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Fellowship Policies and Guidelines

Fellowship Definition

Fellowships are competitive internal or external awards that generally do not require assigned teaching and research duties in exchange for the funds. They are intended to fund academic study and research and typically include a stipend for living expenses, full or partial coverage of graduate tuition and student fees, and any other payment deemed appropriate by the sponsor. Fellowships may be awarded by sponsors such as the University, private foundations, companies, endowments, or government agencies. Recipients may be selected based on various factors, including but not limited to academic achievement, membership in a professional society, or financial need.

Classification of Fellowships

Purdue University recognizes that there exist several different types of fellowships. The Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars (OGSPS) classifies the funding source into two broad categories for the purpose of awarding Graduate Tuition Scholarships:

Internal Awards: OGSPS – e.g.- Bilisland.

External Awards:

Federal – e.g.- NSF GRFP, NIH F31, DOD NDSEG.

Industrial – e.g.- Apple Scholars in AI/ML, Google.

Foundations – e.g.- Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Innovation Fellowship.

International – e.g.- CONACYT-Mexico, CONICYT-Chile, DAAD-German Academic Exchange.

Fellowship Eligibility

Many fellowships are merit-based. However, some fellowships are need-based and require that the student demonstrate financial need. The Division of Financial Aid (DFA) is the administrative unit responsible for determining the financial need of students at Purdue. In determining financial need, the DFA adheres to the policies and guidelines set forth in Part F of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (34 CFR 648.2, CFR 65). Students must complete and file a [FAFSA](#). A FAFSA demonstrates financial need and must be on file before a need-based fellowship is awarded.

The DFA conducts a survey of Purdue students each year to determine the estimated Cost of Education at Purdue, and then calculates loan eligibility, utilizing Title IV Congressional Methodology: Estimated Cost of Education minus Aid, which includes fellowships, fee remissions and scholarships, to determine the student's loan eligibility.

Administration of Fellowships

Fellowships are administered either as **Fellowships (True Fellows)** or as **Fellowships Administered as Assistantships (Fellow Assistants)**. Currently many external fellowships are administered as Fellowships, and all OGSPS Fellowships, except for the Chappelle Fellowship, are administered as Fellowships Administered as Assistantships during the period in which OGSPS is providing support. Beginning for the Fall 2026 semester, the Chappelle Fellowship will also be administered as a Fellowship Administered as an Assistantship. For OGSPS fellowships with additional years of department support (Graduate Excellence Fellowships), that funding is typically provided through other graduate staff appointments, such as teaching, research, and administrative/professional assistantships. During those years, students will be classified through those employment mechanisms rather than as Fellow Assistants. Students and staff should refer to the Graduate Employment Manual for more information about other graduate staff appointments.

The primary difference between the two fellowship classifications lies in employment status: True Fellows are not considered Purdue employees, while Fellow Assistants are. The difference in employment status has implications for taxation, benefits, and tuition rates that are charged to the fellowship sponsor, OGSPS, or the student's department. **Regardless of how they are administered, all fellowships are designed to give students time to focus on their dissertation or thesis research without teaching or outside research obligations that do not contribute to the student's dissertation or thesis research or degree progress.**

True Fellows have the following characteristics:

- Employment Status: True Fellows do not hold Graduate Staff appointments and are not classified as employees of Purdue.

- **Appointment Classification in the HR System:** The appropriate SF Employee Class Code is T-Fellowship, and the Job Code is 20002716-Fellowships Predoctoral. There is no CUL associated with this position classification.
- **Payment:** Payment is provided in the form of a stipend provided to support True Fellows in pursuing a course of study or research. Stipends are not considered compensation for services, such as teaching, conducting research, or administrative duties. When a student graduates, it is the general practice that a True Fellowship is paid through the end of the pay period in which the student graduates.
- **Nature of Work:** True Fellows are not considered employees of the University and are not required to provide services to the University. It is expected that they will use the fellowship period to pursue their course of study and research and make progress toward their degree. All graduate students, including True Fellows, receive guidance and direction in the design and conduct of their thesis/dissertation research from their faculty advisor. Because many fellowships do not include funding for research expenses, their thesis/dissertation research may need to align with ongoing funding and research projects in their faculty advisor's research group. However, True Fellows should not be assigned teaching, administrative, or research duties that do not directly support the student's degree progress or dissertation research.
- **Taxation:** For domestic students, income tax is not withheld, and payments are not reported to the IRS. For international students, the University must withhold federal income tax from fellowship payments, unless the student is exempt from tax because of a treaty between his or her country of residence and the United States. More guidance on tax implications is provided below.
- **Insurance:** True Fellows are eligible for Purdue's student insurance plan, which includes combined medical and dental coverage. Vision insurance can also be purchased separately. True Fellows may receive a medical insurance stipend supplement from the fellowship sponsor, OGSPS, or their department to put towards their annual premium. To find out more about medical, dental, and vision insurance, please visit: <https://purdueship.myahpcare.com/>.
- **Tuition:** True Fellows are charged the regular General Service tuition rate plus the Nonresident Tuition rate if applicable. Tuition is typically covered by the fellowship sponsor or a combination of the sponsor, a Graduate Tuition Scholarship from OGSPS, and/or the student's department.

