Graduate Student Funding Opportunities:
International Research & Training

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FUNDING SOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

1. WVU Office of International Programs – (GEO Grant)
   Global Education Opportunities – Awards enable graduate students to travel and pursue international study, research, training experiences. Up to $1,000 for research and related project work. Deadline is October and February. CONTACT: Rebecca McDaniel 304-293-7216.

2. WVU ASPIRE
   ASPIRE stands for Advanced Academic Scholarship Preparation and Intellectual Resources Exposure. The staff advises on all kinds of opportunities for students such as the student Fulbright applications and Gilman awards.
   • Web - http://aspire.wvu.edu/
   • List of Opportunities. Go to http://aspire.wvu.edu/r/download/42587
   • Deadlines. Go to http://aspire.wvu.edu/dead
   • Advising: Make an appointment, call 304-293-2100

3. The National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship Program
   Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide (GROW). The Division of Graduate Education and the Office of International Science and Engineering announce the GROW a partnership between NSF and international agencies that offer NSF Graduate Research Fellows opportunities for research collaborations in partner countries.
   CONTACTS:
   • Sonia Ortega grow@nsf.gov (703) 292-8694
   • Anne Emig grow@nsf.gov (703) 292-8694
   • General inquiries: Graduate Research Fellowship Operations Center, telephone: 866-NSF-GRFP - email: info@nsfgrfp.org

4. The Institute of International Education (IIE)
   IIE is a world leader in international exchange of people and ideas. It is an independent, not-for-profit organization founded in 1919 with a network of 18 offices worldwide and over 1,000 member institutions.
   • IIE designs and implements programs of study and training for students, educators, young professionals and trainees from all sectors with funding from government agencies, foundations, and corporations and conducts policy research and program evaluations, and provides advising and counseling on international education and opportunities abroad.
5. IIE/USAID The Democracy Fellows and Grants Program
This is aligned with the mission of the IIE to build leadership skills and enhance capacity of individuals and organizations to address local/global challenges. IIE administers many prestigious and innovative fellowship programs in the world to provide talented professionals and students with technical skills and hands-on experience, enriching their development and contributing to sponsoring agencies.

- **The DFG program** engages committed professionals at all levels to advance democracy building, good governance, human rights promotion around the world. It promotes research and innovative solutions by accessing and applying learning and innovation among DRG scholars, research institutions, and practitioners.

- **The Research and Innovation Grants (RIG)** are a new component of USAID’s Democracy Fellows Program. Grants will integrate innovative, research-driven solutions within USAID policies and programs and strengthen relationships between USAID and academic institutions and experts working in DRG fields.

**CONTACT:**
Institute of International Education—Washington, DC,
1400 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005. -mail: dem.fellows@iie.org
http://www.iie.org/Programs/USAID-Democracy-Fellows-and-Grants-Program

**Telephone:** +1 202-326-7759 for Staff: Lisa Peterson—Director; Kristin Farthing—Program Officer; Nobu Dooley—Program Associate

6. Fulbright Student Awards (Examples)

- **Fulbright CSIRO Postgraduate Scholarship in Australia** provides the opportunity for postgraduate research with leading research organizations, CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization). Candidates enrolled in Ph.D. programs are eligible to apply.

- **Chile Science Initiative** provides 3 grants for Master’s-level or Ph.D. students to conduct study/research at specified universities. Some may not require a high level of Spanish proficiency since much of the work at the Institutes is in English.

- **Critical Language Enhancement Award (Add On)** is a feature of the U.S. Student Fulbright Program, which provides an opportunity for some grantees to receive 3 to 6 months of intensive language study.

- Go to http://us.fulbrightonline.org/about/types-of-grants

- **Fulbright Award Benefits:** Round-trip transportation; room, board, and incidental costs, based on the cost of living in the host country; Accident & Sickness Health Benefits. Grants may include: book/research allowances, mid-term enrichment activities, full/partial tuition, language study, pre-departure and in-country briefings.

