

Summer Strategies: Organizing Your Funding Search

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The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Graduate Funding Information Service website. It includes tabs for Home, Graduate Funding 101, Start Your Search, Funding from UW, International Students, and Workshop. Below the navigation bar, there is a section titled 'What's in the Guide' with a purple header. The text in this section describes the guide's purpose and provides a list of links to various resources.

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What's in the Guide

This guide provides access to an extensive array of funding resources. The resources have been grouped into categories that reflect the types of searches most graduate students are likely to undertake. You'll find information about internal funding from the University of Washington, external resources you can search, as well as tips and advice for your funding search.

Use the tabs above or the links below to navigate through the guide.

- [Graduate Funding 101](#) - Funding types and when to look for funding
- [Start Your Search](#) - Looking for scholarships, fellowships, and funding from outside UW? Start your search here!
- [Funding from UW](#) - Resources from UW that can help students find funding and campus assistantships.
- [International Students](#) - Resources and tips for finding funding for international students.
- [Workshop Recordings & Handouts](#) - Miss a workshop? Want to know when the next one is? Check here!

Overview: 5 Steps to Success

Goal = Maximize summer to make for a less-stressful fall application season

- 1. Do a self-inventory**
- 2. Get organized**
- 3. Find opportunities**
- 4. Compile application materials**
- 5. Apply!**

1. Do a self-inventory

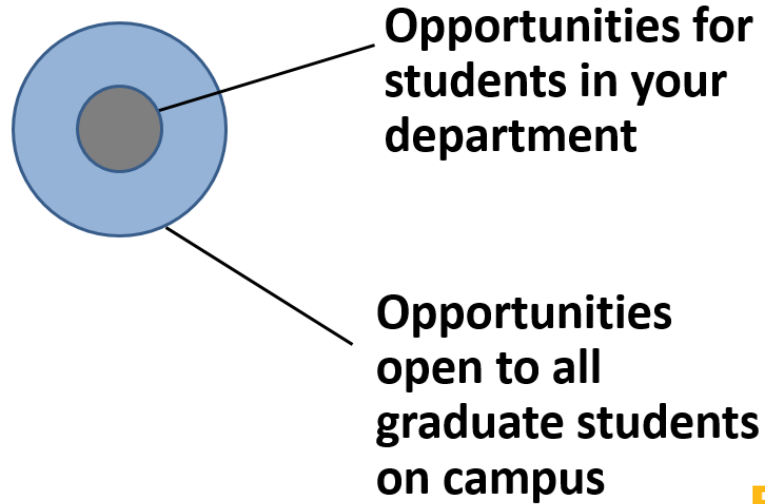
What type of funding do I need, and when?

Things to keep in mind:

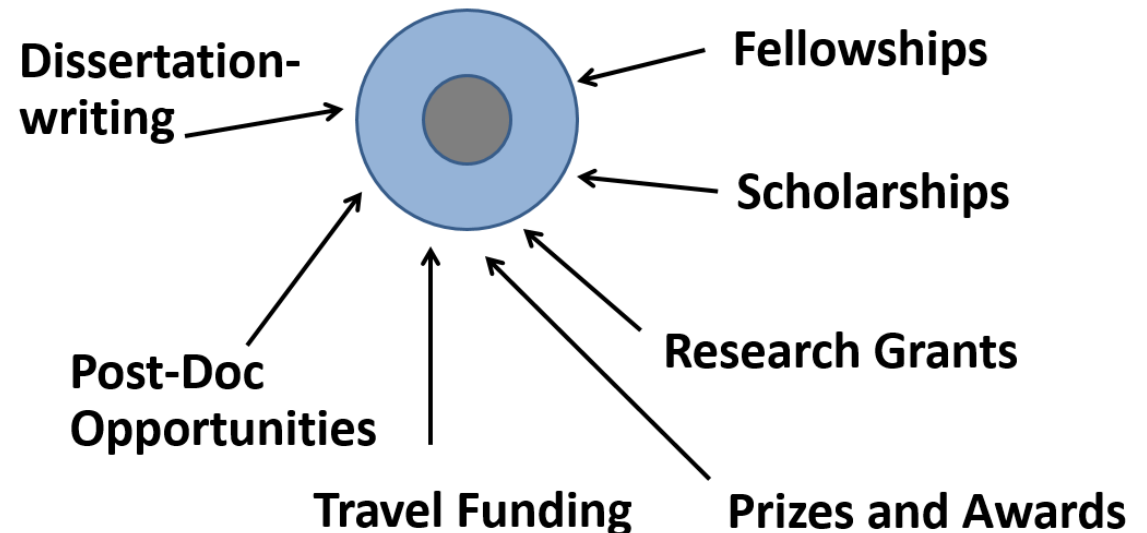
- ✓ Different types of funding
- ✓ Typical funding needs during my degree
- ✓ Annual funding calendar
- ✓ My qualities as an applicant
(degree/program, research interests, identity)
- ✓ My status as a student
(international? fee-based? part-time? online?)

