

# RESEARCH FUNDING SURVIVAL GUIDE

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# HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

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This guide is designed as a resource for graduate students in geography seeking financial support for their research and fieldwork. It profiles numerous grants, awards, and fellowships that can be used to fund research at various stages of graduate training, including Master's and pre-dissertation work, dissertation fieldwork, dissertation writing, and academic training more broadly.

This guide is by no means exhaustive but does present many of the major sources of funding students have historically relied on in this department.

**Deadlines and other specific information may be inaccurate and/or outdated. Check funder's website to confirm award details.**

**Many of the awards in this guide are only open to U.S. citizens. See the eligibility requirements for the awards; competitions open to international students have this information bolded.**

# TYPES OF FUNDING

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**ACADEMIC YEAR FELLOWSHIPS:** These awards support your academic training, not a particular research project per se.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Cash awards for students at any stage of graduate work.

**PRE-DISSERTATION:** These awards support fieldwork and language training for students before dissertation work. Includes Master's students.

**FIELDWORK AWARDS:** These awards support fieldwork (mostly for dissertation). They usually require that you have completed all program requirements with the exception of your dissertation (ABD or all-but-dissertation status).

**WRITING FELLOWSHIPS:** Writing fellowships offer financial support while you are writing your dissertation so that you do not have to teach and can focus on your work.

**DEPARTMENTAL FUNDS:** Awards, grants, and fellowships from the Dept. of Geography can be applied to costs of fieldwork or travel.

**AAG AWARDS AND GRANTS:** Various opportunities for funding exist through the American Association of Geography Specialty Groups.

**CONFERENCE:** Fund conference travel.

# ACADEMIC YEAR FELLOWSHIPS

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## AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

**BASIC INFO:** Supports graduate training of students enrolled in PhD program in social sciences with focus on law and/or inequity.

**AWARD DETAILS:** \$30,000 stipend and \$1,500 research allowance per year.

**DURATION:** Up to two years.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Winter (January).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be in third, fourth, or fifth year of graduate program and U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

**WEBSITE:** [www.americanbarfoundation.org/research/fellowshipopportunities/](http://www.americanbarfoundation.org/research/fellowshipopportunities/)

## FORD FOUNDATION PRE-DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP

**BASIC INFO:** Supports graduate training of students enrolled in PhD program.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Annual stipend of \$24,000.

**DURATION:** Three years.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Winter (December).

**ELIGIBILITY:** U.S. citizen.

**WEBSITE:** [http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA\\_047958](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_047958)

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES GRADUATE ACADEMIC YEAR FELLOWSHIP

**BASIC INFO:** FLAS funds your academic training in less commonly taught languages and area studies. Awardees must take four approved courses (two language and two area studies) during the award year.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Offers tuition waiver and \$15,000 stipend. However, tuition waiver is not sufficient for graduate students, so awardees generally only accept the stipend and accept a TA/RA from the geography department.

**DURATION:** 2 semesters.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Winter (February).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Awardee must be studying or proposing to study approved language and area studies focus. U.S. citizens.

**WEBSITE:** <http://cgs.la.psu.edu/funding/foreign-language-and-area-studies-flas-fellowships>

## **NASA EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP**

**BASIC INFO:** Must address one of the following topics: Earth Science, Heliophysics, Planetary Science, Astrophysics.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Up to 45,000 (depends on award).

**DURATION:** One year.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Winter (February).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Can be Masters or PhD student at any point in their program. No citizenship requirement specified.

**WEBSITE:** <https://researchfunding.duke.edu/nasa-earth-and-space-science-fellowship-nessf>

## **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

**BASIC INFO:** The NSF GRFP supports graduate academic training for three years. While you do have to propose your research agenda, it is geared toward enabling your academic training as a whole.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Covers three years of tuition and provides yearly stipend of around \$34,000 for three years (over 12 months).

**DURATION:** 3 years.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Fall.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be pursuing PhD. You can only apply once, and specific eligibility criteria apply relating to how long you have been in graduate school. U.S. citizens.

**WEBSITE:** [nsf.gov/funding](http://nsf.gov/funding)

## **NOTRE DAME INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY**

**BASIC INFO:** NDIAS is dedicated to fostering and supporting integrative scholarship addressing ultimate questions at the intersection of the arts, engineering, humanities, law, and formal, natural, and social sciences, especially those that transcend disciplinary boundaries.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Graduate fellowships range up to a maximum of \$25,000 (gross amount) and include a \$1,000 research account, office facilities in the Institute, a computer and printer, access to University libraries and other facilities, and twice-weekly Institute seminars and other events.

