Welcome to GradFund

An introduction to our services for graduate students

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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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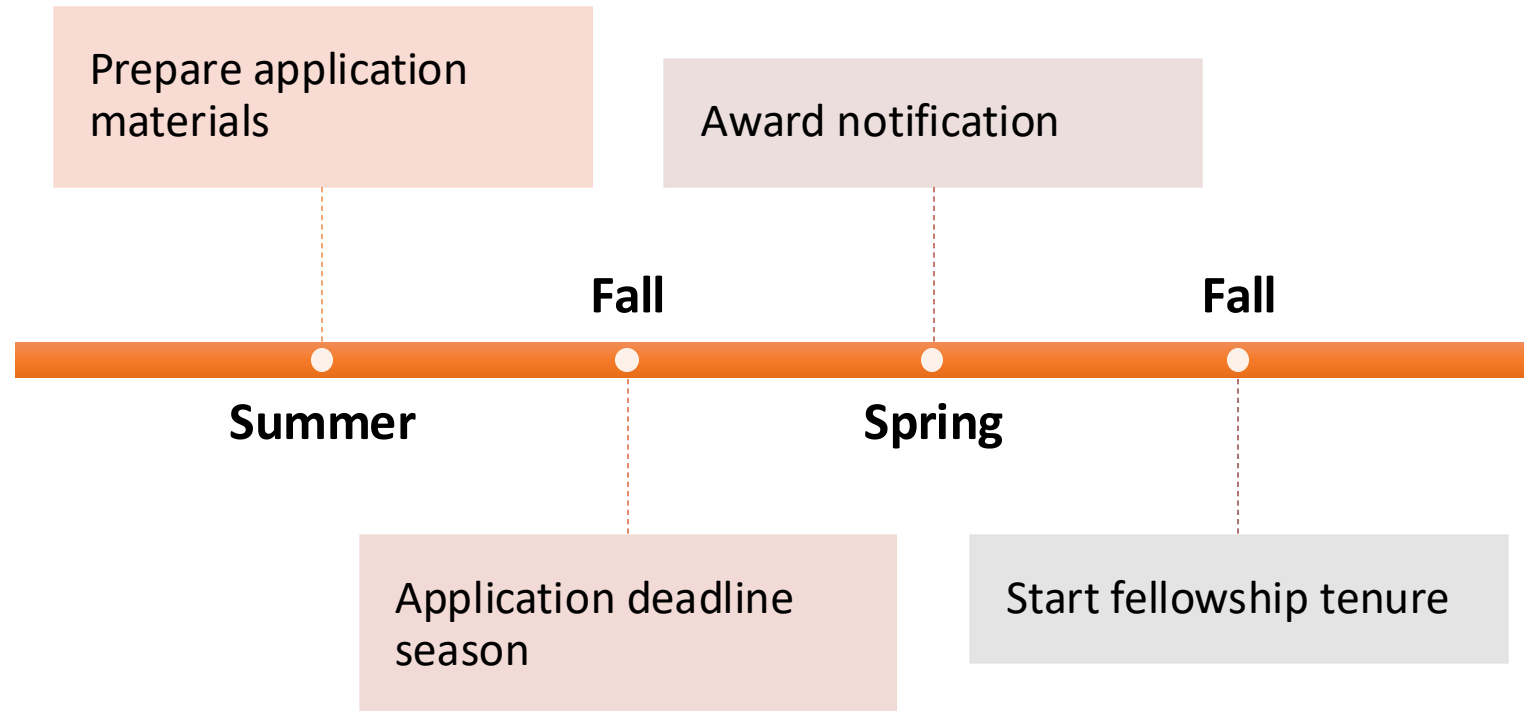Fellowship Advising through Peer Mentoring

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

Prepare application materials

Award notification

Fall

Fall

Summer

Spring

Application deadline season

Start fellowship tenure

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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

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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

