

# Welcome to GradFund

An introduction to our services for graduate students

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## Internal and external

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- **Internal funding** includes Rutgers support, such as funding from your graduate program
- **External funding** includes support from non-Rutgers funders

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## External funding

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- **Key factors:** academic preparation and background, stage of study, career goals, area of study.
- **Types of support:** research grants and fellowships; writing fellowships; grants for travel, language study, or specialized training.

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## Grants and fellowships

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- **Grants** provide support for research-related expenses.
- **Fellowships** provide support for living expenses.

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## The Application Timeline

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- Apply the year before you need funding
- Begin to develop your application 6 months before the deadline
- Many of the deadlines fall between September and December, annually

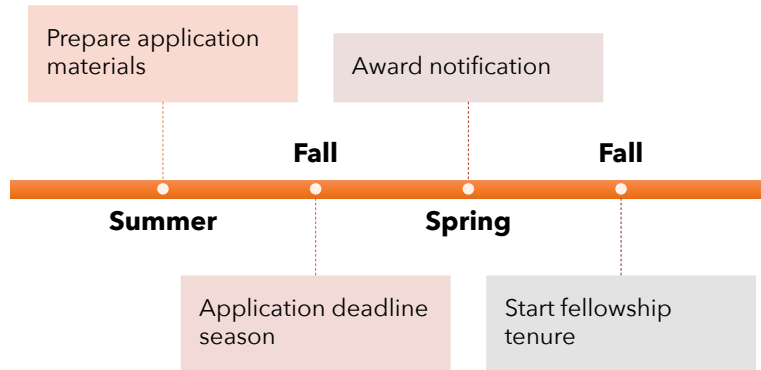
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## An Example: Fellowship Application Timeline



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## Our mission

- As an SGS service, our mission is to help graduate students identify and apply for extramural, merit-based funding

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## GradFund Peer Mentoring



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## Our core services

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- Individual meetings
- Mentoring programs
- Digital resources
- Workshops and presentations

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## Individual advising appointments

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- **Planning Meeting:** to become familiar with the tools and resources needed to navigate the external funding landscape.
- **Help with a Funder:** *to learn more about the funder's review process and how to best frame your research and plans to the funder's goals.*
- **Application Review:** to review application materials for one award application.

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The screenshot shows the Rutgers GradFund website. At the top left is the Rutgers School of Graduate Studies logo. To the right is the GradFund logo with the tagline 'Fellowship Advising through Peer Mentoring'. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: ABOUT, ADVICE, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS, RESOURCES, QUESTIONS, and MEET WITH US. The main content area features a search bar with the text 'Search over 3,000 graduate funding opportunities'. Below the search bar is a 'Keyword' input field with the placeholder text 'Keywords...' and a 'Search' button. Underneath are three filter dropdown menus: 'Discipline' (Choose Discipline), 'Stage of Study' (Choose Stage of Study), and 'Citizenship' (Choose Citizenship).

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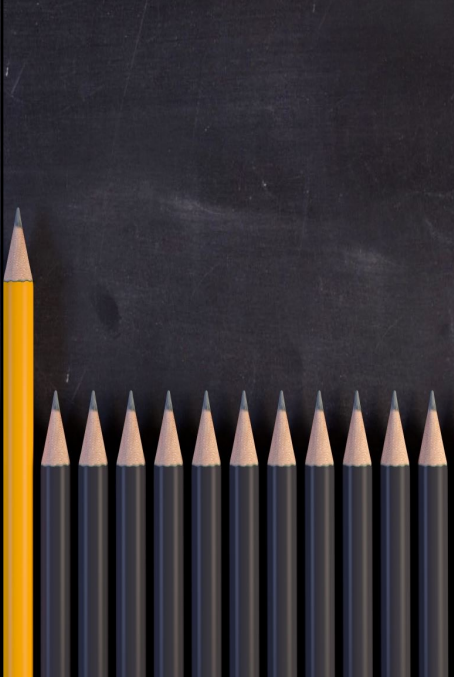
## GradFund Self-Paced Guide to Grants and Fellowships Canvas Course

- Includes modules that will walk you step by step through the process of applying to external fellowships and grants
- To gain access enroll through this link: <https://rutgers.instructure.com/enroll/6T9G48>

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# Fall 2023 Workshops and Webinars