**DURATION:** 12 months.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Fall (October).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Graduate students (**no citizenship requirement**).

**WEBSITE:** <http://ndias.nd.edu/fellowships/graduate-student/>

## **ZEIT STIFTUNG TRAJECTORIES OF CHANGE PHD SCHOLARSHIP**

**BASIC INFO:** Funds PhD research concerned with themes of social and political change in Eastern Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia. Thematic focus changes annually.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Monthly stipend of 1,200 Euros. Additional funds for conference travel.

**DURATION:** Up to three years.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Summer (July).

**ELIGIBILITY:** PhD students. **No citizenship requirement specified.**

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.trajectories-of-change.de/>



# SCHOLARSHIPS

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## CARTOGRAPHY AND GISCIENCE MS AND PHD SCHOLARSHIPS

**BASIC INFO:** Supports graduate work related to NASA's goals (earth and space sciences).

**AWARD DETAILS:** Cash prize awarded to Master's student (\$750) or PhD student (\$1500) to be used in any way.

**DURATION:** N/A

**TIME TO APPLY:** Winter (January).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Master's or PhD students.

**WEBSITE:** <https://cartogis.org/award/the-cagis-student-scholarships/>

## EVELYN L. PRUITT NATIONAL MINORITY FELLOWSHIP

**BASIC INFO:** Supports academic training of minority women enrolled in Master's program in geography or related field.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Up to \$4,000 to supplement other forms of financial support. Cannot be applied to tuition or fees (budget required).

**DURATION:** One-time award.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Spring (March).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to women who are members of a minority group: Hispanic, Black or African-American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian and Pacific Islander or Hawaiian Native, First Nations. Citizens of U.S. and Canada.

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.iswg.org/fellowships/fellowships-applications>

## HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**BASIC INFO:** These scholarships are designed to assist students of Hispanic heritage obtain a college degree. All majors and graduate fields are accepted, with an emphasis on STEM majors.

**AWARD DETAILS:** One-time award of \$500 - \$5,000, depending on need.

**DURATION:** N/A

**TIME TO APPLY:** Spring (March)

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be Hispanic graduate student, U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or DACA recipient.

**WEBSITE:** <http://hsf.net/en/scholarships/programs/general-college-scholarships>

## **NASA PENNSYLVANIA SPACE GRANT CONSORTIUM FELLOWSHIP**

**BASIC INFO:** Supports graduate work related to NASA's goals (earth and space sciences).

**AWARD DETAILS:** One-time award of \$5,000 to be used in any way. Requires 10 hours/semester of volunteer outreach work.

**DURATION:** N/A.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Spring (March).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Can be at any stage of graduate training. Must be U.S. citizen.

**WEBSITE:** <https://sites.psu.edu/paspacegrant/opportunities/fellowships-2/fellowships/>

## **US GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**BASIC INFO:** Supports graduate work in geospatial science.

**AWARD DETAILS:** One-time award of \$5,000 to be used in any way.

**DURATION:** N/A.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Check with funder.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Can be at any stage of graduate training.

**WEBSITE:** <https://usgif.org/education/scholarships>

## **WOMEN IN STEM SCHOLARSHIP**

**BASIC INFO:** This scholarship is available to women who best describe why a STEM education is important to them.

**AWARD DETAILS:** One-time award of \$2,000.

**DURATION:** N/A.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Fall (November).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Female graduate students in STEM. **Open to international students.**

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.universities.com/scholarships/women-in-stem-scholarship>

# PREDISSERTATION

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## FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES SUMMER GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

**BASIC INFO:** FLAS Summer Graduate Fellowships support language training in less commonly taught languages.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Award includes up to \$5,000 tuition for approved language course and \$2,500 stipend.

**DURATION:** Requirements for course length depends on level of language study.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Winter (February).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be studying less commonly taught language (see website). U.S. citizen/permanent resident.

**WEBSITE:** <http://cgs.la.psu.edu/funding/foreign-language-and-area-studies-flas-fellowships>

## ICIK WHITING INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AWARD

**BASIC INFO:** This award supports fieldwork relating to indigenous knowledge.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Maximum of \$1,500 (budget required).