Fellow Assistants have the following characteristics:

- **Employment Status:** Fellow Assistants do hold Graduate Staff appointments and are classified as employees of Purdue.
- **Appointment Classification in the HR System:** The appropriate SF Employee Class Code is S-Graduate Student, and the Job Code is 20002713-Fellowship Administered as Assistantship, with a 50.00 CUL. International students are limited to a total of 50.00 CUL during the academic year. Please contact the Office of International Students and Scholars (ISS) to ensure that an international student's employment is allowable.
- **Nature of Work:** Similar to True Fellows, Fellow Assistants are expected to devote their 50.00 CUL toward progress in their course of study and research. Departments may not assign teaching, research, or administrative duties that do not directly support the student's degree progress or dissertation research during the OGSPS funded portion of the award when the student is designated as a Fellow Assistant. During any years supported by the department, the student will no longer be considered a Fellow Assistant. They may be given an alternative graduate staff appointment and assigned teaching, research, or administrative/professional duties that may or may not be related to their degree requirements.
- **Payment:** Payment is provided in the form of a bi-weekly salary.
- **Taxation:** Salary is subject to withholding income tax, Social Security tax, and Medicare, and is reported to the IRS on the W-2 at year-end.
- **Insurance:** As graduate staff with 50.00 CUL, Fellow Assistants and their dependents (legal spouse and/or dependent children) are eligible for either the graduate staff medical insurance plan or Purdue's student insurance plan. The graduate staff insurance plan is partially covered by the students' department, and the student pays the remainder of the premium in monthly installments. The student insurance plan is not partially covered by the students' department, but students may find this to be a more cost-effective option if they are covering a dependent. More information about the graduate staff medical insurance plan and a comparison between the graduate staff and student plans can be found here: <https://www.purdue.edu/hr/Benefits/gradstaff/>.
- **Tuition:** Fellow Assistants receive tuition remission, with the remission fee covered by OGSPS.

True Fellow Tax Implications - The interpretation and implementation of the tax laws is the domain of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). OGSPS takes no position on the status of a particular taxpayer, nor does it have the authority to dispense tax advice. Students should consult a tax expert for advice. That stated, modest guidance on stipend taxability is provided below.

Part of the payments made to True Fellows (stipends used for meals, lodging, non-mandatory medical insurance, travel, personal living expenses, or other non-course related expenses) are true taxable income. Other parts of the payment (portions used for tuition and fees required for enrollment or attendance at the University and/or other mandatory fees, such as books, supplies, and equipment required to be used by all students in a particular course of study) are not taxable.

For general tax questions, please contact tax@purdue.edu.

Additional Awards

Recipients of fellowships should report to their department head and department business office if they receive any additional awards.

For external fellowships, it is the responsibility of the fellow to review the policies of their external sponsoring agency to determine whether they may accept additional fellowships, awards, or grants during their fellowship period. In most cases, students may receive travel grants, scholarships, or other awards concurrently with an external fellowship. However, rules vary on accepting concurrent additional fellowships. In general, federal fellowships cannot be held concurrently with another individual federal fellowship, but students may be able to defer one fellowship or place it on reserve status. For example, a fellow cannot receive funding from both the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF GRFP) and the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program (NDSEG) in the same year.

For OGSPS fellowships, fellows are allowed to hold concurrent external fellowships if permitted by the sponsoring agency of the non-OGSPS fellowship. However, to extend the duration of their available funding, they may elect to defer the OGSPS fellowship instead (See **Deferral of Purdue OGSPS Fellowships**). For more information about receiving multiple OGSPS fellowships see **Eligibility of Recipients for Purdue OGSPS Recruitment Fellowships**.

Purdue OGSPS Fellowships

Purdue OGSPS fellowships are funded from endowments established by generous donors and from the Purdue Research Foundation. Through this internal fellowship program, OGSPS financially supports the strategic initiative of increasing the enrollment and matriculation of graduate students who demonstrate superior academic achievements and scholarly abilities.

Selection of Recipients for Purdue OGSPS Fellowships

Selection of recipients for Purdue OGSPS fellowships and awards is conducted by members of the Graduate Faculty, who are tenure-track or voting-status faculty members at Purdue University who have been nominated by the head of a specific graduate program and an academic dean for appointment to the Graduate Faculty. The OGSPS Vice Provost, acting on behalf of the faculty Graduate Council, grants Graduate Faculty status to Purdue faculty members. Faculty who are nominated for appointment to the Graduate Faculty are assumed, by virtue of their appointment, to be qualified researchers or scholars. Nominees for appointments to the Graduate Faculty must demonstrate the ability to mentor and supervise the progress and work of graduate students. Appointment to the Graduate Faculty will enable the faculty members to teach graduate-level courses, to serve on graduate student committees, and to co-chair or chair graduate student committees.

Eligibility of Recipients for Purdue OGSPS Recruitment Fellowships

Students are eligible for Purdue University OGSPS fellowships if they meet the criteria established within this manual. Students are only eligible for one recruitment fellowship during their tenure at Purdue University. If a student receives a Knox fellowship as a master's student, they would not be eligible for a recruitment fellowship as a Ph.D. student. However, they may be eligible for fellowships that support currently enrolled graduate students such as the Bilsland Dissertation Fellowships.

Registration Requirements for Purdue OGSPS Fellowship Recipient

Recipients of OGSPS fellowships must be enrolled in a degree-granting graduate program at Purdue University, and be registered full-time in fall/spring semesters and at least 3 credits hours in summer. OGSPS considers full-time status to be a minimum of eight credit hours in each of the fall and spring sessions, and six credit hours during the summer session. Credits may be either class credits, research credits or a combination of both. OGSPS fellowship recipients must be registered to receive their fellowship funds.

