

Identifying Funding

Sources:

How to Search for Funding Opportunities in STEM and the Health Sciences

The Graduate Funding Information Center

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Topics for Today



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1. Funding Strategies
2. Funding Databases
3. UNC Graduate School Funding Opportunities
4. External Opportunities
5. Proposal Writing



Funding Strategies



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How did you learn about this award?

academy **advisor** alma american announcement apta association colleagues
committee **communications** department departmental diabetics diversity email
employer found gamma **google** grad humanities internet **kappa** learning magazine **member**
networks **newsletter** north nutrition **online** organization personal **previous** professor
research scholarship school sciences **search** sigma strength **student** studies teaching texas
undergraduate university web website



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- **Trade up.** Funders look favorably on applicants who have already completed successfully for smaller grants.



Types of Funding



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- Scholarships
- Assistantships
 - Graduate
 - Teaching
 - Research
- Fellowships
 - Stipends
- Travel
- Prizes or Awards



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Internal Opportunities



Fall

- Spring 2024 Off-Campus Dissertation Research Fellowship
- AY 24-25 Dolores Z. Liebmann Fellowship
- Fall 2023 Graduate Tuition Incentive Scholarship
- 2024 Impact Award
- 2024 Dean's Distinguished Dissertation Award

Spring

- 2024 Summer Research Fellowship
- Spring 2024 Graduate Tuition Incentive Scholarship
- AY 24-25 Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- Fall 2024 Off-Campus Dissertation Research Fellowship



Funding Databases



- InfoEd SPIN
- Strive
- UNC Global Embark
- Profellow
- UNC External Award Winners

Funding Databases: InfoEd SPIN



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<input type="checkbox"/>	013356	Clinical and Translational Science Ph.D. Program	Mayo Graduate School		01-Dec-2019	Not Specified	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	084105	STEM Major Scholarships - STEM Teacher Graduate Scholarships	Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association		10-Apr-2020	2,500.00 USD	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	037749	University Research Scholarships	University of Leeds		Continuous Submission	Not Specified	<input type="checkbox"/>
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- [InfoEd Global SPIN](#)
- Comprehensive database containing over 40,000 funding opportunities from more than 10,000 sponsors
- Create a profile using your UNC email address for additional useful features
- Access SPIN anonymously from any computer on UNC campus network

Strive Funding Database



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Strive: Scholarship and Fellowship Database



Search Humanities and Fine Arts (155) When to Apply North America (155)

Award Type

- Fellowship
- Scholarship
- Graduate School / Research
- Internship
- Summer Opportunities
- Prize
- Teaching
- Undergraduate / Research
- Combination
- Study Abroad
- UNC Students Only

GPA Minimum

- None
- 3-4
- 2-3

Minority Focus

- No
- Yes

Non-US Citizen

- Yes
- No

Need-Based

- No
- Yes

Scholarship	Subject	GPA Minimum	Location
AAUW International Fellowships International Fellowships are awarded for full-time study or research in the United States to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Both graduate and postgraduate studies at accredited U.S. institutions are supported.	Additional Fellowships, Global Studies & Foreign Language Skills, Humanities and Fine Arts, Math & Science, Media & Journalism, Professional (Medicine/Law/Business), Public Policy & Social Sciences	None	North America
Academy Nicholl Fellowship The Academy Nicholl Fellowships in Screenwriting is an international screenwriting competition established to identify and encourage talented new screenwriters. Each year, the Academy Nicholl screenwriting competition awards up to five \$35,000	Humanities and Fine Arts	None	North America

- [Strive](#)
- Scholarship and fellowship database managed by UNC Office of Distinguished Scholarships
- Editable filters to help narrow search

Strive Funding Database



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FUNDING FINDER

The Funding Finder allows you to filter a robust database of awards, programs and fellowships offered by UNC, government agencies and other organizations. (Graduate students, please also visit the [Graduate Funding Information Center](#) for a wide variety of other databases and resources.)

While every effort is made to ensure this information is accurate, you should verify the deadline, eligibility and other information with the sponsoring department or external organization. To suggest another opportunity to add to our Funding Finder database, please use [this online form](#).

NOTE: More opportunities will appear as you scroll down the page, and the database will automatically adjust as you select filters that meet your needs and interests. If the site gets a bit buggy and you get stuck at any point, please refresh the page to continue your search.

DEGREE STATUS

REQUIRED GPA

KEYWORD SEARCH

CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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Fellowship Type
Graduate study

Fellowship Discipline
Social Sciences / Liberal Arts

Fellowship Location
North America

Citizenship Requirement
United States

Work Experience
Less than 5 years

Search by fellowship name, country, keyword...