✓ Different types of funding

UW – internal funding



External funding from outside UW



✓ Funding needs during degree

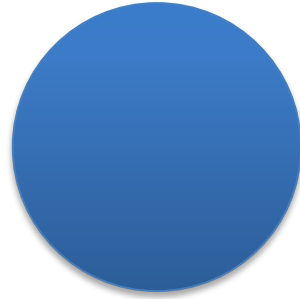
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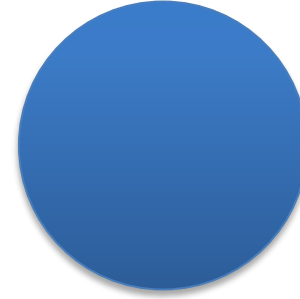
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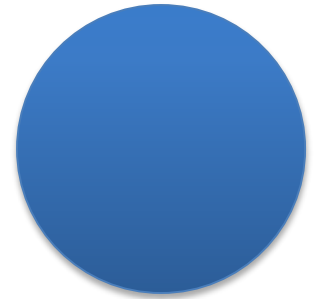
Research



Writing



Ph.D. & Beyond



**Master's
Predoctoral**



Dissertation Fellowship/Scholarship



**Postdoctoral/
Postgraduate**



Language & Travel



✓ Annual funding calendar

September – December

Deadlines for NEXT year

January – April

Deadlines for upcoming summer

April – September (and year-round)

Organize funding search

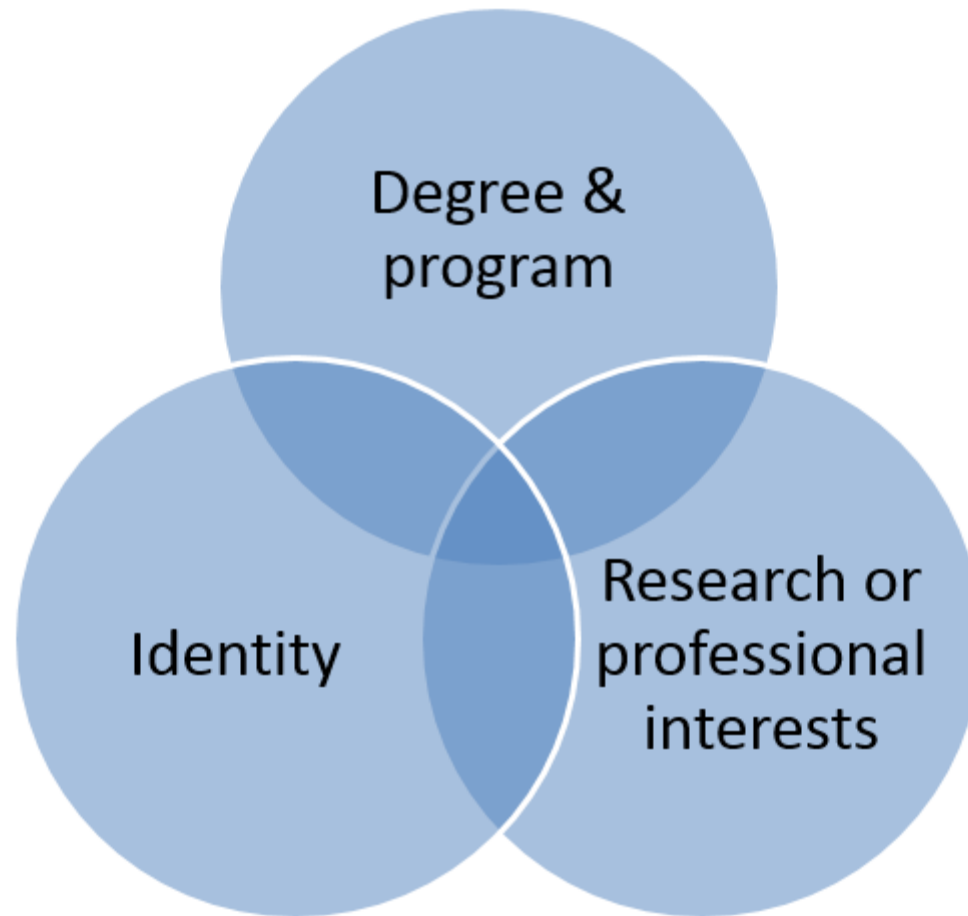
Prepare research proposals, CVs, etc.