Academic and Scholarly Standards for Purdue OGSPS Fellowship Recipient

Continuation of OGSPS fellowship award commitment is contingent upon satisfactory academic performance, continued progress toward their degree, and compliance with all OGSPS fellowship guidelines. These criteria are established and evaluated by the Graduate Faculty in accordance with OGSPS policies and procedures. At the end of each term, OGSPS will run a grade report for all OGSPS fellows. Graduate Faculty will be contacted if a student's cumulative GPA falls below the 3.0 minimum. The student will be placed on probation and will have one semester (non-summer) to bring their GPA back to 3.0. In the rare instance when the Graduate Faculty determines that a fellow fails to meet these criteria, the graduate program should contact OGSPS to initiate probation or termination procedures of the fellowship commitment.

Department Support of Purdue OGSPS Fellowship Recipient

Departments may not assign teaching duties or other research duties during OGSPS funded portion of the award **as part of the regular .50 FTE**. Department Graduate programs commit to additional years of funding with Graduate Excellence Fellowships (formerly Andrews, Lynn, and Ross Fellowships). These additional years of funding are at an amount equal to or above the initial year of funding. Department Graduate programs support fellows most commonly by teaching assistantships, research assistantships or a combination of teaching and research assistantships. Departments are required to provide financial support to recipients for all additional years awarded in the fellowship and funding package contingent upon satisfactory academic performance and continued progress toward their degree.

Additional Appointments

Generally, OGSPS fellows may accept an additional 25.00 CUL appointment on top of the 50.00 CUL Fellow Assistant appointment. Please seek approval through your Graduate Education Associate Dean's office.

When classes are in session, international students (F-1 and J-1 visas) are limited by law to working twenty (20) hours per week (i.e., 50.00 CUL). The twenty-hour limit applies to all appointments including combination salary and hourly appointments. Consult International Students and Scholars (ISS) for questions regarding international student employment eligibility.

Deferral of Purdue OGSPS Fellowships

In consultation with OGSPS and the departmental graduate program, fellows may elect to defer a fellowship to utilize other funding opportunities or to account for a temporary absence from the university. To defer a fellowship, the graduate department should contact the appropriate department or College office (business office, employment center, or payroll office) to submit a request for deferral using the Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Scholars (OGSPS eForm90). An explanation for the deferral request must be provided in the Special Instructions Section. The fellowship is then placed on HOLD, for a period of no more than 3 years (See **Fellowships Placed on Hold**).

Students who receive a fellowship and decide to defer admission will be subject to Admission Deferral policies and the deferral of their fellowship will be at the discretion of the Associate Dean of Graduate Education for their college.

Because of the difference in the cost of semesters, at no time will summer semester funding be allowed for use in place of fall or spring semester funding.

Fellowships Placed on Hold

A fellowship may be placed on hold, only one time, and for no more than a 3-year period – i.e., a fellowship that is placed on hold in Fall 2025 must be re-activated by Fall 2028. In addition, a fellowship must be re-activated within the four years of the fellowship award package – i.e., a fellowship awarded for Fall 2025 must be re-activated no later than Spring 2029, even if it was put on hold in Fall 2026. Fellowships must be placed on hold prior to the “Last Day to Register without a Late Fee” deadline from the Bursar’s Office, for each semester that they will be on hold.

Reasons for fellowship holds are usually related to the student receiving an alternative source of funding, such as an additional fellowship or a limited-time assistantship. Other reasons for placing a fellowship in “hold” status include the occurrence of a temporary leave of absence from the University, such as for medical leave, military duty, or other personal reasons.

Transferring Purdue OGSPS Fellowships to Another Student

Once a student is awarded an OGSPS fellowship, if that student accepts and enrolls in the Fall Semester following the offer, the award is not allowed to be transferred to any other student. **Transferring a held fellowship to another student is not permitted.**

Fellowship Recipients Transferring to Another Program of Study

On occasion, OGSPS fellowship recipients may decide to transfer to another graduate program. OGSPS fellowship recipients interested in transferring should contact their college’s business office and the head of the graduate program to determine if a transfer of the fellowship is possible. If it is determined that the package can be transferred, the Fellowship Office will work with the department business offices and both graduate programs to negotiate the transfer of the fellowship package and any changes that may occur. Any remaining funds from the OGSPS portion of the fellowship will be transferred to the new graduate program.

OGSPS fellowship recipients should be aware that the fellowship award package is an offer and commitment from the original departmental graduate program and not the departmental graduate program to which the fellow wishes to transfer. However, OGSPS encourages, **but does not require**, the transfer department to fulfill the fellowship award commitment at the average stipend level. A new offer letter will be extended to the fellow by the transfer department, copying OGSPS Fellowship Office.

Purdue OGSPS Fellowship Termination

An OGSPS fellowship commitment may be terminated on the rare occasion that the fellow leaves Purdue or when the fellow fails to comply with OGSPS Fellowship Guidelines, for example, fails to maintain satisfactory progress listed in each of the award terms and conditions. When a fellowship (Graduate Excellence Fellowship) is terminated, the fellowship account is closed, and the funds are returned to the college fellowship account. Prior to the decision to terminate, the departmental graduate program must consult with the OGSPS Fellowship Office.

When a fellowship is terminated, the departmental graduate program will send a letter to the fellow, notifying the fellow of the termination and will initiate the process to update the eForm90.

Funds Remaining After Fellowship Award Period

Any XRXL (Graduate Excellence Fellowship) lump sum allocation funds remaining after a fellowship award period ends will remain in the college’s OGSPS fellowship account.

Graduate Tuition Scholarships

A Graduate Tuition Scholarship (GTS) is an award that is given to fellowship recipients to help cover a portion of the tuition (General Service and Non-Resident if applicable) assessed to the fellowship recipient. In 2003, the University refined its guidelines on Graduate Tuition Scholarships by charging OGSPS with the responsibility of awarding Graduate Tuition Scholarships based on dollars in the approved University expenditure budget.