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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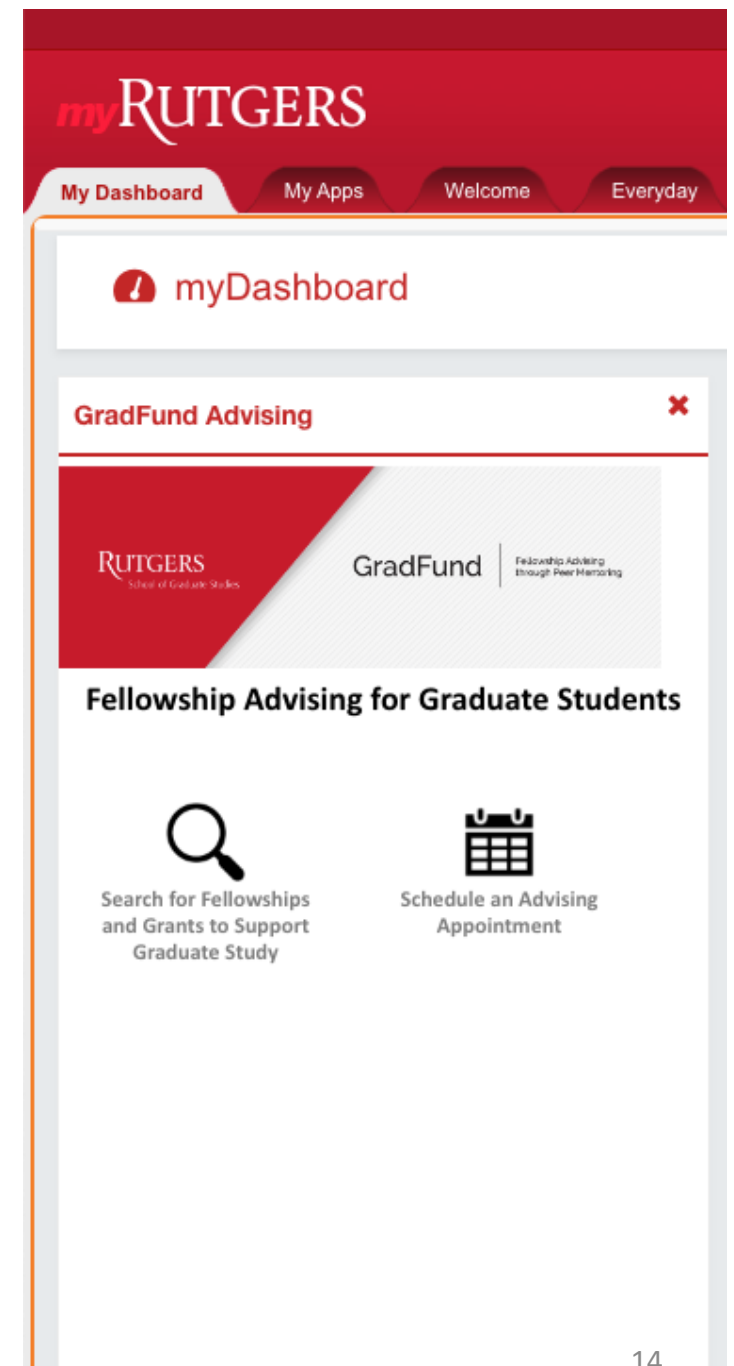
How to navigate WCOnline

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Search over 3,000 graduate funding opportunities

Keyword

Keywords...   **Search**

Discipline

Choose Discipline

Stage of Study

Choose Stage of Study

Citizenship

Choose 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.instructure.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   OR   **Use Email Address/Create Password**

Already have an account?   **Log in here**

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Cookie Preferences

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/

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Fellowships Database

Search Fellowships

🔍 Search Fellowships

Division	Level	Deadline	Type	Eligibility
Select ∨	Select ∨	Select ∨	Select ∨	Select ∨

APPLY FILTERS   CLEAR FILTERS

UCLA

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

University of Illinois

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

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/