Line up letters of recommendation

Fall/year-long assistantships posted

✓ My qualities as an applicant

In which domains might I seek funding?



✓ My status as a student

What things might limit my eligibility?

- International students

Not eligible for U.S. government financial aid

May not be eligible for *some* internal and external funding

May have special opportunities designed for international students

- Fee-based programs

Not eligible for *some* internal funding and assistantships

For basic information about fee-based programs, see:

<http://depts.washington.edu/registra/students/feeBasedFAQ.php>

- Part-time or online-only programs

2. Get organized

How will I keep track of opportunities, deadlines, and application progress?

Tips:

- ✓ Build an Excel spreadsheet
- ✓ Keep a “No” list to refer back to
- ✓ Check to see if a FAFSA is required

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Name of funding opportunity	Deadline	Websites	Requirements	Amount	Questions	Status
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							

Actively tracking Not going to apply Where to start next

3. Find opportunities

Where and how should I look?

Tips:

- ✓ Explore UW resources
- ✓ Learn to find assistantships
- ✓ Use funding databases for powerful searching
- ✓ Be creative

✓ Explore UW Resources

Department funding

GO-MAP

**(Graduate Opportunities & Minority
Achievement Program)**

<http://www.grad.washington.edu/gomap/>



Office of Fellowships & Awards

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

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

✓ Learn to find assistantships

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March 30,
2015

2015-2016 GSA Position in the ADVANCE Center for Institutional Change

Application deadline: April 30, 2015

The ADVANCE Center for Institutional Change in the College of Engineering has an outstanding opportunity for a 50% Graduate Staff Assistant (20 hours per week) to join our team. ADVANCE seeks to create a diverse, thriving campus in which all faculty in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) receive proper support,

<http://grantsandfundinginformationserviceblog.wordpress.com/>

Departments & Schools

Academic Departments

The following list represents only those UW academic departments that have provided Web site addresses. (Submit department info)

- Aeronautics and Astronautics
- African Studies
- American Ethnic Studies
- American Indian Studies
- Anesthesiology
- Anthropology

Colleges and Schools

- Arts and Sciences
- Built Environments
- Business

<http://www.washington.edu/about/academics/departments/>

UW Hires

Job Search

Req #:

From: To:

Title:

Job Location:

Category:

Keywords:

<https://uw hires.admin.washington.edu/eng/candidates/default.cfm?szLocationID=88>

Research Centers

Research Centers and Institutes

The University of Washington is known for its strategic, multidisciplinary research. Within our extensive network of Centers and Institutes, UW researchers, staff, and students work across disciplines to extend the boundaries of knowledge.



Find a Center

Interested in learning more about focused work in a specific area or finding a collaborator to support your efforts? Discover UW Research Centers.

Search

Supports boolean search

<http://www.washington.edu/research/centers/>

✓ Use funding databases

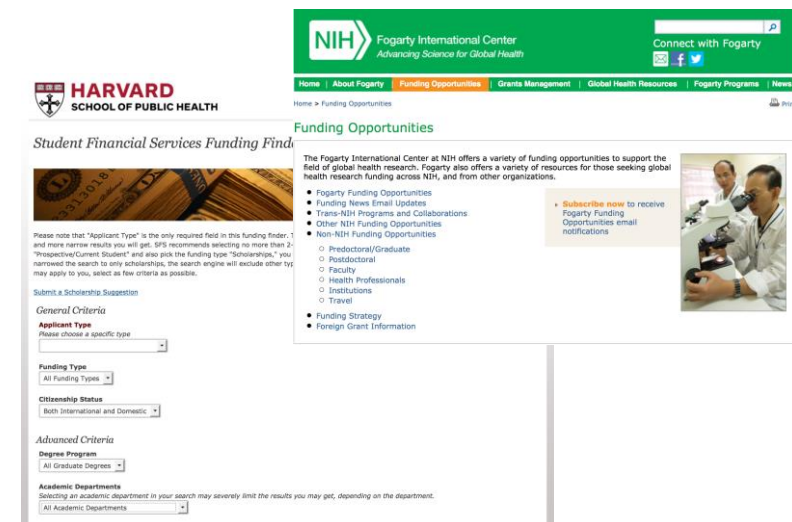
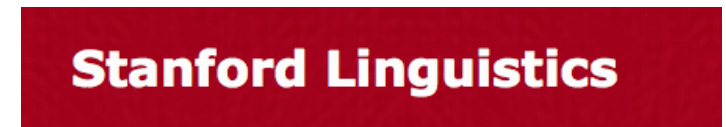
Subscription

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



Subject-specific

From other universities



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Tips for Searching Databases

Funding databases can be a great central resource to search many different sponsor organizations and funding opportunities based on criteria such as discipline, type of award, and user-generated keywords.


