Prepare for Graduate School: Learn about Graduate Fellowships

With help from the Purdue Fellowship Office

Why are fellowships a big deal?

Fellowship:

- A specific type of grant that provides funding for a graduate student
- Scholarship = lump sum amount given
- Fellowship = stipend, may have tuition and/or some fees covered, may offer insurance coverage

Applying for Fellowships Prepares you for Grad School

Funding, Grant Writing Skill Development, Research Project Planning:

- If you win a fellowship, it looks great on your resume or CV and it gives you more flexibility for your graduate research.
- Writing a fellowship application helps you plan out your graduate research project, demonstrate strong rationale, and state the big-picture benefits of the work.
- Better to start learning now rather than have to “catch-up” later in your career when grant writing skills are expected!

Timing is Key!

⇒ Apply approximately one year before the funding starts

October – March: Submit applications for Fellowships
February – May: Fellowship winners announced
August or September: The fellowship begins nearly one year after you initially applied

Upcoming Fellowship Workshops

How to Find and Prepare for Fellowship Applications: Wednesday, August 31, 3:30 – 4:30 pm, Online
Registration: https://gspd.gosignmeup.com/public/Course/browse?courseid=3785

Letters of Recommendation for Fellowships: Wednesday, Sept. 28, 3:30 – 4:30 pm, Hybrid: YONG B83 or Online, Registration: https://gspd.gosignmeup.com/public/Course/browse?courseid=3798

How to Condense a Fellowship Draft to Meet Page Requirements: Thursday, Oct. 6, 4 – 5 pm, Hybrid: YONG B83 or Online; https://gspd.gosignmeup.com/public/Course/browse?courseid=3799
National Science Foundation (NSF) Fellowship Workshops

- **Getting Started**: Tuesday, Aug. 30, 7 – 8 pm, online  
- **Personal Statement**: Tuesday, Sept. 6, 7 – 8 pm, online  
- **Research Statement**: Tuesday, Sept. 13, 7 – 8 pm, online  

NDSEG – Defense Research Fellowship Workshops
The same content is shared in each session:

- **NDSEG Fellowship Info Session**: Tuesday, Sept. 20, 7 – 8 pm, online  
- **NDSEG Fellowship Info Session**: Thursday, Sept. 22, 3:30 – 4:30 pm, online or in-person at YONG B83,  

Get Feedback on your Drafts for Graduate Fellowship Applications

- Email Lisa (lnielse@purdue.edu) your NSF Fellowship Personal Statement and Research Statement drafts
- Either Lisa or one of the Fellowship Writing Coaches will provide feedback

Fellowship Resources Page: access on-campus or via VPN

  ➔ Log into Confluence with your Purdue username and career account password:  
  [https://wiki.itap.purdue.edu/display/FellowshipAndGrantWriting](https://wiki.itap.purdue.edu/display/FellowshipAndGrantWriting)

Read Winning Fellowship Applications with Access to a Shared Box Folder

  ➔ Email Lisa at lnielse@purdue.edu to request access

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