

# GRADUATE STUDENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



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# Session Overview



- Funding your graduate education
- Types of funding
- Resources to identify funding
- Case supported funding opportunities
- Preparing applications
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# Funding Graduate Education



- **Important factors to consider when applying**
  - Outside funding typically higher than university support
  - Outside funding is often portable (gives student flexibility with project and research mentor selection)
  - Prestige and potential for future funding opportunities or employment offers

# Types of Funding-Fellowships



- **Fellowships awarded directly to students**
  - Examples: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship , Fulbright, Jacob Javits, and Ford Foundation
- **Institutional Awards**
  - Examples: Fulbright Hays and Departmental research awards obtained by faculty

# Types of Funding-Stage in Graduate Program



- **Early**

- Jacob K. Javits Fellowships (Dept of Education)

- **Mid**

- Fulbright
- Social Science Research Council (SSRC) : Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship

- **Dissertation stage**

- Fulbright Hays DDRA
- Ex: Mellon /ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- AAUW American Fellowships for Women
- American Sociological Association (ASA) Minority Fellowship Program

- **Postdoctoral**

- Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowships

# Resources to Identify Funding



- **Internal**

- Graduate Studies website

<http://www.case.edu/provost/gradstudies/funds.html>

- Undergraduate Studies Website

<http://www.case.edu/provost/ugstudies/scholarships/S-guide.htm>

- Sponsored Projects Office

<http://ora.ra.cwru.edu/ospa/links/index.cfm>

# Resources to Identify Funding



- **External**
  - Foundations
    - ✦ The Foundation Center <http://foundationcenter.org/>
  - Professional Associations
    - ✦ ASAE & The Center for Association Leadership  
<http://www.asaecenter.org/Directories/AssociationSearch.cfm>
  - Corporations
    - ✦ Where you were previously employed; a family member's current employer

# Case Supported Funding Opportunities



- **Administered by Graduate Studies**
  - Fulbright
  - Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad
  - Presidential Management Fellows
- **Administered by Undergraduate Studies**
  - Eva L. Pancoast Award
  - Phi Beta Kappa

# Fulbright (Pre-doctoral)



- Administered by the Dept. of State; designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and people of other countries
- Offers two main programs (study/research grants and English Teaching Assistantships); grant periods 8-10 months
- Case has an internal interview process
- 2010-11 competition cycle opens on May 1, 2009
- Case Information Session: April 17<sup>th</sup>; 12:30PM
- [www.fulbrightonline.org](http://www.fulbrightonline.org)

# Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA)-Doctoral Candidate



- Institutional grants (students apply through the university); online app available late Sept. (app due early-mid Nov.)  
<http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/index.html>
- Focus on area studies and modern foreign languages in Africa, East Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands, South Asia, the Near East, East Central Europe and Eurasia, and the Western Hemisphere (excluding US and its territories)
- Possesses adequate language skills necessary to carry out project

# Presidential Management Fellows Program (post-graduate)



- Administered by OPM; two year paid fellowship with federal agencies (over 80 agencies)
- Must be nominated by university
- For students graduating between Sept 2009-August 2010 to be eligible to apply in Fall 2009
- Students have to demonstrate: breadth and quality of their accomplishments, capacity for leadership, and commitment to excellence in the management of public policies and programs
- <https://www.pmf.opm.gov/Index.aspx>
- Other government fellowship programs [www.students.gov](http://www.students.gov)

# Eva L. Pancoast Award- Undergraduate Studies



- Eligible: women graduate students in the CAS
- Pre-doctoral award for international study and/or travel
- Awards range from \$1000-\$3500
- Funds are disbursed after travel is completed
- <http://www.case.edu/provost/ugstudies/scholarships/S-pancoast.htm>

# Phi Beta Kappa-Undergraduate Studies



- Eligible: graduate students in CAS
- Phi Beta Kappa sponsors research grants ranging up to a few hundred dollars
- Generally fund projects related to students academic work

<http://www.case.edu/provost/ugstudies/scholarships/S-PBK.html>

## Key Points in Preparing Yourself to Apply for Fellowships/Scholarships



- Consult with your advisor, departmental faculty and other faculty about your interest in applying for funding
- Build your network; are there opportunities for interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary work?
- Review funding opportunities that are available for your discipline and/or status; develop a spreadsheet
- Begin the process early so you have time to develop your proposal, get recommendation letters, transcripts, etc.

# Key Points in Preparing Yourself to Apply for Fellowships/Scholarships



- **Talk to other students who have received fellowships/scholarships that you are applying for**
- **Get in the habit of communicating about your research interests (in writing and orally)**
- **Bottom line: You have to start now to prepare yourself to be an attractive candidate for fellowships/scholarships**

# Funding to Support Travel



- **Graduate Studies: Endowment Sponsored Mentorship Program**
- **Graduate Student Senate: Verhosek Fund (V-fund)**

# Endowment Sponsored Mentorship Program



- Provides 50/50 match of up to \$500 (domestic), \$1000 (international) for travel expenses related to poster or paper presentations
- Follows a reimbursement model
- One award per student
- <http://blog.case.edu/orgs/SGS/>

# Verhosek Fund (V-Fund)



- Up to \$200 for expenses related to conference presentations
- Up to \$50 for thesis/dissertation binding
- Lifetime award of \$250
- Reimbursement model
- <http://gss.case.edu/resources/vfund.php>

# Questions



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