One of the most useful things about searching databases is using your own keywords. These keywords allow you to be as broad or specific as you want. Have at least **3-5 keywords** that describe:

1. your discipline/area of study
2. any specific research interests or funding needs.

Outside of finding specific opportunities, searching the funding databases can be a great way to discover organizations that fund work in your field! Always a good idea to follow leads and see what other funding they offer that might not be in the databases.

Subscription Databases

Subscription databases contain many different types of funding for a wide variety of individuals and organizations. Both SciVal and Grant Forward contain opportunities ranging from small scholarships to large grants for non-profit and community organizations. These are a great place to start your search! *These are available to students with a valid UW NetID and password.*

- [Grant Forward](#) 
Searches for funding opportunities across a wide variety of foundation, federal and other funding sources. Formerly called IRIS.
- [SciVal Funding](#) 
SciVal is a powerful funding database that allows you to search via many different criteria and includes funding opportunities from government, non-profit, corporate, and other sources.
- [Foundation Grants to Individuals](#)
UW-Seattle does not currently subscribe to this database, but individual subscriptions cost around \$20/month. The Central branch of the Seattle Public Library has onsite access. If you are able to make the trip, UW-Tacoma also has access to this database in their library.

Databases from Academic Institutions

Several universities maintain databases of external academic fellowships (ie: they are open to all graduate students, not limited to a specific school). These databases are a great way to really focus on awards offered only to graduate students, and in many databases you are able to filter by citizenship status, academic discipline, and academic level (MA, PhD, dissertation-specific awards, Post Doc opportunities).

- [Columbia University Fellowship Database](#)
- [Cornell University Fellowship Database](#)
Allows filtering by citizenship status and degree level.
- [Duke University Funding Opportunities](#)
- [Harvard University Graduate Guide to Grants](#)
Allows filtering by citizenship, academic level, language study-only opportunities, and application deadline.
- [Michigan State University Grants to Individuals](#)
A great place to start your search! Funding broken down by discipline, academic level, and population groups.
- [UCLA Graduate and Postdoctoral Extramural Support \(GRAPES\) Database](#)
Allows filtering by citizenship status, travel opportunities, academic level, and minimum award amount.

✓ Be creative

- Brainstorm search terms

<http://www.googleguide.com>

Dissertation "bilingual education" funding
"Dissertation funding" "language acquisition" bilingual
"Funding opportunities" "secondary education" PhD Spanish

"Public Health" research masters
"External funding" "public health" fellowship urban
"Health policy" scholarship women

Engineer HCI fellowship
Graduate scholarship "computer science" design
Research funding design engineering masters

"Particle physics" travel funding
Research fellowship "particle physics"
"Research funding" "high-energy" graduate

- Use your network
- Professional/academic associations
<http://www.cacareercafe.com/association-lessons/>
- Leadership, fraternal, religious, cultural groups
- Organizations you want to work or partner with
- Reverse searching
- Funding lists from other university departments

4. Compile application materials

What can I work on over the summer?

Tips:

- ✓ Work on templates for proposal or statement
- ✓ Update CV/resume
- ✓ Line up recommenders
- ✓ Get feedback (advisors, peers,
[Writing Center](#),
[Career Center](#),
[Office of Fellowships & Awards](#))

5. Apply!

How do I know what to apply for, and when?

Tips:

- ✓ Check eligibility criteria
- ✓ Apply for both large and small awards
- ✓ Be confident!
- ✓ Communicate with recommenders early
- ✓ Budget time for multi-stepped applications, or applications that require nomination

Questions?



Thank you!

Please fill out our feedback survey:

<https://catalyst.uw.edu/webq/survey/gfis/270443>

Spring 2015 Drop-In Hours

Mondays: 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Wednesdays: 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Summer 2015 Drop-In Hours

TBA, contact gfis@uw.edu or see

<http://commons.lib.washington.edu/services/dropin/gfis>

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