

Welcome to GradFund

An introduction to our
services for graduate
students

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A decorative light fixture with a wooden frame and several glowing lights. The fixture is composed of several curved wooden pieces that form a large, abstract shape. Inside the frame, there are several small, round, glowing lights that create a warm, yellowish glow. The background is dark, and the overall aesthetic is modern and artistic.

1 Grants, fellowships, scholarships: what are they?



Internal and external

- **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

- 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, or specialized training.

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Grants and fellowships

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

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The Application Timeline

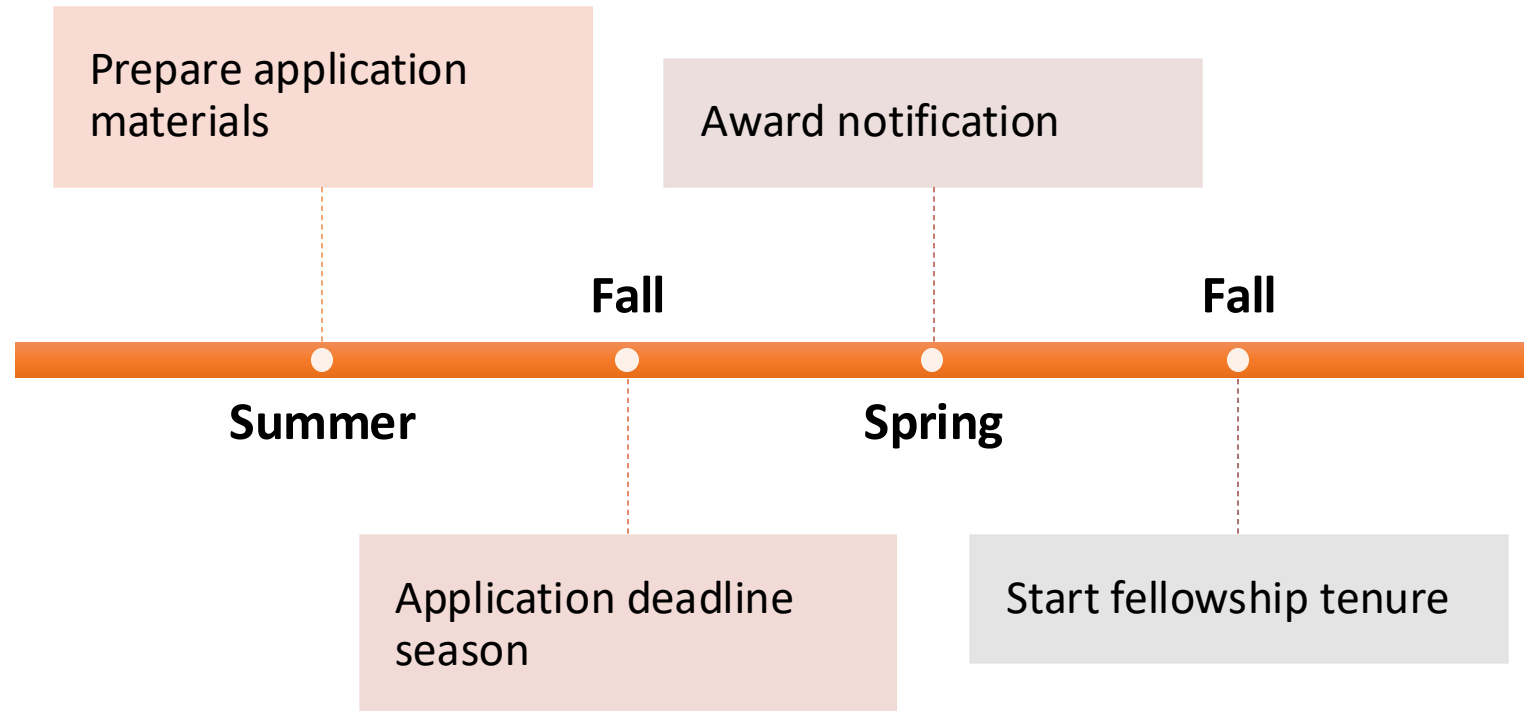


- Apply the year before you need funding
- Begin to develop your application 6 months before the deadline
- Many of the deadlines fall between September and December, annually

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An Example: Fellowship Application Timeline