Graduate Tuition Scholarships **do not cover**:

- Student medical insurance,
- Student Fees,
- the International Student Fee (if applicable),
- The Differential General Service Fee charged to students by specific schools or colleges (e.g., Daniels School of Business, College of Engineering, College of Technology and School of Pharmacy).

Fellowship/Student Eligibility

In determining fellowship eligibility for a GTS, OGSPS considers the following:

- Sponsor or department must contribute towards administration of institutional allowance.
- The minimum stipend provided to the student must be at least equivalent to the Graduate Staff minimum salary. This minimum may be met fully through a fellowship or through a combination of a fellowship and stipend supplement from the department.
- The minimum tenure of the fellowship is at least one semester.
- Recipients of graduate tuition scholarships must have been awarded an eligible fellowship, remain in active fellowship status, and be enrolled full-time during Fall and Spring semesters at Purdue University.

Graduate Tuition Scholarship Requests

A GTS request [FORM](#) must be submitted to be considered for a Graduate Tuition Scholarship.

- Submission of your request does not guarantee funding will be awarded.
- Requests for GTS must be made prior to the submission of proposals.
- The earlier the requests are made, the more likely your request will be funded.
- GTS requests must be filled out by faculty or staff. Student submitted forms will not be reviewed.

Graduate Tuition Scholarship Priority List

GTS will be awarded according to the following priority list:

- Purdue OGSPS fellowship recipients
- Purdue Strategic Initiatives fellowship recipients
- Federal fellowship recipients
- External fellowship recipients with the highest sponsor support towards institutional allowance
- External fellowships with the highest combination of sponsor and departmental support towards institutional allowance
- Other external fellowships as approved by the OGSPS Fellowship Office

Administration of Institutional Allowance with GTS (Cost of Program Allowances)

The University will utilize the institutional allowance provided by sponsors of fellowships in the following order:

- Student Medical Insurance
- Graduate Tuition Scholarship fee
- Student fees
- International student fee (if applicable)
- Tuition

External Fellowships

Requirements from the Funding Agency or Sponsor

External fellows are supported by a funding agency, whether it be a company, government agency, or private foundation, which provides a stipend and partial or full tuition. External fellows are expected to follow all Purdue Fellowship Guidelines, as well as the rules established by their fellowship's sponsor. For example, a NASA Fellow is obligated to follow both the Purdue Fellowship Guidelines and NASA's Fellowship Guidelines to maintain good standing with Purdue and NASA. External fellows who do not comply with both the Purdue Fellowship Guidelines and their sponsor's guidelines may have their funding terminated.

Enrollment Requirements

A common requirement for an external fellowship is that the fellowship recipient maintains **full-time graduate student status** while actively receiving the fellowship funding. Full-time status for graduate students at Purdue is 8 credit hours or more in the spring and fall semesters and 6 credit hours for the summer semester (fellows should follow sponsor requirements for registration in summer). Both research credit and class credits, or a mixture of the two, are acceptable for full-time status.

An exception to this rule is for fellowships that require the student to conduct research away from campus during the full duration of their fellowship funding, such as domestically awarded Fulbright Fellowships for US citizens. Regardless of the classification of the fellowship, all fellows whose award entails prolonged absence from Purdue campus should check with their department business office regarding the requirements for their enrollment.

Fellowship Reporting

Most external fellowships require the student to file a small report to their sponsor each year. Some opportunities need approval each year for continued stipend and tuition support. The external fellow is expected to communicate with their sponsor to be aware of and file the necessary reports. The specific information to be included in the reporting depends on the funding agency.

Requests for Change of Advisor, Department, or Program

External fellows who wish to change their advisor, department, or program must consult with their sponsoring agency prior to making the change to ensure that the change will not violate the terms and conditions of their fellowship. Although the Purdue Fellowship Office can provide guidance on the administrative processes for making these changes, only the sponsor or funding agency can approve those requests. Some fellowships are rather lenient about the student's field of study or research area, whereas other fellowships are contingent on the fellow adhering to their research plan and/or field of study.

Hold or Reserve Status

Some external fellowships may be placed on hold for one or more years if the sponsor approves. Without sponsor approval, the student is required to either use the funding right away or forfeit it back to the sponsor. Most external fellowship opportunities have clear rules regarding the number of years – if any – that the funding can be placed on hold. If an external fellowship is placed on hold without complying with the policies of the sponsor, the sponsor may terminate the funding.

Additional Appointments or Employment

All external fellows must comply with the sponsor's guidelines regarding employment during their fellowship. Without permission from the sponsoring agency, a fellow who maintains a part-time job, even if at the university, may be at risk of losing their funding. Most external fellowships have rules regarding the types of employment and hours that may be allowed. If the external sponsor defers to OGSPS, then 10 hours of employment per week (equivalent to a 25.00 CUL appointment) is generally permissible.

Administration of Institutional Allowance (Cost of Program Allowances)

The University will utilize the institutional allowance provided by sponsors of fellowships in the following order:

- Medical insurance for the fellow
- Student fees
- International student fee (if applicable)
- Tuition
- Differential fees
- Other educational costs of the recipient such as books, supplies, and/or travel if these costs are consistent with the sponsor guidelines for administration of the fellowship.

