

# Welcome to GradFund

An introduction to our services for graduate students

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1 Grants, fellowships, scholarships: what are they?

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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, 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 March, annually

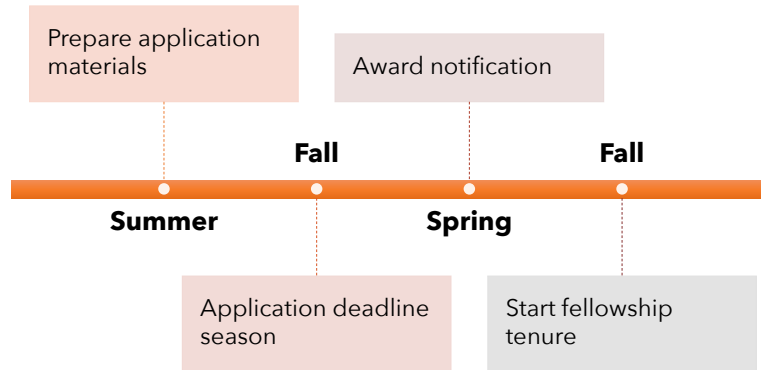
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## An Example: Fellowship Application Timeline



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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

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As an SGS service, our mission is to help graduate students apply for extramural funding



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## GradFund Peer Mentoring



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## Our Core Services

- Individual meetings
- Mentoring programs
- Canvas Self-Paced Course on Writing Fellowship and Grant Applications
- Workshops and presentations

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## GradFund Individual Advising Appointments

- **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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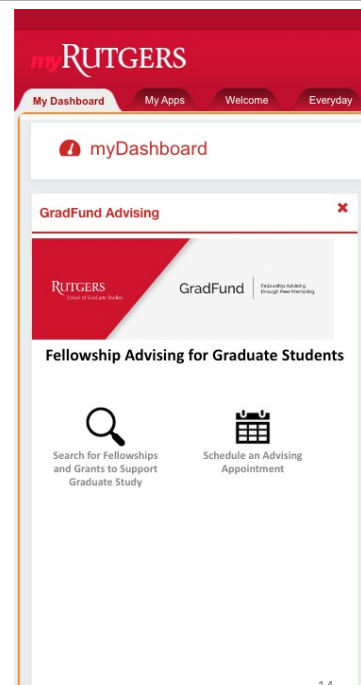
## How to schedule an individual appointment

Go to [my.rutgers.edu](https://my.rutgers.edu) to book an appointment

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

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## Where to Find External Funding

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

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# University of Chicago

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

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🏠 > FELLOWSHIPS > FELLOWSHIPS DATABASE

## Fellowships Database

Search Fellowships

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| Division | Level    | Deadline | Type     | Eligibility |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Select ▼ | Select ▼ | Select ▼ | Select ▼ | Select ▼    |

APPLY FILTERS
CLEAR FILTERS

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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><br>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><br>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><br>The Rowland Institute at Harvard is seeking applications for <i>Outstanding Undergraduate that commensurate in the 1979s molecular cancer</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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# Johns Hopkins University Graduate Student Funding Opportunities

<https://research.jhu.edu/rdt/funding-opportunities/graduate/>

**Graduate Student Funding Opportunities**

Download the most recent file here:  
**Graduate Student Funding Opportunities**  
 (xlsx file; updated September 3, 2025)

This is a continuously updated repository of federal and private funding opportunities that are intended for graduate students. The opportunities are pre-sorted chronologically and alphabetically, and can be searched by funding amount and subject matter.

Although every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, please refer to the sponsor's funding announcement for complete details on each opportunity.

If you would like to add an opportunity to the list or have any questions, please contact RDT.