**DURATION:** Must be used within specific timeframe (see announcement).

**TIME TO APPLY:** Winter (February).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be student at Penn State. **International students can apply.**

**WEBSITE:** <https://icik.psu.edu/whiting-endowment/whiting-student-research-awards>

## ZEIT STIFTUNG TRAJECTORIES OF CHANGE PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH GRANT

**BASIC INFO:** Funds PhD research concerned with themes of social and political change in Eastern Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia. Thematic focus changes annually.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Grant of up to 5,000 Euros supporting dissertation project development, including conference travel. Participation in dissertation proposal development workshop.

**DURATION:** Varies.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Summer (July).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Advanced graduate students. No citizenship requirements specified.

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.trajectories-of-change.de/>

# DISSERTATION FIELDWORK

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## AAG DISSERTATION GRANTS

**BASIC INFO:** Supports dissertation research expenses. Three awards: Robert D. Hodgson Memorial Ph.D. Dissertation Fund, Otis Paul Starkey Fund, Paul Vouras Fund (preference to minority students).

**AWARD DETAILS:** Up to \$1,000.

**DURATION:** N/A.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Winter (December).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be ABD and member of AAG for one year at the time of award.

**Open to international students.**

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.aag.org/cs/grants/dissertation>

## BOREN FELLOWSHIP

**BASIC INFO:** Supports overseas study of less commonly taught language.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Up to \$24,000. Awardees must work in federal government for 1 year after graduating.

**DURATION:** 12 weeks – 1 year.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Winter (January).

**ELIGIBILITY:** U.S. citizen.

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.borenawards.org/fellowships/boren-fellowship-basics>

## COUNCIL OF AMERICAN OVERSEAS RESEARCH CENTERS FELLOWSHIP

**BASIC INFO:** Supports multi-country (multi- or trans-regional) research in select countries. Must be affiliated with CAO research centers.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Up to \$10,500 stipend.

**DURATION:** Varies.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Winter (January).

**ELIGIBILITY:** U.S. citizen.

**WEBSITE:** [www.caorc.org/fellowships](http://www.caorc.org/fellowships)

## **EVELYN L. PRUITT NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOR DISSERTATION RESEARCH**

**BASIC INFO:** Supports women conducting PhD fieldwork (at home or abroad) in geography.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Provide itemized budget up to \$12,000.

**DURATION:** Up to 11 months.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Winter (February).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be citizen of U.S. or Canada.

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.iswg.org/fellowships/fellowships-applications>

## **FULBRIGHT IIE**

**BASIC INFO:** Supports independent research projects in 140 countries. Preferences for thematic focus vary by country.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Includes stipend, international travel, and research stipend. Varies by country.

**DURATION:** Varies by country. Up to 10 months. In some cases, supplementary award available to study language before grant period.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Fall. Check university's internal deadline

**ELIGIBILITY:** U.S. citizens.

**WEBSITE:** <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html>

## **FULBRIGHT HAYS DOCTORAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH AWARD**

**BASIC INFO:** Supports dissertation fieldwork in many countries (with the exception of parts of Europe and North America) that entails strong foreign language component.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Pays stipend (depends on fieldsite), research allowance, international travel, and health insurance. Provisions for dependents available.

**DURATION:** 6-12 months.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Summer (internal deadline in June)

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be ABD. Project must involve less-commonly taught language and be conducted in approved country. U.S. citizen.

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/iegps/fulbright-hays.html>

## **GRADUATE STUDENT INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AWARD (PSU)**

**BASIC INFO:** The award is to be used for travel, living expenses, and/or research-related costs (e.g., laboratory or fieldwork supplies; specialized software; costs associated with access to or reproduction of special collections; translation fees; etc.).

**AWARD DETAILS:** Up to \$5,000.

**DURATION:** N/A.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Fall (November).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Masters or PhD student who has completed all course requirements except for research and thesis/dissertation.

**WEBSITE:** <http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-funding/fellowships/programs/graduate-student-international-research-award/>

## **HOROWITZ FOUNDATION FOR SOCIAL POLICY RESEARCH GRANT**

**BASIC INFO:** Supports dissertation research in social sciences with implications for policy.

**AWARD DETAILS:** \$7,500.

**DURATION:** 12 months.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Varies.

**ELIGIBILITY:** PhD students worldwide.

**WEBSITE:** [www.horowitz-foundation.org/grant-info.html](http://www.horowitz-foundation.org/grant-info.html)

## **JENNINGS RANDOLPH PEACE DISSERTATION PROGRAM**

**BASIC INFO:** USIP awards non-residential Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowships to students enrolled in U.S. universities and who are writing doctoral dissertations on topics related to international conflict management and peacebuilding.

