Different Types of Money

**UW – internal funding**

- Opportunities for students in your department
- Opportunities open to all graduate students on campus

- 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

- Dissertation-writing
- Fellowships
- Scholarships
- Post-Doc Opportunities
- Research Grants
- Travel Funding
- Prizes and Awards

- 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?

- Coursework
- Proposal
- Research
- Writing
- Ph.D. & Beyond
- Predoctoral
- Dissertation Fellowship/Scholarship
- Postdoctoral/Postgraduate
- Language & Travel

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

#### Dissertation-specific
- AAUW American
  - Graduate School Presidential Dissertation in the Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Social Professions
- Ford Foundation Dissertation
- Gatzert Child Welfare
- GD-MAP Strom Dissertation
- Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion

#### 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

#### 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

![Map with magnifying glass](image-url)
**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

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 gooogleguide.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!

- 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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**Graduate Funding Information Service**

- One-on-one appointments
- Drop-in hours
  - 10/30 @ 3:30
- 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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