grants for
Anthropology**

www.wennergren.org

**Winston Churchill
Scholarship Program**

<http://www.winstonchurchillfoundation.org/index.html>

**Woodrow Wilson National
Fellowships Foundation**

<http://woodrow.org>

What did you find?

Other sources.....

◎ **Employers**

- many companies offer tuition assistance to their employees for graduate studies

◎ **Military**

- all of the branches of the U.S. military offer tuition assistance



Loans (The Back-Up Plan)

- ◎ Be sure to complete the FAFSA
 - <http://www.fafsa.gov>
- ◎ Types of graduate loans:
 - <http://financialaid.unlv.edu/Information/loans/index.asp>

Loans can be a good thing, just remember to:

- ⦿ Borrow only what you need
- ⦿ Be aware of what your monthly payments will be – <http://studentloans.gov> – repayment plans & calculators
- ⦿ Understand the terms of the loan
 - Interest rate
 - Processing fee
 - Repayment terms & options

Other words of advice...

- ⦿ Talk to your grad school department about teaching and/or research assistantships. Most times they include full or partial tuition-waiver and a stipend.
- ⦿ Pay attention to deadlines. Don't wait until the last moment.
- ⦿ As you are awarded fellowships, scholarships, etc. be sure to keep copies of the notification.
- ⦿ Don't assume you have to go into debt to complete your graduate studies. There is money out there. You just have to look for it!



Do everything possible to
make your graduate
education free!