**AWARD DETAILS:** \$20,000 stipend.

**DURATION:** 10 months.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Winter (December).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be enrolled in PhD program in the U.S.

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.usip.org/grants-fellowships/fellowships/jennings-randolph-peace-dissertation-program-introduction>

## **LAURA RICHARDSON WHITAKER MEMORIAL GRADUATE AWARD IN WOMEN'S STUDIES (PSU)**

**BASIC INFO:** Supports dissertation related expenses for doctoral research in women's studies.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Varies.

**DURATION:** N/A.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Winter (February).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be doctoral (including dual-degree) student in Department of Women's Studies at Penn State.

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.womenstudies.psu.edu/awards-descriptions/laura-richardson-whitaker-memorial-graduate-fund>

## **LEWIS AND CLARK FUND FOR EXPLORATION AND FIELD RESEARCH**

**BASIC INFO:** Funds exploratory field studies for the collection of specimens and data and to provide the imaginative stimulus that accompanies direct observation.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Up to \$5,000 depending on travel costs.

**DURATION:** N/A.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Winter (February).

**ELIGIBILITY:** PhD students (**no citizenship requirement**).

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.amphilsoc.org/grants/lewis-and-clark-fund-exploration-and-field-research>

## **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EARLY CAREER GRANT**

**BASIC INFO:** Supports project addressing one of three themes: Wildlife, Human Journey, or Changing Planet.

**AWARD DETAILS:** \$5,000 – \$10,000.

**DURATION:** One year or less.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Summer (July).

**ELIGIBILITY:** **Open to students at any point of program and non-U.S. nationals.**

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/grants/grant-opportunities/>

## **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION DOCTORAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH IMPROVEMENT AWARD**

**BASIC INFO:** Supports dissertation fieldwork.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Total award amount is up to 18,000 for budgeted items. However, PSU deducts percentage (around 23%).

**DURATION:** Up to 18 months.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Rolling deadline (requires up to 6 months to review). Apply through the university (talk to Marnie Diebler).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be ABD. Can apply twice. **International students can apply.**

**WEBSITE:** [https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=503621](https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503621)

## **SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (IDRF)**

**BASIC INFO:** Funds fieldwork outside of the US on non-US topics. Considers single sited and multi-sited/regional research projects.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Average award amount of \$21,500. Includes participation in workshop post-grant period.

**DURATION:** 9-12 months.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Summer (August).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Student in social sciences. Must be ABD by the time research begins.

**International students can apply.**

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/view/idrf-fellowship/>

## **WENNER GREN DISSERTATION FIELDWORK GRANTS**

**BASIC INFO:** Funds fieldwork with clear connection to anthropological theory and research. Can be student in department other than anthropology.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Up to \$20,000.

**DURATION:** No limit.

**TIME TO APPLY:** May/November.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must have completed all requirements except for thesis or dissertation.

**Students of all nationalities invited to apply.**

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.wennergren.org/about>



# REGION/TOPIC SPECIFIC

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## **ABBA P. SCHWARTZ RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**

**BASIC INFO:** Funds dissertation research related to the immigration, naturalization, or refugee policy.

**AWARD DETAILS:** \$3,100 and residency and JFK Library.

**DURATION:** Varies.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Fall (August).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Check with funder.

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.jfklibrary.org/About-Us/Job-Volunteer-Internships/Research-Grants-and-Fellowships/Abba-P-Schwartz.aspx>

## **AFRICANA CENTER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (PSU)**

**BASIC INFO:** Funds dissertation research related to the African diaspora.

**AWARD DETAILS:** One semester release from teaching and \$1000 grant. Must participate in professional development workshops.

**DURATION:** One semester.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Spring (April).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be in College of Liberal Arts (not geography) or make the case that research contributes to the humanities.

**WEBSITE:** <http://arc.la.psu.edu/special-initiatives/fellowship-programs/dissertation-fellowship-program>

## **AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INDIAN STUDIES JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**

**BASIC INFO:** Funds dissertation research in India.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Monthly stipend of 45,500 rs/month. Additional research stipend and dependents funding available.