20 results Newest Deadline A-Z

Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship
The Washington Center
The Pickering Foreign Affairs Graduate Fellowships are supported by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. The Pickering Fellowships provide funding to graduate students as they prepare to join the U.S. Foreign Service as diplomats. Fellows are funded \$37,500 per year to help cover tuition costs first then room and board, books, mandatory fees and travel, pending availability of funds. Graduate-level Fellows receive stipends during participation in one 10-week domestic summer internship, and one 10-week summer overseas internship following the second year of graduate school.
Sep 17, 2019 North America
20 days left

Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship Program
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For those who want to become Foreign Service Officers in the U.S. Department of State, the Rangel Graduate Fellowship Program provides benefits of up to \$95,000 over two years toward a two-year master's degree, arranges internships on Capitol Hill and at U.S. embassies, and provides mentorship and professional development support. Fellows can use the fellowship to attend two-year master's programs in U.S. institutions to study any area of relevance to the Foreign Service. Applicants must be college seniors or graduates looking to start two-year graduate programs in the fall, must have GPAs of at least 3.2, and must be U.S. citizens.
Sep 24, 2019 North America
27 days left

Fulbright U.S. Student Program for Study/Research
Institute of International Education, US Department of State
A U.S. Student Fulbright Grant allows for individually designed study/research projects that will take place during one academic year (9-12 months) in a country outside the U.S. Applicants design their own projects and will typically work with advisers at foreign universities or other institutes of higher education. The study/research awards are available in approximately 140 countries. For recent BA/BS graduates, graduate and doctoral students, and young professionals including artists, musicians, writers, journalists, and those in law, business, and other professional fields. Undergraduate and graduate students must apply through their institution; professionals and former students can apply through their alma mater or At Large.
Oct 08, 2019 Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, Oceania, South America
41 days left

Thouron Award

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- Fellowship application tips in articles
- Add deadlines to calendar



- [UNC-Chapel Hill External Award Winners](#)
- See what scholarships **UNC students** have successfully applied for in the past
- See what scholarships are available in which **departments**



University Databases

- [Duke University](#)
- [University of California - Los Angeles](#)
- [Rutgers University](#)
- [University of Colorado-Boulder](#)

Oak Ridge Laboratory

- [Zintellect](#)



Sciences



- [Chateaubriand Fellowship Program](#) - The French Embassy in the United States is awarded to doctoral students who wish to research subjects within science, technology, engineering, mathematics, biology, and health and initiate or reinforce partnerships between French and American research teams.
- [Department of Defense](#) - The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program is a highly competitive award intended to support Americans trained in disciplines of military importance.
- [Department of Energy](#) - The Computational Science Graduate Fellowship provides four years of support to students studying engineering and physical, computer, mathematical, and life sciences.
- [The Hertz Foundation](#) - Hertz Fellowships are awarded to students of applied physical and biological sciences, mathematics, and engineering who are willing to accept the Foundation's moral commitment to make their skills available to the United States in a time of national emergency.
- [National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#) - The Graduate Research Fellowship Program supports graduate students pursuing NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines.

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program





To qualify for a Graduate Research Fellowship from the National Science Foundation, you must meet several eligibility requirements.

- You must be either a US citizen or permanent resident
- You must be Early-Career; this means that you must be either an undergraduate or graduate student
- You must be pursuing a research-based MS or PhD degree
- You cannot have previously accepted a Graduate Research Fellowship (if offered, you must have declined)
- You must have never previously applied to the GRFP while enrolled in a graduate degree program

There are several stages of your academic career in which you are eligible for a GRF.

- When you are a senior pursuing an undergraduate degree with no graduate study
- When you are in your first year of graduate study
- When you are in your second year of graduate study but have completed fewer than 12 months of graduate study by August of the year you apply
- When you have completed 12 or more months of graduate study **if** you are returning to graduate study after an interruption of two or more years



Your proposed research must be in an eligible field of study:

- Chemistry
- Computer and Information Science/Engineering
- Engineering
- Geosciences
- Life Sciences
- Materials Research
- Mathematical Sciences
- Physics and Astronomy
- Psychology
- Social Sciences
- STEM Education

Each year, certain fields are highlighted and new fields are occasionally added; be sure to read the current year's solicitation for the most accurate information.



