Let’s DEFINE some terms...

- External Award
- Internal Award
- Scholarship
- Fellowship
- Grant
Nationally competitive fellowships: What are the benefits?

- Money to accomplish your academic/research goals
- Prestige: Open new doors to career paths
- Professional development opportunities
- Embracing failure, becoming a better writer, learning how to tell your story
- Clarity in your future growth
WEBSITE:
graduate.gsu.edu/fellowships

Resources available on my website:
- Find Funding
- See past GSU fellowship recipients
- Fellowship Tips
- Contact khelz@gsu.edu
There are many examples of GSU students winning national awards. Our students ARE competitive. Visit the Fellowship website to see a list of GSU students who have received these competitive and prestigious awards.

https://graduate.gsu.edu/past-fellowship-recipients/

Here are just a few...
• Mitchell Revalski, doctoral student in Astronomy and Physics in 2016 received NSF GRFP to study black holes.

• More than 5 GSU graduate students have received the award since.

• The NSF GRFP supports outstanding graduate students in STEM disciplines, providing three years of financial support including an annual stipend of $34,000 and a cost of education allowance of $12,000 to the institution.
In 2017 Christopher Fields, a Ph.D. student in Neurosciences, won a two-year, $83,000 dissertation award from the National Institutes of Health.
• Cherese Dafney, a master’s student in public health, was awarded a Boren Fellowship to study Swahili and conduct research in Tanzania.

• Boren offers up to $24,000 for language study abroad.
• In 2020 Julie Salsbery, an RCB Business DBA student received a Fulbright to research sustainable investing in Belgium.

• This year 2 GSU Master’s students were awarded Fulbrights to teach English abroad, in Rwanda and Brazil. One was from the Applied Linguistics department and the other from Instructional Design.
In 2018 Nada Goodrum, a PhD student in Clinical Psychology was awarded the PEO Women’s Scholar Award, receiving $20,000 to complete her doctoral program.
In 2021, 3 students from the Counseling Psychology PhD program were awarded the APA Interdisciplinary Minority Fellowship:

Michelle Aiello, Counseling Psychology, Ph.D.
Shola Shodiya-Zeumault, Counseling Psychology, Ph.D.
Iman Abdulkadir Said, Counseling Psychology, Ph.D.
In 2021, 9 PhD students were awarded fellowships through the Southern Regional Education Board:

- Gail McFarland, Doctoral Scholar in African American Studies
- Kennicia Forston, Doctoral Scholar in Health Promotion and Behavior
- Kristin Hemingway, Doctoral Scholar in Instructional Design
- Shaeroya Earls, Doctoral Scholar in Public Policy
- Sydney Flonnoy, Doctoral Scholar in Criminal Justice
- Carina Windom, Dissertation Scholar in Education and Human Development
- Matheson Sanchez, Dissertation Scholar in Criminal Justice and Criminology
- Shola Shodiya-Zemault, Dissertation Scholar in Counseling Psychology
- Janita Poe, Dissertation Scholar in Global Studies/Journalism
Find Funding

• GSU Scholarship Resource Center

• Your department

• My website: graduate.gsu.edu/fellowships

• University of Illinois Fellowship Finder: https://apps.grad.illinois.edu/fellowship-finder/

• Florida State University List of Fellowships by Identity: https://onf.fsu.edu/identity
Eligibility

Each award has its own eligibility requirements

Be sure to review eligibility carefully BEFORE starting an application

Most national awards require US citizenship
Getting Started

- You need a few months to write a fellowship proposal
- You need both copy and content editors (Writing Studio)
- You should give yourself time between drafts
- You should be prepared to write at least three drafts
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Parts of a Typical Application

- Project or Research Proposal
- Personal Statement
- Letters of Recommendation
- CV
- Transcripts
There are many awards out there. Here are some nationally competitive fellowships worth highlighting...
Diversity in the Academy

**Ford Foundation**: support for doctoral students leading committed to a career in teaching and research at the university level, with an interest in making the academy a more diverse and inclusive environment.

**Southern Regional Education Board (SREB)**: similar to Ford Fellowship but on a regional scale.
STEM Opportunities

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF GRFP):
3 years of funding for graduate student in research-based Master’s or doctoral program in STEM and STEM Education.

National Institutes of Health NRSA (F30/31):
5-6 years of funding to obtain individualized mentored research training from outstanding faculty sponsors while conducting research in scientific health-related fields relevant to the missions of NIH.
Fellowships for Women

American Academy of University Women (AAUW)
One of the largest funders of women’s graduate education, investing in women who go on to change the world.

PEO Scholar Award
A mission of promoting educational opportunities for women.
International Awards

**Fulbright** - go abroad for a year to research, study or teach English

**Boren** - go abroad to study a critical language and uphold US national security as part of a career at the federal government

**Critical Language Scholarship (CLS)** - go abroad to study a critical language over a summer

**Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS)** - funding to study less commonly taught languages
Dissertation Completion Fellowships

American Academy of University Women (AAUW) - for women pursuing fulltime study to complete dissertation.  
SREB and Ford - for URM PhD students.  
Charlotte Newcomb - for PhD research in Religious Studies.  
Mellon/ ACLS - for PhDs in Humanities and Social Science.  
PEO Scholar Award: for women in doctoral-level programs.
Internal Award: Provost’s Dissertation Fellowship

The Provost’s Dissertation Fellowship supports GSU doctoral students from across the university as they complete their dissertations. Applicants may apply for up to twelve months of funding to support focused efforts toward dissertation completion.
This award is for GSU doctoral students in any discipline with an approved prospectus who require funding to travel to a museum, archive or library to complete dissertation research. Recipients will be awarded $500 for domestic travel or $1,000 for international travel. Upon return from travel, recipients must present on their travel and research as it relates to their dissertation.
What can you be doing to make yourself a competitive applicant:

- Cultivate relationships with faculty
- Take on leadership and community service roles
- Focus on building CV: publications, posters, presentations
- Demonstrate academic success
- Engage in research opportunities
Most deadlines are in the Fall semester. Please be on the lookout for emails from The Graduate School, publicizing information sessions and fellowships.

Should you find a fellowship for which you are eligible and want to apply, please let me know, and I’d be happy to support you in the application process.

Just remember, the more time you give me, the more helpful I can be 😊.
Stacey Abrams on Applying to the Rhodes Scholarship

“Had I not tried for the Rhodes, I never would’ve applied to Yale Law, and had I not gone to Yale, I'm not sure the direction my life would've taken. There are things that open up for you when you try for things that seem beyond you.”
Questions? Comments?

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