Guide to OGSPS Recruitment Fellowships

Fellowship/Assistantship Name	Support	Timeline
Graduate Excellence¹ For the recruitment of outstanding Ph.D.-track students to graduate programs at Purdue University. Each fellowship provides a four-year award package to the fellow. It also provides tuition coverage and a medical insurance supplement. The student recipient must have an admit date of the fall following the fellowship award period. (Formerly Ross, Lynn, and Andrews)	Fiscal Year Minimum² 1-2 years OGSPS support; and 2-3 years of graduate program support	<i>Allocation</i> in October <i>Award Notification</i> Determined by program ³
David M. Knox¹ For the recruitment of students pursuing Master's level graduate education. This fellowship provides a one-year award package to the fellow. Recipients are selected based on character, intellectual ability, and promise of degree attainment.	Fiscal Year Minimum² 1-year OGSPS support; <i>PLEASE NOTE: only 2 nominations per college will be accepted</i>	<i>Announcement</i> in October <i>Award Notification</i> Determined by program ³
Charles C. Chappelle¹ For the recruitment of students with undergraduate degrees from Purdue for the furtherance of PhD research at Purdue University. Each fellowship provides a one-year award package to the fellow. Recipients are selected based on character, intellectual ability, and promise of degree attainment.	Fiscal Year Minimum² 1-year OGSPS support; <i>PLEASE NOTE: only 2 nominations per college will be accepted</i>	<i>Announcement</i> in October <i>Award Notification</i> Determined by program ³

¹OGSPS should be acknowledged in offer letters and all other documents as the source of funding for these fellowships. Depending on the wording of your offer letters, appropriate references to the funding source might include the following: "...the OGSPS's Graduate Excellence Fellowship...." or "...the Graduate Excellence Fellowship by OGSPS...." We encourage you to use the approved template. OGSPS allocates funding to the academic programs that select fellowship recipients based on the established guidelines.

²Minimum stipend levels are reviewed and set by the university on an annual fiscal year basis. Actual stipends are determined by program.

³These are recruitment awards. Identification of possible recipients usually occurs during the admissions process, utilizing materials in the admissions application.

Graduate Excellence Fellowship

The Graduate Excellence Fellowships are for the recruitment of outstanding Ph.D.-track students to graduate programs at Purdue University. Each fellowship provides a four-year award package to the student, which includes up to two years of funding support from OGSPS and up to three additional years of funding support from the departmental graduate program.

Allocation Process - OGSPS allocates Graduate Excellence Fellowships to schools and colleges based on a three-year average of doctoral degrees granted by the college. Colleges and schools are encouraged to establish award procedures to meet the doctoral recruitment goals of their graduate programs, operating within the parameters set forth in the fellowship guidelines.

Selection Process - Students do not apply directly for the Graduate Excellence Fellowship. Selection of the recipients is conducted by the graduate faculty who administer the graduate program to which the student is admitted. At a minimum, the selection process considers the students' academic achievements and scholarly abilities, based on admission application materials requested by the graduate program. To receive full consideration, applicants must submit completed OGSPS application materials to the graduate program by the respective program deadline.

Student Eligibility - Recipients of Graduate Excellence Fellowships must be admitted as Ph.D.-track students in a degree-granting, residential graduate program at Purdue and must demonstrate superior academic achievements and scholarly abilities.

Award Provisions - The Graduate Excellence Fellowships are supported, in part, through a generous endowment in honor of Frederick N. Andrews. The Graduate Excellence Fellowship provides a four-year award package to the student, which includes up to two years of funding support from OGSPS and up to three additional years of funding support from the departmental graduate program, usually in the form of research assistantships, teaching assistantships, or a combination thereof, to guarantee to the fellowship recipient a total award package of four years. The Graduate Excellence Fellowship provides salary, payment of tuition and medical insurance options. Fellowship recipients will be responsible for paying most of the student fees.

Continuation of the Graduate Excellence Fellowship award is contingent upon satisfactory academic and scholarly performance and progress, satisfactory work performance, and the fellow's ability to meet and maintain OGSPS Fellowship guidelines. Departments are required to provide financial support to recipients for all additional years awarded in the fellowship and funding package contingent upon satisfactory academic performance and continued progress toward their degree.

Award Terms and Conditions - Recipients must:

- be enrolled and maintain status as Ph.D.-track students in the degree-granting residential graduate program at Purdue to which the fellow was admitted;
- register for at least eight credits in each the fall and the spring sessions and register for at least three credits during the summer session. Fellows who are not registered during the summer session will not receive funding support during the summer session;
- maintain satisfactory academic and scholarly performance and satisfactory work performance;
- adhere to OGSPS Fellowship guidelines.

Renewal -The Graduate Excellence Fellowship is non-renewable.

David M. Knox Fellowship

The David M. Knox Fellowship provides a one-year fellowship to students pursuing Master's degrees. Knox Fellows are selected based on character, intellectual ability, and promise of degree attainment.

Selection Process - Students do not apply directly for the David M. Knox Fellowship. Selection of the recipients is conducted by the graduate faculty who administer the graduate program to which the student is admitted. At a minimum, the selection process considers the students' academic achievements and scholarly abilities, based on admission application materials requested by the graduate program. To receive full consideration, applicants must submit completed OGSPS application materials to the graduate program by the respective program deadline. The David M. Knox Fellowships are supported through a generous endowment to honor David M. Knox. The number of awards available each year is dependent on endowment earnings.

Student Eligibility - Recipients of Knox Fellowships need to have submitted a graduate school application, be admitted to Purdue in a degree-granting residential Master's program before the award is made, or be enrolled in a Purdue degree-granting residential Master's program for less than one semester, and must demonstrate superior academic achievement and scholarly abilities.

