2021 Virtual Visit

Funding Your Graduate Education
Assistantship, Fellowships, Scholarship, & Loans

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Graduate Assistantships

Benefits

• Monthly stipend
• Work experience-no more than 20 hours/week on average
• Tuition waiver
• Discounted health insurance
• Bookstore discounts
# Types and Sources of Assistantships

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There are many examples of Georgia State students winning these awards. Visit the Fellowships website to see a list of our students who have received these competitive and prestigious awards:

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

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

5 GSU graduate students have received the award since, from the following fields: Neuroscience, Psychology, Criminology, and Astronomy.
• 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 the College of Education.
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, 8 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
- Shola Shodiya-Zemault, Dissertation Scholar in Counseling Psychology
- Janita Poe, Dissertation Scholar in Global Studies/Journalism
• Your current university may have a Scholarship/Fellowship office to support you.
• GSU Scholarship Resource Center (for GSU students).
• GSU undergraduates work with Dr. Jacob English’s office in Honors College.
• Check with the GSU program you are applying to for information on scholarships available to you as a student in that program.
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
Some nationally competitive fellowships worth highlighting...
Diversity in the Academy

**Ford Foundation:**
support for doctoral students committed to a career in teaching 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.
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.
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
Aim to use these sparingly, taking into consideration your undergraduate loan debt and your likely income upon graduation.

Resources

- GSU’s Student Financial Management Center
- www.consumersadvocate.org
- Studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans
Types of Student Loans

• Federal Graduate PLUS Loan
  • Must be enrolled at least half-time (4.5 credit hours) in a degree seeking program
  • Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  • Complete Grad PLUS Loan application
  • Receive loan counseling
  • Repaid after you graduate with a six-month grace period

• Private Loans
  • Managed outside of university processes
  • Apply directly with the lender. Can be cheaper with good credit
Questions