Building Your Funding Plan



Find opportunities that meet your needs

Consider fit for each funding opportunity

Compare benefits provided versus your needs



Create a schedule for applying to funding

Think about timing- deadlines, review process, dispersion of funds

Reflect on workload- ensure adequate time/ energy to craft a competitive application



Devise a timeline for each funding opportunity

Start process early

Review application logistics/components

Build in time for feedback/revisions

3 GradFund services





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

Experience applying for funding

Trained to be graduate-level peer mentors

GradFund Fellowship Advisors

Trained in best practices in funding advising

Trained in reading across the disciplines

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Our core services

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

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Individual advising appointments

- **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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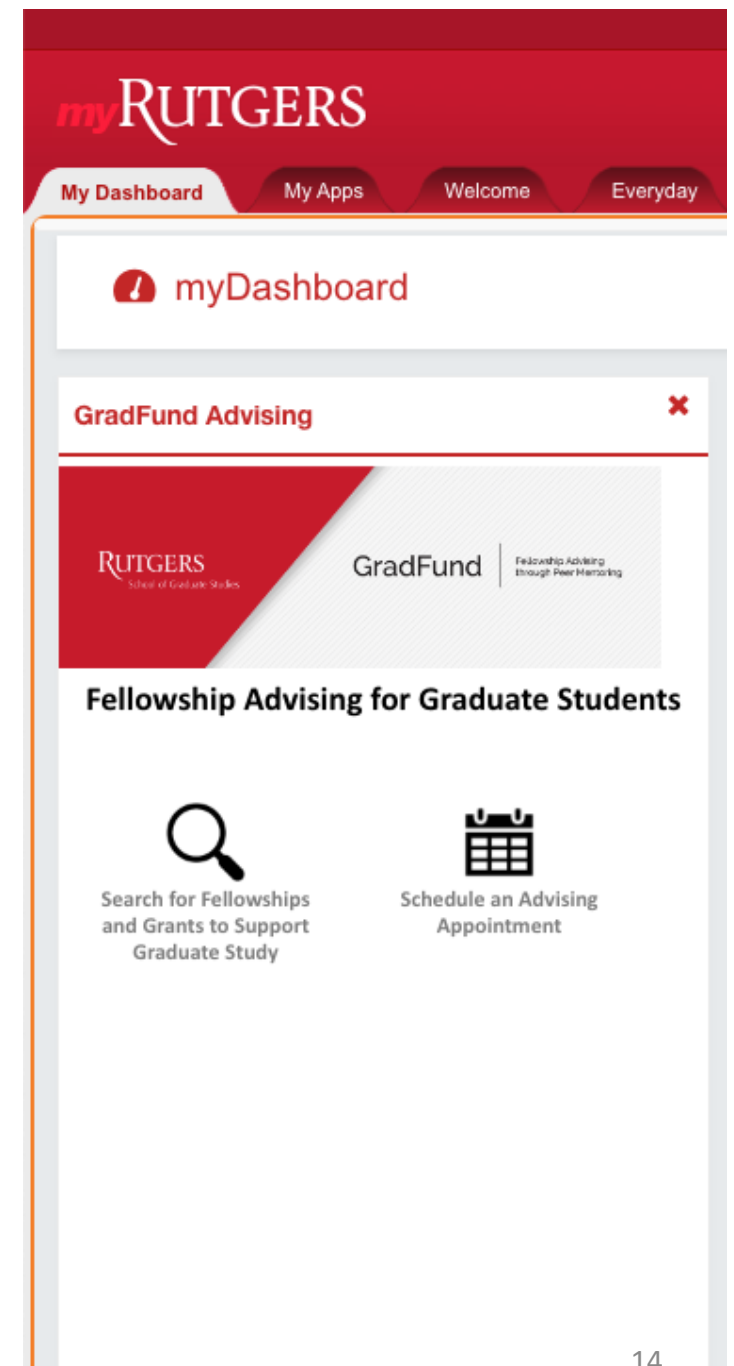
How to schedule an individual appointment

Go to my.rutgers.edu to book an appointment

Find the GradFund widget on dashboard, click on “Schedule an Advising Appointment”

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How to navigate WCOonline

Fellowship Advising Spring 2023 Schedule Area Tools ▾

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Welcome to our Fellowship Advising Schedule

GradFund Fellowship Advising services are for students currently enrolled in a Rutgers School of Graduate Studies master's or doctoral program.