**RDT Navigation**

- RDT Homepage >
- RDT Assistance Inquiry Form >
- Funding Resources >
- Funding Opportunities >
- Limited Submission Opportunities >
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- Resources and Collaborators >
- NSF GRFP Fellowships >

**Contact Us**

Email: [resapp@jhu.edu](mailto:resapp@jhu.edu) >

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## 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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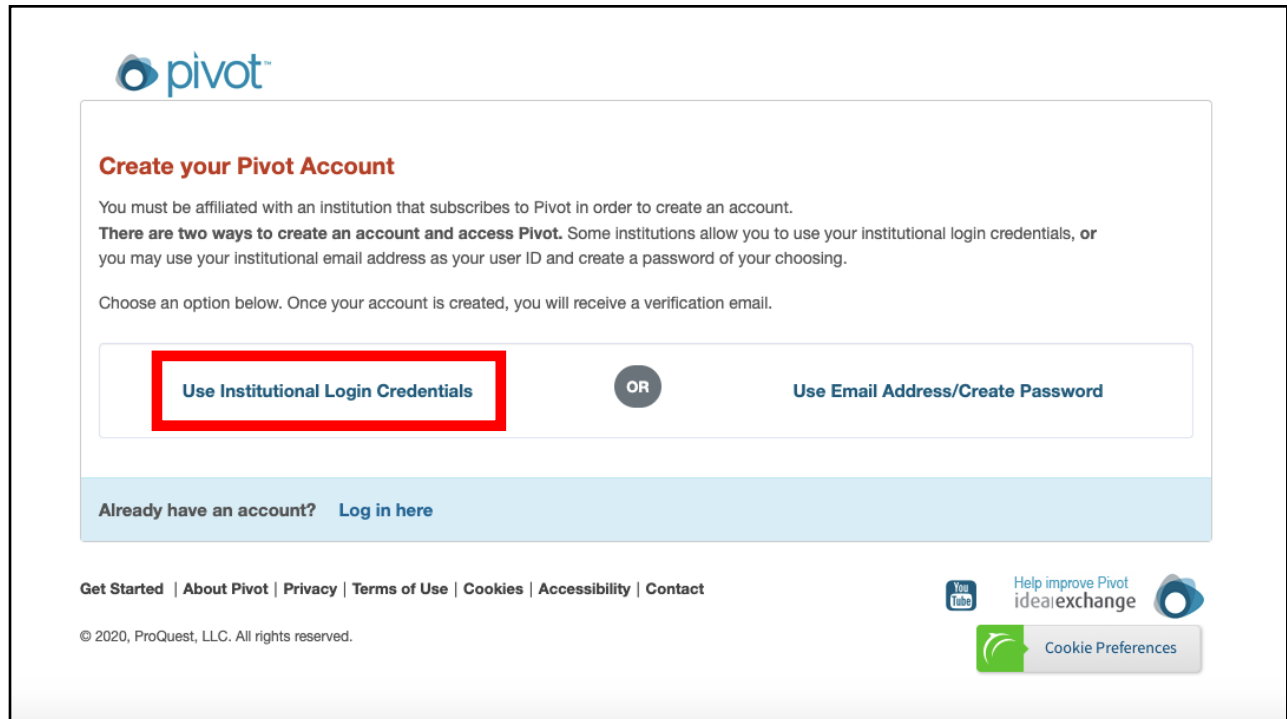
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- Powerful database from ProQuest
- Weekly award alerts by email
- Advanced search features
- Near-term and long-term planning
- <https://pivot.proquest.com>

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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.

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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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## 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** If you have identified an award, schedule a Help with a Funder or Application Review appointment.
- 4** Register for a GradFund workshop or webinar

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## Q&A

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# Links

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- Rutgers portal: <https://my.rutgers.edu/portal/>
- Self-Paced Canvas Course: <https://rutgers.instructure.com/enroll/6T9G48>
- 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/>
- Johns Hopkins University Graduate Student Funding Opportunities: <https://research.jhu.edu/rdt/funding-opportunities/graduate/>
- ORISE: <https://orise.ornl.gov/internships-fellowships/graduates.html>
- Grants.gov: <https://www.grants.gov/>