FELLOWSHIP RESOURCES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

UChicagoGRAD, your academic department, and the Dean of Students office can help you answer your fellowship and funding questions. Identify the right resource for your question below.

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What funding opportunities are available? Which are best for my work/needs? How do I craft a competitive proposal? Is Fulbright an option for me?

Your Academic Department

What Departmental funding opportunities are available? Which other students/fellowship recipients have received? How do different funding sources interact (external vs. internal, divisional)?

Dean of Students Office

How do different funding sources interact (external vs. internal, divisional)? When and how can I access my funding?
**Internal Grants and Fellowships**

Many of the University of Chicago’s centers, departments, and institutes offer grants and fellowships to graduate students. Below is a non-exhaustive list of internal grants and fellowships.

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Social Sciences Research Center (SSRC)
The SSRC provides a repository of resources for students applying to major federal agency fellowships, as well as workshop sessions to review fellowship RFPs, application components, and application processes.

Major Federal Agency Fellowships
National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants (DDRIG): Offered in a variety of disciplines, funding supports research and travel in order to improve dissertation quality. Deadline: varies depending on the program

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program: Stipend and tuition support for graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based Master’s and doctoral degrees. Deadline: late October

National Institutes of Health National Research Service Award (F31): Enables predoctoral students to obtain mentored research training while conducting dissertation research. Deadlines: April 8, August 8, and December 8

National Institutes of Justice (NIJ) Graduate Research Fellowship in the Social and Behavioral Sciences: Provides 12 to 18 months of support for research on crime, violence and other criminal justice-related topics. Deadline: early March

Major Non-Federal Opportunities
Fulbright Fellowship: Fellowships for 8-12 months of study or research abroad; criteria vary by country. UChicagoGRAD manages the internal application process. Deadline: mid-September (internal)

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship: Supports graduate students in the humanities and related social sciences in the last year of Ph.D. dissertation writing. Deadline: Mid-October

National Academy of Education / Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowships: Supports students whose dissertations bring fresh and constructive perspectives to the history, theory, or practice of education. Deadline: Early October

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship: Supports original and significant dissertation study of ethical or religious values in all fields of the humanities and social sciences. Deadline: November

Social Science Research Council/Mellon International Dissertation Field Research Fellowship: Offers 8-12 months of support to graduate students in the humanities and humanistic social sciences who are conducting dissertation research on non-US topics. Deadline: early November

Other Research Resources for Graduate Students
Grants Administration
For external applications requiring institutional approval, work with your SSD Grants Administrator to ensure compliance and to submit your proposals through the University’s grants system:
- Economics: Gloria Mazzorana
- Institute for Mind and Biology: Sharon Ligue
- All other SSD: Sharonda Lewis (NSF DDRIG only)

University Research Administration (URA): Provides oversight and support for sponsored projects at the University of Chicago, including institutional endorsement, award and contract negotiation, and conflict of interest/commitment compliance.

Social & Behavioral Sciences Institutional Review Board (IRB): Reviews and approves research activities involving human volunteers or analysis of identifiable human subjects data.

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC): Responsible for review, approval, and surveillance of all research and teaching protocols involving the use of animals.

CITI Training: Required for many federal funders, complete the training module and download the completion certificate.

University Libraries: Provides users with access to its collections, research and study spaces, and diverse services.
- Center for Digital Scholarship: Provides services and technology infrastructures to support emerging modes of research and scholarship, including: institutional repository, data management, scholarly communications, and digital humanities.
- Copyright Information Center: Provides for copyright law insights and guidance.

Research Computing Center (RCC): A full-service high-performance computing center, provides visualization resources, access to software, workshops, one-on-one consulting with domain experts, and data-management strategies.

IT Services (ITS): Provides technical support, access to University-licensed software, web hosting, and discounted rates on cloud storage, software, and equipment. Featured services include:
- UChicago Virtual Lab (vLab): Access licensed academic software from the campus network, including MATLAB, ArcGIS, SPSS, R, Stata, and Mathematica.
- UChicago Box: A cloud-based storage service that provides unlimited free, online space for storing or sharing files.
- Google Suite: Full G Suite for Education access.
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