

## Graduate Student External Funding Opportunities

Name	Description	Eligibility	Support	Website	Application Deadline
AAUW American Fellowships	For women to offset living expenses while completing dissertation	U.S. citizen or permanent resident; must have passed prelim and working on thesis	\$20K for one year for living expenses	<a href="http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/american-fellowships/">http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/american-fellowships/</a>	Application period August 1 to November 1
AAUW International Fellowships	For women for full-time study or research in the U.S.	International students with B.S. studying in the US	\$20K	<a href="http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/international-fellowships/">http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/international-fellowships/</a>	Application period August 1 to November 1
Ford Foundation Fellowship Programs	Student committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level	U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and U.S. permanent residents who have enrolled or plan to enroll in PhD; Predoc, Dissertation, & Postdoc support	\$24K stipend up to 3 years	<a href="http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/">http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/</a>	December 10, 2019 Dissertation and Postdoctoral  December 17, 2019 Predoctoral
Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Gilliam Fellowship	Scholars who assume leadership roles in science, especially among college and university faculties responsible for developing the next generation of scientists	2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of PhD; have identified thesis adviser and passed prelim	\$50K goes to fellowship institution to support student's \$33K stipend, plus \$3K educational allowance. for 3 years typically for third-fifth year of PhD study	<a href="http://www.hhmi.org/developing-scientists/gilliam-fellowships-advanced-study">http://www.hhmi.org/developing-scientists/gilliam-fellowships-advanced-study</a>	January 3, 2020  <a href="#">Announcement</a>
McNair Scholars Program – Funding Opportunity Listings	Links to URM graduate student funding opportunities	Varies	Varies	<a href="https://mcnairscholars.com/funding/">https://mcnairscholars.com/funding/</a>	Varies by fund
NSF – Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)	Supports graduate students early in their graduate training in STEM	U.S. citizens M.S. and PhD <a href="#">Fast Lane Help</a>	\$34,000 stipend and \$12,000 to fellowship institution	<a href="https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pid=6201&amp;org=NSF">https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pid=6201&amp;org=NSF</a>	October 19, 2020

## External Graduate Student Scholarships, Fellowships and Grants

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NSF – Special Programs for Graduate Students	Supports graduate students	U.S. citizens and nationals (not permanent residents) PhD		<a href="https://www.nsf.gov/funding/education.jsp?fund_type=2">https://www.nsf.gov/funding/education.jsp?fund_type=2</a>	Varies by type
NIH	Individual Fellowships – to provide institutional research training opportunities (including international) to trainees	US citizen or permanent resident		<a href="https://grants.nih.gov">grants.nih.gov</a>	Varies by type
NIH Fogarty International Center	Non-NIH funding for predoc and graduate researchers	Varies – includes international students	Varies	<a href="https://www.fic.nih.gov/Funding/NonNIH/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.fic.nih.gov/Funding/NonNIH/Pages/default.aspx</a>	Varies
The National GEM Consortium PhD Science Fellowship	Goal is to increase the number of minority students who pursue doctoral degrees in the natural science disciplines	US citizen or permanent representative in underrepresented groups; MS and PhD students	Minimum \$16K for entire MS, \$16K first year and living stipend up to 5 years for PhD	<a href="http://www.gemfellows.org/">http://www.gemfellows.org/</a>	Application Period July 1 to November 15
U.S. National Aeronautics & Space Admin ( <a href="https://www.nasa.gov">NASA</a> )	Basic and applied research in STEM	US citizen or permanent residents; Also has URM research fellowships	\$45K up to 3 yrs	<a href="https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/sara/fellowship-programs">https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/sara/fellowship-programs</a>	typically posted in early November and proposals are due in early February Deadline varies by type

### Funding defined:

The terms “scholarship” and “fellowship” are often used interchangeably to describe a grant or another type of funding for academic achievement. More often than scholarship awards, fellowship grants will include an internship or other service commitment, often for a period of one or more years. There are a few minor technical distinctions:

Grants are the most inclusive, representing any grant of money in exchange for a prescribed purpose.

Scholarships usually refer to grants in support of undergraduate education, and fellowships usually refer to grants in support of post-baccalaureate projects, or to pre-baccalaureate projects pursued outside the normal curriculum.

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All scholarships and fellowships are grants. Grants, scholarships, and fellowships do not need to be repaid. Graduate fellowships may be university-awarded, federally funded or may be fellowships offered by independent organizations, and many graduate fellowship programs are targeted to a specific student group or field of study.

Portable fellowships are often referred to as “external” fellowships, and can award funding based on academic need, academic record or merit. The amount of the stipend granted varies depending upon a number of factors, including length of graduate school fellowships and fellowship provider.

Links to other opportunities:

[StemGradStudents.science.gov](http://StemGradStudents.science.gov) federally funded opportunities

[Best Colleges website](#) fellowship listings

[Fellowship & Grant Opportunities for Graduate Students](#) (pdf)

[GradSchools.com](http://GradSchools.com) Fellowship listings

[Great College Deals](#): graduate scholarships for specific groups – including international students