Award Provisions - The tenure of the Knox Fellowship is one year and provides a salary, payment of tuition, medical insurance benefit, and most student fees **except the Differential Fee**. The Differential Fee is the fee charged to students by specific schools or colleges (e.g., Daniels School of Business, College of Engineering, School of Pharmacy, and College of Technology) and is the responsibility of the student.

Award Terms and Conditions - Recipients must:

- be enrolled and maintain status in the degree-granting Master's residential program at Purdue to which the fellow was admitted;
- register for at least eight credits in each the fall and the spring sessions and register for at least three credits during the summer session. Fellows who are not registered during the summer session will not receive a stipend during summer session;
- maintain satisfactory academic and scholarly performance;
- adhere to OGSPS Fellowship guidelines

Renewal - The Knox Fellowship is non-renewable.

Charles C. Chappelle Fellowship

The Charles C. Chappelle Fellowship provides a one-year fellowship to students with undergraduate degrees from Purdue for the furtherance of PhD research at Purdue University. Chappelle Fellows are selected based on character, intellectual ability, and promise of degree attainment.

Selection Process - Students do not apply directly for the Charles C. Chappelle Fellowship. Selection of the recipients is conducted by the graduate faculty who administer the graduate program to which the student is admitted. At a minimum, the selection process considers the students' academic achievements and scholarly abilities, based on admission application materials requested by the graduate program. To receive full consideration, applicants must submit completed OGSPS application materials to the graduate program by the respective program deadline. The Charles C. Chappelle Fellowships are supported through a generous endowment to honor Charles C. Chappelle. The number of awards available each year is dependent on endowment earnings.

Student Eligibility - Recipients of Chappelle Fellowships must possess a Purdue undergraduate degree, need to have submitted a graduate school application, be admitted to Purdue in a PhD program before the award is made, or be enrolled in for less than one semester, and must demonstrate superior academic achievement and scholarly abilities.

Award Provisions - The tenure of the Chappelle Fellowship is one year and provides a stipend, payment of tuition, medical insurance benefit, and most student fees **except the Differential Fee**. The Differential Fee is the fee charged to students by specific schools or colleges (e.g., Daniels School of Business, College of Engineering, School of Pharmacy, and College of Technology) and is the responsibility of the student.

Award Terms and Conditions - Recipients must:

- be enrolled and maintain status in the PhD program at Purdue to which the fellow was admitted;
- register for at least eight credits in each the fall and the spring sessions and register for at least three credits during the summer session. Fellows who are not registered during the summer session will not receive a stipend during summer session;
- maintain satisfactory academic and scholarly performance;
- adhere to OGSPS Fellowship guidelines

Renewal - The Chappelle Fellowship is non-renewable.

Guide to OGSPS Awarded Fellowships

Fellowship/Assistantship Name	Support	Timeline
Bilsland Dissertation Fellowships Provides support to outstanding Ph.D. candidates in their final year of doctoral degree completion. Bilsland Fellows are expected to devote full-time effort to the completion of all doctoral degree requirements to receive the doctoral degree at the conclusion of the fellowship tenure.	Fiscal Year Minimum Up to 1-year of OGSPS support	<i>Allocation</i> in October <i>Award Notification</i> Determined by Program
Ludwig Kruhe This faculty nominated fellowship was established as a “means for promoting a deeper interest in world problems, to the end that a better understanding of international relationships and world affairs may be advanced.” Recipients are doctoral candidates in one of the following Purdue graduate programs: Agricultural Economics, Civil Engineering, Economics, History, Languages and Cultures, Management, or Political Science.	Fiscal Year Minimum 1-year OGSPS support See Funding and Fellowship website for application instructions and submission.	<i>Announcement</i> in October <i>Deadline</i> January <i>Award Notification</i> Determined by Program
Puskas Memorial Fellowship This faculty nominated fellowship was established for support and maintenance of one or more annual fellowships to be awarded to and used by graduate students who maintain citizenship in Romania or have some significant relationship with Romania as determined by the Vice Provost of OGSPS. Examples of this include residency, education, or research in Romania and formal outreach or engagement with Romania.	Fiscal Year Minimum 1-year OGSPS support See Funding and Fellowship website for application instructions and submission.	<i>Announcement</i> in October <i>Deadline</i> January <i>Award Notification</i> Determined by Program

Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship

The Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship provides support to outstanding Ph.D. candidates in their final year of doctoral degree completion. Bilsland Fellows are expected to devote full-time effort to the completion of all doctoral degree requirements and to receive the doctoral degree at the conclusion of the fellowship tenure.

Allocation Process - The Bilsland Dissertation Fellowships are supported through a generous endowment to honor Winifred Beatrice Bilsland. Each college or school receives the equivalent of at least one fellowship, which must be administered as semester awards or as a one-year award. **Summer only awards are not permitted.**

Selection Process - Students do not apply directly to OGSPS for the Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship. Recipient(s) selection is conducted by members of the graduate faculty who administer the graduate program in which the candidate is enrolled. Students should consult their graduate program for the selection process within the college or school. At a minimum, the selection process considers the student's academic and scholarly achievements and the promise of degree attainment at the conclusion of the fellowship tenure.

Student Eligibility - Recipients of Bilsland Dissertation Fellowships must be enrolled as Ph.D. candidates in a degree-granting, residential doctoral program at Purdue and have demonstrated superior academic abilities and scholarly achievements. The recipients must have only one year remaining in their doctoral program, not including the current academic year.

Award Administration - Colleges and schools may administer the Bilsland Dissertation Fellowships as semester awards or as a one-year award. Summer only awards are not permitted. Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship recipients should focus on their dissertation and not hold any additional appointments.