**DURATION:** Up to 11 months.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Summer (July).

**ELIGIBILITY:** **Non-U.S. citizens can apply.**

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.indiastudies.org/research-fellowship-programs/>

## **AMERICAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN TURKEY**

**BASIC INFO:** Funds social scientific dissertation research in Turkey.

**AWARD DETAILS:** \$4,000 - \$16,000 research grant.

**DURATION:** Up to 12 months.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Fall (November).

**ELIGIBILITY:** **Open to international students.**

**WEBSITE:** [Ccat.sas.upenn.edu/ARIT/ARITFellowships.html](http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/ARIT/ARITFellowships.html)

## **CENTER FOR LANDSCAPE DYNAMICS AWARDS (PSU)**

**BASIC INFO:** Thematic areas of interest include projects that address spatial and temporal dynamics of landscape change, with consideration of ecological and/or social factors. Support can be used for fieldwork, spatial analysis, modeling, and/or related activities (travel, conference participation, outreach, analysis).

**AWARD DETAILS:** Up to \$5,000. Most awards range between \$500 - \$1,500.

**DURATION:** N/A.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Spring (March).

**ELIGIBILITY:** **Non-U.S. citizens can apply.**

**WEBSITE:** <http://cld.psu.edu/graduate-training/graduate-funding/>

## **CHATEAU BRIAND FELLOWSHIP**

**BASIC INFO:** Funds PhD research in France.

**AWARD DETAILS:** 1,500 Euros/month stipend. Travel allowance and health insurance.

**DURATION:** Up to 10 months.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Winter (December).

**ELIGIBILITY:** **Open to international students (no French citizens).**

**WEBSITE:** [www.chateaubriand-fellowship.org/](http://www.chateaubriand-fellowship.org/)

## **DAAD RESEARCH GRANT**

**BASIC INFO:** For PhD research conducted in Germany.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Monthly stipend, travel, health insurance. Award amount varies.

**DURATION:** 7-10 months.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Fall (November).

**ELIGIBILITY:** PhD students (**international students welcome in some circumstances**).

**WEBSITE:** [www.daad.org/en/find-funding/graduate-opportunities/research-grants/](http://www.daad.org/en/find-funding/graduate-opportunities/research-grants/)

## **INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION GRASSROOTS DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP**

**BASIC INFO:** Funds PhD research related to issues of grassroots development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Includes international flight, monthly stipend, research allowance, and other benefits. Must attend Grassroots Development Conference during grant period.

**DURATION:** 4-12 months.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Deadlines announced in fall.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any student at U.S. university. Must be ABD at start of grant. Must be citizens of U.S. or citizens of independent Latin American or Caribbean country (except Cuba).

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.iie.org/Programs/IAF-Grassroots-Development-Fellowship-Program/Awards>

## **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE**

**BASIC INFO:** Funds PhD research related to issues of crime, violence, and other matters of criminal justice with implications for U.S. policy and practice.

**AWARD DETAILS:** \$32,000 stipend.

**DURATION:** 12 months.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Varies (check with funder).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Advanced PhD students (**no citizenship requirement specified**).

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.iie.org/Programs/IAF-Grassroots-Development-Fellowship-Program/Awards>

## **ZEIT STIFTUNG TRAJECTORIES OF CHANGE FIELDWORK GRANT**

**BASIC INFO:** Funds PhD research concerned with themes of social and political change in Eastern Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia. Thematic focus changes annually.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Single grant of 3,000 Euros.

**DURATION:** Varies.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Summer (July).

**ELIGIBILITY:** PhD students. **No citizenship requirement.**

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.trajectories-of-change.de/>

# DISSERTATION WRITING

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## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DISSERTATION AWARD (PSU)

**BASIC INFO:** Award to offset living expenses while completing PhD.

**AWARD DETAILS:** \$5,000.

**DURATION:** N/A.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Winter (December).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be in final year of study (PhD).

**WEBSITE:** <http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-funding/fellowships/programs/aada/>

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

**BASIC INFO:** Award to offset living expenses while completing PhD for international students.

**AWARD DETAILS:** \$20,000.

**DURATION:** One year.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Fall (November).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Female international PhD students in final stages of research.

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.aauw.org/>

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

**BASIC INFO:** Award to offset living expenses while completing PhD.

**AWARD DETAILS:** \$20,000.

**DURATION:** One year.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Fall (November).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Female PhD students in final stages of research.

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.aauw.org/>

## FORD FOUNDATION DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP

**BASIC INFO:** Supports graduate students who are completing their PhD. Intended to support students during writing and defense.

