

## Graduate Student Funding Opportunities

**Note:** This list includes a wide range of funding opportunities organized into three types – (1) **Pre/Non-Dissertation Funding**, (2) **Dissertation Funding**, and (3) **Travel, Summer, and Other Funding**. Most opportunities are geared towards doctoral students. Please follow the links for further details.

### **Pre/Non-Dissertation Funding**

#### *American Society of Criminology*

Ruth D. Peterson Fellowship: Designed to encourage students of color, especially those from ethnic minority groups underrepresented in the field, including but not limited to Asians, Blacks, Indigenous peoples, and Hispanics, to enter the field of criminology and criminal justice. The recipients of the fellowships must be accepted into a program of doctoral studies.

Deadline: usually March 1; see site for further details

<https://asc41.org/about-asc/awards/ruth-d-peterson-fellowship-for-racial-and-ethnic-diversity-award-recipient/>

#### *Cosmos Scholars Grant Program (for Students of Washington, DC Area Universities)*

Scholars Grant Program: The program provides grants to meet specific research needs not covered by other supporting funds, including but not limited to special supplies, travel, unanticipated expenses that would enhance the work, etc. Specifically excluded are general financial support, tuition, and living expenses (except in connection with supported travel).

Deadline: November 1 most years; see site for further details

<http://www.cosmosclubfoundation.org/scholars/>

#### *Council of American Overseas Research Centers*

Multi-Country Research Fellowship: The Multi-Country Research Fellowship supports advanced regional or trans-regional research in the humanities, social sciences, or allied natural sciences for U.S. doctoral candidates, and postdoctoral scholars. Preference is given to candidates conducting comparative and/or cross-regional research. Scholars must carry out research in two or more countries outside the U.S., at least one of which hosts a participating American overseas research center.

Deadline Early December; see site for further details

<https://www.caorc.org/fellowships>

#### *International Security Studies*

Smith Richardson Foundation Predoctoral Fellowships: Available to advanced doctoral students, including non-U.S. citizens from universities other than Yale, in the field of security studies, with a particular emphasis on international, diplomatic, and military history.

Deadline: October; see site for further details

<https://www.srf.org/programs/international-security-foreign-policy/world-politics-statecraft-fellowship/>

Stanford University Center on democracy, development, and the rule of law (CDDRL)

CDDRL Pre-doctoral fellowship: Applications from pre-doctoral students at the write-up stage and from post-doctoral scholars working in any of the four program areas of democracy, development, evaluating the efficacy of democracy promotion, and rule of law. Applicants working at the intersection of two or more of these issue areas will receive preferential consideration.

Deadline: early/mid-December each year

<https://cddrl.fsi.stanford.edu/cddrl-pre-doctoral-and-postdoctoral-fellowships>

## **Dissertation Funding**

### National Science Foundation

Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants (Law and Social Science Program)

Deadline: Dates vary, but usually in January; see site for further details

[https://www.nsf.gov/funding/education.jsp?fund\\_type=2](https://www.nsf.gov/funding/education.jsp?fund_type=2)

### Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation

Dissertation Fellowship: Questions that interest the foundation concern violence and aggression in relation to social change, intergroup conflict, war, terrorism, crime, and family relationships, among other subjects.

Deadline: February 1 ; see site for further details

<https://www.hfg.org/emerging-scholars/>

### Law and Society Association and the American Bar Foundation

Law and Social Science Dissertation Fellowship and Mentoring Program: Third-, fourth-, and fifth-year graduate students who specialize in the field of law and social science and whose research interests include law and inequality are invited to apply.

<http://www.americanbarfoundation.org/research/Fellowshipopportunities.html>

### American Association of University Women

American Fellowships Program – Dissertation Fellowship: Available to women who have completed all coursework, passed all preliminary exams, and had the dissertation research proposal or plan approved by November 1, 2023. The doctoral degree/dissertation must be completed between April 1 and June 30, 2026. Degree conferral must be between April 1 and September 15, 2026.

Deadline: Typically on November 1 ; see site for further details

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/current-opportunities/american/dissertation-fellowships/>

### Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowships

Dissertation Fellowships: Provides one year of support for individuals working to complete a dissertation leading to a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). Will be awarded in a national competition administered by the National Research Council (NRC) on behalf of the Ford Foundation. Will be made to individuals who, in the judgment of the review panels, have demonstrated superior academic achievement, are committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level, show promise of future achievement as scholars and teachers, and are well prepared to use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students.

Deadline: December; see site for further details

<https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-work/ford-foundation-dissertation-fellowships>

*Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship*

The Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) offers nine to twelve months of support to graduate students in the humanities and humanistic social sciences who are enrolled in Ph.D. programs in the United States and conducting dissertation research on non-US Topics.

Deadline: Varies, usually November 1  
<https://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/view/idrf-fellowship/>

*American Council of Learned Societies*

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships: Support a year of research and writing to help advanced graduate students in the humanities and related social sciences in the last year of Ph.D. dissertation writing.

Deadline: Late October each year  
<http://www.acls.org/programs/dcf/#>

*United States Institute of Peace*

Jennings Randolph (JR) Peace Scholarship Dissertation Program: Awards scholarships to students at U.S. universities who are writing doctoral dissertations on topics related to international peace, conflict, and security.

Deadline: see site for further details  
<https://www.usip.org/grants-fellowships/fellowships/peace-scholar-fellowship-program>

*Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy*

The Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy: Awards grants to support emerging scholars through small grants, promote scholarship with a social policy application, and encourage projects that address contemporary issues in the social sciences. Grants are based solely on merit. Each is worth a total of \$7,500; \$5,000 is awarded initially and \$2,500 upon completion of the project.

Deadline: see site for further details  
<https://www.horowitz-foundation.org/grant-info>  
<https://www.horowitz-foundation.org/apply>

## Travel, Summer, and Other Funding

### American Society of Criminology

Gene Carte Student Paper Competition Deadline: April 15 each year

<https://asc41.org/about-asc/awards/gene-carte-student-paper-award-recipient/>

### Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

Summer Program Scholarships

Deadline: March 28 most years

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/content/sumprog/scholarships/index.html>

### Sparrho Early Career Researcher Prize

Ph.D. students and postdocs from any institute who want to share their research at an academic conference in the next 12 months, anywhere in the world.

<https://grants.sparrow.science/>

### Building Future Faculty Program

The NC State University Building Future Faculty (BFF) Program is a two-and-half day all-expenses paid workshop for doctoral students and post-doctoral scholars who are interested in pursuing academic careers and who are committed to promoting diversity in higher education. The program is targeted to graduate students who are in the dissertation phase or post-doctoral. The event is usually held in April.

Deadline: November timeframe

<https://oied.ncsu.edu/divweb/building-future-faculty-program/>

### RAND Summer Associate internship for Ph.D. Students

RAND provides a unique opportunity for graduate students to apply their research skills to important, policy-relevant research projects. Students work at RAND for 12 weeks during the summer, receive a bi-weekly paycheck, and are mentored by an experienced researcher.

Applications Accepted: Mid-October – Early December annually

[http://www.rand.org/about/edu\\_op/fellowships/gsap.html](http://www.rand.org/about/edu_op/fellowships/gsap.html).