Award Provisions - At the completion of the fellowship, Bilsland Dissertation Fellows are expected to have completed all requirements for the doctoral degree. Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship provides a salary payment of tuition, most student fees and a medical insurance supplement. The Differential Fee charged to students by specific schools or colleges (e.g., Daniels School of Business, College of Engineering, School of Pharmacy, and College of Technology) is not provided and is the responsibility of the student. The tenure of the award is semester-based or one-year, as determined by the college or school in the offer letter.

Award Terms and Conditions - Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship Recipients must:

- be enrolled and maintain status as Ph.D. candidate in their degree-granting residential graduate program;
- complete all doctoral degree requirements to receive the doctoral degree at the conclusion of the fellowship tenure;
- register for at least eight credits in each the fall and the spring sessions and register for at least three credits during the summer session. fellows who are not registered during the summer session will not receive funding support in summer session;
- maintain satisfactory academic and scholarly performance and progress and satisfactory work performance;
- adhere to OGSPS Fellowship guidelines.

Renewal - The Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship is non-renewable. Bilsland Dissertation Fellows are expected to receive their doctoral degree at the completion of their award tenure.

Ludwig Kruhe Fellowship

The Kruhe Fellowship was established in July 1966, with a bequest from the estate of Ludwig Kruhe. The Ludwig Kruhe Fellowship was established as a “means for promoting a deeper interest in world problems, to the end that a better understanding of international relationships and world affairs may be advanced.” The tenure of the Kruhe Fellowship is one year, and fellows are expected to complete all doctoral degree requirements for the PhD at the conclusion of the fellowship.

Kruhe Fellows are doctoral candidates in one of the following Purdue graduate residential programs: Agricultural Economics, Civil Engineering, Economics, History, Languages and Cultures, Management, or Political Science.

Selection Process - Selection of Kruhe Fellows is conducted by members of the graduate faculty. At a minimum, the applicants are evaluated on the merits of the application and the adherence to program guidelines.

Student Eligibility - Doctoral candidates of superior merit in the graduate programs of Agricultural Economics, Civil Engineering, Economics, History, Languages and Cultures, Management and Political Science are eligible to apply. PhD candidacy must be achieved prior to the commencement of the fellowship tenure.

Award Provisions - The tenure of the Kruhe Fellowship is one year and provides a salary, payment of tuition, medical insurance benefit, and most student fees **except the Differential Fee**. The Differential Fee is the fee charged to students by specific schools or colleges (e.g., Daniels School of Business and College of Engineering) and is the responsibility of the student.

Award Terms and Conditions – Kruhe Fellowship recipients must:

- maintain status as doctoral candidates with the year of fellowship funding being their final year;
- complete all doctoral degree requirements to receive the doctoral degree at the conclusion of the fellowship tenure;
- register for at least eight credits in each the fall and the spring sessions and register for at least three credits during the summer session. Fellows who are not registered during the summer session will not receive funding support during summer session;
- maintain satisfactory academic and scholarly performance and progress and satisfactory work performance.

Renewal - The Kruhe Fellowship is non-renewable.

Puskas Memorial Fellowship

The Puskas Memorial Fellowship was established in April 1993 with a bequest from the estate of Nick Puskas and the purpose of this fellowship is to help support residential graduate students who have an affiliation with Romania.

Selection Process - Selection of Puskas Fellows is conducted by members of the graduate faculty. At a minimum, the applicants are evaluated on the merits of the application and the adherence to program guidelines.

Student Eligibility – Recipients of The Puskas Memorial Fellowship must either:

- maintain residency in Romania;
- have been educated in Romania;
- have participated in study or research in Romania;
- are conducting formal outreach and engagement with Romania;
- have some other significant relationship with Romania as determined by the Vice Provost of the Office of Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars (OGSPS).

Award Provisions - The tenure of the Puskas Fellowship is one year and provides a salary, payment of tuition, medical insurance benefit, and most student fees **except the Differential Fee**. The Differential Fee is the fee charged to students by specific schools or colleges (e.g., Daniels School of Business, College of Engineering, School of Pharmacy, and College of Technology) and is the responsibility of the student.

Award Terms and Conditions – Puskas Fellowship recipients must:

- be enrolled and maintain status in a residential degree-granting graduate program at Purdue to which the fellow was admitted;
- register for at least eight credits in each the fall and the spring sessions and register for at least six credits during the summer session. Fellows who are not registered during the summer session will not receive funding support during summer session;
- maintain satisfactory academic and scholarly performance and progress and satisfactory work performance.

Renewal - The Puskas Fellowship is a one-year fellowship, with a possibility of renewal.

Guide to Presidential Excellence Award (PEA)

Fellowship/Assistantship Name	Support	Timeline
<p>Presidential Excellence Award (PEA)</p> <p>This faculty nominated fellowship is awarded annually to the most outstanding applicants who show great promise to contribute to their disciplines and to college and university strategic priorities.</p> <p>The Presidential Excellence Ph.D. Award guarantees 4 years of supplemental support at \$10,000 per year, assuming satisfactory progress. This amount will be in addition to the base stipend or salary outlined in the assistantship or fellowship offer letter, starting at the beginning of the semester and year (e.g., Fall 2026). You must be enrolled to receive the Presidential Excellence Ph.D. Award supplement.</p> <p>Recipients of the award are expected to maintain satisfactory academic and research progress as defined by their academic unit and research advisor and to participate in professional development and mentoring activities organized for award recipients.</p> <p>Fellowship Recipients Transferring to Another Program of Study</p> <p>On occasion, PEA recipients may decide to transfer to another graduate program. PEA recipients interested in transferring should contact their college's business office and the head of the graduate program to determine if a transfer of the PEA is possible. If it is determined that the package can be transferred, the Fellowship Office will work with the department business offices and both graduate programs to negotiate the transfer of the award package and any changes that may occur.</p> <p>PEA recipients should be aware that the PEA award package is an offer and commitment from the original departmental graduate program and not the departmental graduate program to which the fellow wishes to transfer. However, OGSPS encourages, but does not require, the transfer department to fulfill the PEA award commitment. A new offer letter will be extended to the fellow by the transfer department, copying OGSPS Fellowship Office.</p>	<p>\$10,000 / Year</p>	<p><i>Allocation</i> in October</p> <p><i>Award Notification</i> Determined by Program</p>