**AWARD DETAILS:** \$25,000.

**DURATION:** One year.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Winter (December).

**ELIGIBILITY:** U.S. citizen.

**WEBSITE:** [http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA\\_047959](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_047959)

## **JOSEPHINE DE KARMAN FELLOWSHIP**

**BASIC INFO:** Supports completion of dissertation. Special consideration given to students in Humanities.

**AWARD DETAILS:** \$25,000.

**DURATION:** One year.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Spring (April).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be defending dissertation at end of award period (i.e. for final year of PhD program). **Open to non-U.S. nationals.**

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.dekarman.org/>

## **MELLON/ACLS DISSERTATION COMPLETION FELLOWSHIP**

**BASIC INFO:** Supports final year of dissertation writing.

**AWARD DETAILS:** The total award of up to \$38,000 includes a stipend plus additional funds for university fees and research support. Can reside at university or in the field.

**DURATION:** One year.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Fall (October).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be ABD PhD student in social sciences.

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.acls.org/programs/dcf/>

## **NATIONAL WOMEN'S STUDIES ASSOCIATION GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

**BASIC INFO:** Supports graduate work related to women's studies, gender, and the goals of the NWSA.

**AWARD DETAILS:** \$1,000 one-time award.

**DURATION:** One year.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Spring (March).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be in research or writing stage of research. Must be member of NWSA.

**WEBSITE:** [http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA\\_047959](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_047959)

## **WOODROW WILSON DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP IN WOMEN'S STUDIES**

**BASIC INFO:** The Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowships in Women's Studies support the final year of dissertation writing for PhD. candidates in the humanities and social sciences whose work addresses topics of women and gender in interdisciplinary and original ways.

**AWARD DETAILS:** \$5,000 to be used for expenses connected with completing their dissertations, such as research-related travel, data work/collection, and supplies.

**DURATION:** N/A.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Fall (October).

**ELIGIBILITY:** ABD students in social science/humanities engaging issues related to women, gender, women's studies, or feminist/gender/LGBT theory.

**WEBSITE:** <https://woodrow.org/fellowships/womens-studies/>

## **ZEIT STIFTUNG TRAJECTORIES OF CHANGE DISSERTATION COMPLETION**

**BASIC INFO:** Funds PhD research concerned with themes of social and political change in Eastern Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia. Thematic focus changes annually.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Monthly stipend of 1,200 Euros. Additional funds for presenting research.

**DURATION:** One year.

**TIME TO APPLY:** Summer (July).

**ELIGIBILITY:** PhD students in final stages of dissertation work. **No citizenship requirement specified.**

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.trajectories-of-change.de/>

# DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY FUNDS

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## **WILLARD E. MILLER FELLOWSHIP**

Competitive proposal competition. Selected candidate is awarded equivalent to one semester GA position with no teaching requirements. Submission due in Spring (March).

## **ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT FUNDS**

Departmental pool of funds available for graduate students for travel, fieldwork, and other research expenses. Applications are competitive and available each Fall and Spring.

## **WILLARD E. MILLER PROPOSAL COMPETITION**

Proposal competition. Cash award. Master's and PhD categories. Submission due in Spring (March).

## **WILLARD E. MILLER PAPER COMPETITION**

Paper competition. Cash award. Master's and PhD categories. Submission due in Spring (March).

**For more information, see Department of Geography website.**

# AAG AWARDS AND GRANTS

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Each year, before the annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers, various Specialty Groups offer travel funds, proposal competitions, and other awards. Specialty Groups are organizations within the AAG that focus on geographic themes or regions of study (e.g., Development Geographies, Space and Sexuality, Political Geography, Latin American Geography, etc.). You can join these groups for a low annual cost (usually \$2-7). As a member you will receive notices on the Specialty Group listserv concerning essay competitions, proposal competitions, and travel grants to attend the AAG annual meeting. Awards are usually small (\$400-1000 for proposals, smaller prizes for papers and travel grants), but can be put toward research expenses.

See [aag.org](http://aag.org) for more details.



# CONFERENCE FUNDING

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## **Global Programs Graduate Student Travel Grant. (PSU)**

Must be for international conference travel. Up to \$750 to travel to and present research at conference or professional meeting. Open to international students (but cannot fund travel to student's country of citizenship).

September and February deadlines. (see

<https://global.psu.edu/article/global-programs-graduate-student-travel-grants>).

## **The Charles Koch Foundation**

Supports colleges and universities in exploring the institutions and ideas that foster societal well-being. Travel Grants provide funding for travel in support of career development opportunities, such as to present at a conference, conduct research for a publication, or attend a professional development workshop (see

<http://www.charleskochfoundation.org/graduate-student-grant-information/>).