GradFund advising meetings take place online over **Webex** or **Zoom**. If you have a question about your appointment or applying for external funding, please email us at fellowship_advisor@gradfund.rutgers.edu

Announcements

Enroll in GradFund Self-Paced Guide to Grants & Fellowships Canvas course. Available on Canvas is the GradFund Self-Paced Guide to Grants and Fellowships which provides students with a step-by-step guide on how to identify fellowships and grants that they are eligible to apply to for support, how to develop a plan to integrate applying for fellowships and grants into their graduate career and how to begin to develop and draft application essays. To enroll in the Canvas site, click this link <https://rutgers.instructure.com/enroll/678048>

Meeting Types

We offer four types of meetings.

1. **Planning Meeting:** to become familiar with the tools and resources needed to navigate the external funding landscape.
2. **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.
3. **Application Review:** to review application materials for one award application.
4. **Post-Award Consultation:** to get help on how to move forward after being offered an award or two.

***Please be sure you have selected the correct meeting type when scheduling your appointment.**

How Do I Confirm My Meeting?

We require documents for each meeting so that the GradFund advisor has sufficient time to prepare. To confirm your meeting, upload the relevant required document specific to your selected meeting type to [WCOonline](#) by 9 am two days prior to your scheduled meeting.

When uploading your relevant required document, remember to title your document(s) so it is clear in WCOonline. For example, Williams_Venus_CV_2021; Williams_Venus_ResearchStatement_NSF_2022. File attachments must be 5MB or less and in one of the following formats: .doc, .docx, .pdf, .xls, .xlsx

See the chart below for more details. Your meeting will be cancelled if no documents are uploaded or if the documents uploaded are not relevant to your meeting. Documents uploaded after 9 am two days prior to your scheduled meeting will not be reviewed at your appointment. For details on how to schedule your meeting, review our blog post, [How do I Schedule & Confirm my Meeting with GradFund?](#)

Meeting Type	Required Document	Mon. Meeting Due Date	Tues. Meeting Due Date	Wed. Meeting Due Date	Thurs. Meeting Due Date	Fri. Meeting Due Date
Planning Meeting	CV/Resume	9 am Saturday	9 am Sunday	9 am Monday	9 am Tuesday	9 am Wednesday
Help with a Funder	CV/Resume	9 am Saturday	9 am Sunday	9 am Monday	9 am Tuesday	9 am Wednesday
Application Review	Application materials	9 am Saturday	9 am Sunday	9 am Monday	9 am Tuesday	9 am Wednesday
Post-Award Consultation	NONE					

*If the meeting time you would like is not available, consider joining the waitlist for that day.

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Day	10:00 am	11:00 am	12:00 pm	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	3:00 pm
Jan. 24: Tuesday						
Melissa Woortman ✓						
Jennifer Vilchez ✓						
Julie Aromi ✓						
Jan. 25: Wednesday						
Jennifer Vilchez ✓						
Na'ama Av-Shalom ✓						
Jan. 26: Thursday						
Na'ama Av-Shalom ✓						
Tyler Carson ✓						
Ellen White ✓						
Jan. 27: Friday						
Tyler Carson ✓						
Ellen White ✓						
Jan. 30: Monday						
Melissa Woortman ✓						
Julie Aromi ✓						

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Search over 3,000 graduate funding opportunities

Keyword

Search

Discipline

Stage of Study

Citizenship

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.instructor.com/enroll/6T9G48>

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5 How to Search for Funding

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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Navigating Pivot



Pivot introduction

- Powerful database from ProQuest
- Advanced search features
- Weekly award alerts by email
- 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.

Use Institutional Login Credentials

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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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**Databases available from
peer graduate schools**

University of Chicago

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

Fellowships Database

Search Fellowships

Division	Level	Deadline	Type	Eligibility
Select ▾	Select ▾	Select ▾	Select ▾	Select ▾

APPLY FILTERS

CLEAR FILTERS

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
Ruth L Kirschstein National Research Service ... 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
Damon Runyon Fellowship Award 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
Rowland Fellows Program The Rowland Institute at Harvard is seeking applications for Rowland Fellowships that commence in the 2020 calendar year	\$73,000	08-16-2023

University of Illinois

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

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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

Federal Databases

- <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

- 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 – schedule a Planning Meeting.
- 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
- 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/>