- ❑ [GradFund Planning Workshop – September 28, 2023](#)
- ❑ [GradFund Fall 2023 Strategic Proposal Writing Series](#)
- ❑ [GradFund Workshops and Webinar Schedule – Fall 2023](#)

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# Where to find external funding

- **Funding databases**
- Professional organizations/societies
- Ask advisors and/or graduate program director about possible funding opportunities

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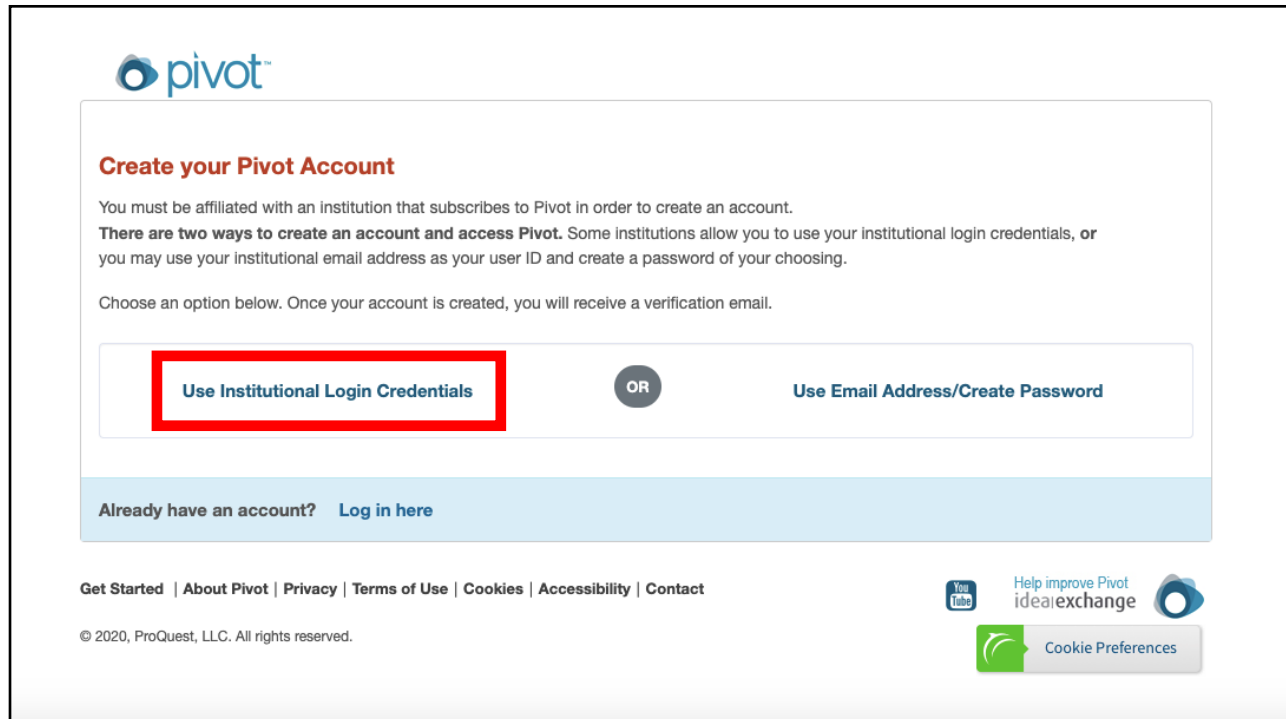
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- Powerful database from ProQuest
- Weekly award alerts by email
- Advanced search features
- Near-term and long-term planning

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### Create your Pivot Account

You must be affiliated with an institution that subscribes to Pivot in order to create an account.

**There are two ways to create an account and access Pivot.** Some institutions allow you to use your institutional login credentials, or you may use your institutional email address as your user ID and create a password of your choosing.



Choose an option below. Once your account is created, you will receive a verification email.


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# Office of Research Pivot Workshop Video

<https://research.rutgers.edu/private-videos/pivot-training-video-october-27-2022>

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University of Chicago

<https://grad.uchicago.edu/fellowships/fellowships-database/>

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# Fellowships Database

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Division   Level   Deadline   Type   Eligibility

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# UCLA

<https://grad.ucla.edu/funding/#/>

**UCLA Graduate Education** SEARCHING FOR FUNDING

Search for Funding | Financial Aid & Finances | Tuition | Calendar | Working at UCLA | FAQs

Search for awards from among 625 scholarships, grants, fellowships, and postdoctoral awards. Free-to-search for applicants to any graduate program, to graduate students working on a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation, and to postdoc scholars.