What: Workshop to connect NSF GRFP applicants with awardees to review applicant materials and provide feedback

When: Thursday, Sept. 28th, 5:30-7:30pm

Where: Kenan Science Library (Venable Hall)

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/2bwwfc4h>



Health



- [Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health \(ASPPH\)](#) - The Environmental Health Fellowship Program provides graduate students with professional training and other opportunities by enabling them to work with the EPA on current and emerging environmental public health needs.
- [Association of Public Health Laboratories \(APHL\)](#) - The Laboratory Fellowship trains and prepares students for careers in public health laboratory science. Areas of interest include bioinformatics, biorisk management (biosafety), environmental health, infectious disease, informatics, food safety, newborn screening, and quality management.
- [Fogarty International Center](#) - In partnership with the Fulbright program, the Fulbright-Fogarty Fellowship Program in Public Health promotes the expansion of research in public health and clinical research in resource-limited settings for medical and graduate students.
- [Kennedy Krieger Institute](#) - The Dr. James A. Ferguson Emerging Infectious Diseases R.I.S.E. Fellowship Program is a CDC-funded summer program providing educational and professional development for students interested in infectious diseases, public health, mental health, maternal and child health, and/or health disparities research.
- [National Institute of Health \(NIH\)](#) - The Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award helps predoctoral students to obtain individualized, mentored research training from faculty sponsors while conducting dissertation research in scientific health-related fields relevant to NIH missions.

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Funding for Women

Scholarships/Fellowships for Women



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- [**American Association of University Women \(AAUW\)**](#) - AAUW American Fellowships support women scholars who are completing dissertations, planning research leave from accredited institutions, or preparing research for publication.
- [**Graduate Women in Science**](#) - The National Fellowship Program supports women conducting doctoral research in the natural sciences.
- [**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association \(NOAA\)**](#) - The Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program supports female graduate students studying oceanography, marine biology, and maritime archaeology.
- [**P.E.O. International Scholar Merit Awards**](#) - P.E.O. Scholar Awards are one-time, competitive, merit-based awards for women of the United States and Canada who are pursuing a doctoral level degree at an accredited college or university.
- [**Society of Women Engineers**](#) - Scholarships are available for graduate students preparing for careers in engineering, engineering technology, and computer science.



Thesis Funding



- [National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#) - The Geography and Spatial Sciences Program supports doctoral research on the geographic distributions and interactions of human, physical, and biotic systems on Earth.
- [German Academic Exchange Service \(DAAD\)](#) - Research Grants support students looking to conduct dissertation research in Germany.
- [Inter-American Foundation \(IAF\)](#) - The Grassroots Development PhD Fellowship Program supports dissertation research in Latin America and the Caribbean on topics within the physical sciences and technical fields.
- [American-Scandinavian Foundation \(ASF\)](#) - Fellowships support individuals, with priority given to doctoral students, looking to conduct research in one or more Scandinavian country in any field of study.
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) - The Grant for Public Health Research supports doctoral students conducting dissertation research focusing on methodological and research topics that relate to CDC interests.

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Proposal Writing



Successful Proposals Collection

- Database of Carolina graduate students' successful applications
- Look for examples where students:
 - establish a sincere, enthusiastic tone
 - supply appropriate detail
 - appeal to funders without pandering





Other Proposal Writing Guidelines:

- [Grant Proposals \(or Give me the money!\)](#) (UNC Writing Center)
- [Profellow Application Articles](#)
- [Grant Writing Tips for Graduate Students](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)
- [Personal Statements and Essays](#) (Worcester Polytechnic Institute)

Key Takeaways



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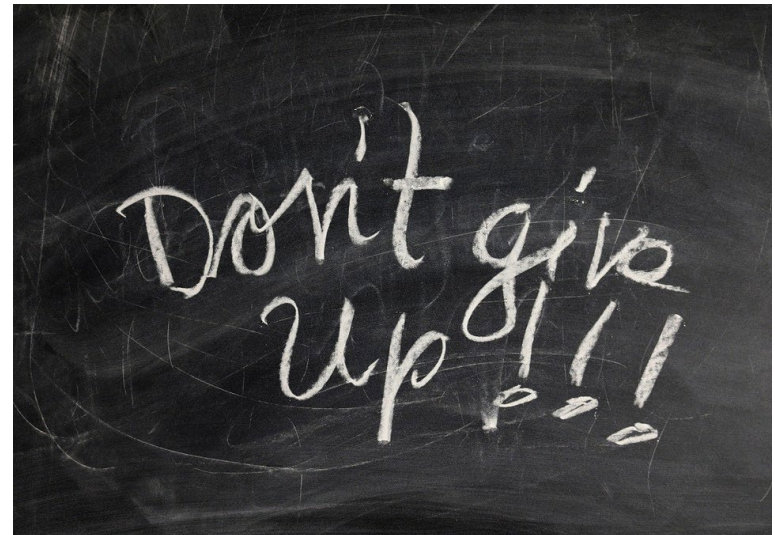


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