Guide to Graduate Travel Grants and Graduate Professional Development Travel Award

	Support	Timeline
Frederick N. Andrews Environmental Travel Grant For degree-seeking students enrolled in a graduate program who are researching means of improving the world environment. For travel in the calendar year.	\$1,500 Grant for Travel Reimbursement See Funding and Fellowship website for application instructions and submission.	<i>Deadline</i> Late January <i>Award Notification</i> Early March
Russell O. Blosser Environmental Travel Grant To support graduate students majoring in an area of environmental sciences. Preference is given to students affiliated with the Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. For travel in the calendar year.	\$1,500 Grant for Travel Reimbursement See Funding and Fellowship website for application instructions and submission.	<i>Deadline</i> Late January <i>Award Notification</i> Early March
A.H. Ismail Interdisciplinary Travel Support Grant To provide travel support to doctoral students in interdisciplinary programs presenting their doctoral research at a national or international conference. For travel in the calendar year.	\$1,500 Grant for Travel Reimbursement See Funding and Fellowship website for application instructions and submission.	<i>Deadline</i> Late January <i>Award Notification</i> Early March
Graduate Professional Development Travel Award The Office of Professional Development provides graduate students with free in-person, virtual, and hybrid workshops. The workshops are intended to foster growth in career preparation, mentorship, research & ethics, communication, wellness, and much more. To encourage engagement, a \$325 travel award will be given to the West Lafayette residential grad student(s) attending the most OGSPS professional development workshops per semester. The Graduate Professional Development Travel award must be used for academic or professional development-related travel. Graduate student recipients may use the award for all approved travel expenses such as airfare, mileage, hotel, per-diem, and registration. Additionally, recipients must use it within one year and must be an active graduate student in good standing at the time of travel.	\$325 travel award (must be used for academic or professional development-related travel)	There is no application process for this award. Winners will be notified by a representative from OGSPS Office of Professional Development at the end of each semester.

Frederick N. Andrews Environmental Grant

The Andrews Environmental Grant was established in honor of Dr. Frederick N. Andrews to support research focused on improving the world environment.

Qualifications - The recipient must be a degree-seeking student enrolled in a residential graduate program researching means of improving the world environment.

Application Process - Students directly apply for the Andrews Environmental Grant. Application instructions and due date for the Andrews grant are available on the [Fellowship Website](#).

Award –The Andrews Environmental Grant is a \$1,500 award to be used toward travel relating to the improvement of the world environment. Recipients of this \$1500 award are expected to attend the conference for which they applied. Barring immutable circumstances, such as travel advisories due to health or terrorist activity, substitutions will not be allowed. This is a one-time award.

Registration Requirements - Recipients of the Frederick N. Andrews Environmental Grant must be enrolled for at least eight credits in each of the fall and spring sessions and for at least three credits during the summer session.

Russell O. Blosser Environmental Grant

The Blosser Environmental Grant was established in honor of Dr. Russell O. Blosser to support graduate students majoring in an area of environmental sciences. Preference is given to students affiliated with the Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Qualifications - The recipient must be a degree-seeking student enrolled in a residential graduate program researching a means of improving the world environment.

Application Process - Students directly apply for the Blosser Environmental Grant. Application instructions and due date for the Blosser Grant will be published online once the grant becomes available.

Award - The Blosser Environmental Grant is a \$1,500 award to be used towards travel relating to the improvement of the world environment. This is a one-time award.

Registration Requirements - Recipients of the Blosser grant must be enrolled for at least eight credits in each of the fall and spring sessions and for at least three credits during the summer session.

Ismail Interdisciplinary Doctoral Research Travel Award

The A.H. Ismail Grant provides travel funding for doctoral students in interdisciplinary programs who are presenting their dissertation research at a national or international conference. Preference is given to students affiliated with the College of Health and Human Sciences or whose work relates to kinesiology or allied research areas.

Qualifications - Any PhD student in a residential program who will participate in a conference during the calendar year is eligible. Students who have received this award in previous years may compete, but they will receive lower priority for receiving awards.

Application Process - Students directly apply for the Ismail Interdisciplinary Doctoral Research Travel Award. Application instructions and due date for the Incentive grant are available on the [Fellowship Website](#).

Award - Recipients of this \$1500 award are expected to attend the conference for which they applied. Barring immutable circumstances, such as travel advisories due to health or terrorist activity, substitutions will not be allowed.

Selection Process - Students apply directly for the A.H. Ismail Interdisciplinary Doctoral Research Travel Award. Selection of the Ismail Interdisciplinary Travel Award is conducted by members of the graduate faculty who review and evaluate the proposals based on the following criteria:

- interdisciplinary component clearly defined;
- relevance of research to the field;
- research statement is well written

Registration Requirements - Recipients of the Ismail Interdisciplinary Doctoral Travel Award must be enrolled in a degree-granting graduate program at Purdue and registered for at least eight credits in each the fall and spring sessions and for at least three credits during the summer session.