It's called GRAPES and you can begin your search below.

Search graduate & postdoc funding

Sign in and we will find awards recommended for you. [UCLA Student Login](#)

**AMOUNT**

- All
- Up to \$1,000
- \$1,000 to \$5,000
- \$5,000 to \$25,000
- \$25,000 & above
- Amount varies

Title	Amount	Deadline
<b>Ruth L Kirschstein National Research Service ...</b> The National Institutes of Health (NIH) awards underrepresented predoctoral fellowships for training in the biomedical and behavioral sciences for up to 5 years. Grants will be used for full-	varies	08-13-2023
<b>Damon Runyon Fellowship Award</b> Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation (DRCRF) awards 4-year fellowships to support postdoctoral scholars working in research relevant to the study of cancer. Fellows may also	\$52,000	08-15-2023
<b>Rowland Fellows Program</b> The Rowland Institute at Harvard is seeking applications for <i>Rowland Edgeworths that commensurate in the 1990s scholar year</i>	\$73,000	08-16-2023

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# University of Illinois

<https://apps.grad.illinois.edu/fellowship-finder/>

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

**Graduate College**

**Fellowship Finder**

The Illinois Database of Grants and Fellowships for Graduate Students

**FIELD**

- All
- Social Sciences
- Sciences/Engineering/Math
- Professional Programs
- Fine Arts
- Humanities

**CITIZENSHIP**

- All
- US Citizens, Nationals, or Permanent Residents
- International Students

**STAGE OF STUDY FOR WHICH YOU SEEK FUNDING**

- All
- Master's
- Early Years of Doctoral Program
- Dissertation Research
- Dissertation Write-Up
- Postdoctoral/Post-graduate

**AWARD TYPE**

- All
- Fellowship/Grant
- Research/Study Abroad
- Short-Term Travel
- Foreign Language Training
- Research Internships

**ELIGIBILITY**

- All
- Unrestricted
- University of Illinois Students
- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
- Women

**LIMIT RESULTS TO**

- Annual stipend of at least \$10,000
- Listings added or updated in the last 30 days

Search by award name or "exact phrase"

**Search**

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## Federal Databases

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- <https://www.grants.gov/> – database for federal grants
- <https://orise.orau.gov/internships-fellowships/graduates.html> – Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education database for federal STEM fellowships and internships

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## Next steps

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- 1 Visit the GradFund website and Canvas site to explore available resources and start looking for funding opportunities
- 2 Set up a Pivot account and create your profile to continue looking for funding opportunities
- 3 Use the information from this presentation to begin to map out your funding landscape
- 4 If you have identified an award, schedule a Help with a Funder or Application Review appointment
- 5 Register for a GradFund workshop or webinar

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# Q&A

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# Links

- GradFund email: [fellowship\\_advisor@gradfund.rutgers.edu](mailto:fellowship_advisor@gradfund.rutgers.edu)
- Rutgers portal: <https://my.rutgers.edu/portal/>
- Self-Paced Canvas Course: <https://rutgers.instructure.com/enroll/6T9G48>
- How to schedule a GradFund meeting: <https://gradfund.rutgers.edu/2023/05/how-do-i-schedule-confirm-my-meeting-with-gradfund/>
- GradFund website and database: <https://gradfund.rutgers.edu/>
- Pivot database: <https://pivot.proquest.com>
- Office of Research Pivot Workshop Video: <https://research.rutgers.edu/private-videos/pivot-training-video-october-27-2022>
- UChicago database: <https://grad.uchicago.edu/fellowships/fellowships-database/>
- UCLA database: <https://grad.ucla.edu/funding/#/>
- U of Illinois database: <https://apps.grad.illinois.edu/fellowship-finder/>
- ORISE: <https://orise.orau.gov/internships-fellowships/graduates.html>
- Grants.gov: <https://www.grants.gov/>
- GradFund Fall 2023 Workshops and Seminars Registration: <https://gradfund.rutgers.edu/2023/08/fall-2023-webinars-and-workshops/>

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