- Most common fellowship is the Academic research/study award for graduate students who do dissertation research abroad.

- **TIP:** Explore funding from other sources to supplement Fulbright funding.

7. David L. Boren Fellowships
Boren Fellowships provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. graduate students to add an important international and language component to their
education. Go to -http://www.borenawards.org/ Focus is on geographic areas, languages, fields of study critical to U.S. and underrepresented in study abroad.

- Boren Fellowships are valid for nearly every world region and provide support up to $30,000 for language study, support study and research in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests: Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and Middle East. Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded.
- A variety of academic and professional disciplines, and candidates interested in studying languages, such as: Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Swahili. Funded by National Security Education Program (NSEP), which focuses on geographic areas, languages, fields of study critical to U.S. national security.
- **TIP:** Identify how the project and the candidate’s future academic and career goals will contribute to U.S. national security. NSEP uses a broad definition of national security, from traditional concerns to challenges of global society, e.g., sustainable development, global disease, hunger, environmental degradation, population growth and migration, and economic competitiveness.
- Go to http://www.iie.org/Programs/Boren-Awards-for-International-Study.

8. The National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship Program
The GRFP helps ensure the vitality of the U.S. human resource base of science and engineering in and reinforces its diversity. Recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based Master's and Doctoral degrees. 

- NSF welcomes applications from qualified students and encourages applications from under-represented populations, e.g., women, under-represented racial and ethnic minorities, and persons with disabilities.
- GRFP Fellows Receive the Following: 3-year support: $32,000 annual stipend and $12,000 cost-of-education allowance to the institution
- International research and professional development opportunities
- Go to www.nsfgrfp.org
- CONTACTS:
  - Gisele T. Muller-Parker grfp@nsf.gov (703) 292-8694
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9. The National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship Program
NSF sponsors East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes for U.S. Graduate Students. The EAPSI application deadline is around November. See program guidelines.

- NSF and selected foreign counterpart science and technology agencies sponsor international research institutes for US graduate students in 7 East Asia and Pacific locations between June and August each year.
- An EAPSI award provides U.S. graduate students in science, engineering, and education with 1) first-hand research experiences in Australia, China, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Singapore or Taiwan; 2) introduction to science, science
policy, and scientific infrastructure of the location; and 3) an orientation to the society, culture and language. The award includes a summer stipend, travel expenses. Partner agencies pay in-country living expenses during the Institute. Apply individually to participate in a Summer Institute. Propose a location, host scientist, and research project appropriate for host site and duration of visit.

- CONTACTS:
  - Elena R. Hillenburg oise-eapsi@nsf.gov (703) 292-2993
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10. Cambridge University (United Kingdom)
- View a 20 minute PowerPoint provides details about Cambridge University, its Colleges, and all key information about the Gates Cambridge Scholarships.
- Go to - http://www.gatescambridge.org/promotional/film-detail.asp
- For intellectually outstanding postgraduate students with a capacity for leadership and a commitment to improving the lives of others.
- Applications open September 1, for entry in October.
- Scholarship deadlines are:
  - Round 1 - US citizens based in the USA – October.
  - Round 2 - all other eligible candidates – December.

FUNDING GUIDE

Guide to Fellowships and Grants for Graduate Student International Research

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- This Guide is a valuable 17-page compilation of funding sources and opportunities for Graduate Student international research including overseas dissertation work. It includes General Guides to Funding Opportunities, Fellowships, and Scholarships and Individual Grant Opportunities, including opportunities funded by U.S. government agencies (e.g., Fulbright, NSF, etc.).

  TIP: Dissertation Research Fellowships and Post-Doctorate Research Work

- The Guide contains 9 pages of Individual Funding Opportunities by Foundations, non-Governmental Organizations, and Professional Associations that may be useful for obtaining funding and support for dissertation proposal research in another country. List includes fellowships, research awards, and grants programs.