

## **External Funding for Graduate Students in Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

### **National Institutes of Health: NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (F31)**

The goal of this program is to increase the number of scientists from diverse population groups who are prepared to pursue careers in biomedical, behavioral, social, clinical, or health services research. Highly practitioner-development oriented. Targets traditionally underrepresented populations.

### **National Institutes of Health: Aging Research Dissertation Awards to Increase Diversity**

Support is provided for up to two years for predoctoral candidates who contribute to diversity as defined by announcement and whose research focuses on aging. Amounts \$21,600 plus up to \$15,000 for additional expenses. Deadline: January 25.

### **Department of Education: Fulbright-Hays--Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad**

This program provides grants to colleges and universities to fund individual doctoral students who conduct research in other countries, in modern foreign languages and area studies for 6-12 months. Candidates must be a citizen or national of the United States or is a permanent resident of the United States, and a graduate student in good standing at an institution of higher education in the United States who, when the fellowship begins, is admitted to candidacy in a doctoral program in modern foreign languages and area studies at that institution, is planning a teaching career in the United States upon graduation, and possesses adequate skills in the language(s) necessary to carry out the dissertation project.

### **National Institute of Justice: Graduate Research Fellowship Program**

Topics of interest under this program vary from year to year, but students from any academic discipline may propose original research that has direct implications for criminal justice in the United States. The official applicant is the sponsoring university; therefore, students must apply contact and seek the assistance from VT's Office of Sponsored Programs. All predoctoral work must be complete at time of application, and student must have entered doctoral 'candidacy' by the project start date. Deadlines vary.

### **Department of Housing and Urban Development: Doctoral Dissertation Research Grants**

Awarded for the completion of dissertations focused on applied research for "policy relevant insight" for housing and development issues. FY11 Application deadline was July 14, 2011. One-time grant up to \$25,000 for up to 24 months for direct costs.

### **National Science Foundation: SBE Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants**

NSF offers a dissertation support to a wide variety of disciplines and each discipline has its own program officer contact. Recent awards vary from approximately \$5,000 to \$29,000.

### **National Science Foundation: Graduate Research Fellowship Program**

Three years of financial support over a five year period, including \$30,000 annual stipend and \$12,000 cost of education allowance to the institute. Eligibility restricted to US citizens. Applicants must be enrolled in doctoral programs in NSF-designated science and engineering fields. Deadlines: November.

### **National Security Education Program: Boren Fellowships**

Intends to add important international and language component to graduate education through specialization in area study, language study, or increased language proficiency. Supports study and research in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests, see [website](#) for complete list. Provides up to \$30,000 to U.S. graduate students. Deadline: January.

**United States Institute for Peace: Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowships**

Focused on topics related to peace, conflict, and international security. All disciplines welcome. Approximately ten Peace Scholars awarded annually. Award: \$20,000. Supports one-year of dissertation writing for 10-months. Applications for 2012-2014 cycle opens in late 2012.

**American Council of Learned Societies: Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships**

Support a year of research and writing to help advanced graduate students in the humanities and related social sciences in the last year of Ph.D. dissertation writing. Applicants must be prepared to complete their dissertations within the period of their fellowship tenure. \$25,000 stipend, plus funds for research costs of up to \$3,000 and for university fees of up to \$5,000. Deadline: October / November annually.

**American Educational Research Association: Dissertation Grants**

Seeks to stimulate research on U.S. education issues using data from the large-scale, national and international data sets supported by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), NSF, and other federal agencies, and to increase the number of education researchers using these data sets. Research must include analysis of at least one the large-scale, nationally or internationally representative data sets. Awards up to \$20,000 for 1-year projects. Non-renewable. Includes a two-day conference and professional development meeting for grantees.

**American Association of University Women: American Fellowships and Grants**

American Fellowships support women scholars completing doctoral dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research, or finishing research for publication. Open to applicants in all fields of study. Must be a female U.S. citizen or permanent resident. 58 dissertation fellowships awarded in 2012.

**American Sociological Association: Minority Fellowship Program**

Supports the development and training of sociologists of color in any sub-area or specialty in the discipline through recruitment and placement to training, mentoring, and monitoring. MFP plans workshops and paper sessions at scholarly meetings, offers travel support to scientific conferences, and fosters the development of formal and informal networks for Fellows. Targets early stage graduate career students –pre-dissertation stage. Students must be accepted into a Ph.D. program in sociology at the time the MFP Fellowship begins. M.A. students encouraged to apply. Does not fund dissertation writing. 12 month award for \$18,000 plus tuition and travel funds available.

**Ford Foundation: Dissertation Fellows**

Focused on increasing diversity of nation's college and university faculties and to increase the number of professors who use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students. Deadline: November annually. Awards approximately 35 dissertation fellowships annually. Individuals with evidence of superior academic achievement (such as grade point average, class rank, honors or other designations). Individuals committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level. Nine-twelve month tenure with stipend of \$21,000, travel expenses to Conference of Ford Fellows, and access to Ford Fellow Regional Liaisons

**Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation: Dissertation Fellowships**

Interest in advancing understanding of human violence and aggression. Ten or more dissertation fellowships awarded each year. Award: \$20,000 to students completing dissertation writing within award year. Applications due February.

**National Academy of Education / Spencer Foundation: Dissertation Fellowships**

Individual fellowships for doctoral students engaged in research related to education. \$25,000 / one year. Dissertation fellows meet for mentoring sessions and workshops. Deadline: October.

**Social Science Research Council**

The SSRC offers a wide variety of grants and fellowships that encompass proposal development through dissertation completion. Fellowships are awarded in thematic research fields. Deadlines vary.

**Southern Regional Education Board: Dissertation Award**

Eligibility: Scholars in Ph.D. programs only who plan to become full-time faculty after earning Ph.D. All coursework, comprehensive preliminary exams, and proposal defense must complete prior to the beginning of academic year. Stipend: \$20,000 plus tuition and fees, \$500 research allowance and professional development support and attendance at annual Faculty Development Institute. Offers a doctoral award for first-year students. Requires in-state Virginia residency status

**Woodrow Wilson Center / Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation: National Fellowships**

Designed to encourage original and significant study of ethical or religious values in all fields of the humanities and social sciences. Proposals should have ethical or religious values as a central concern. Deadline: November. Award: \$25,000 for 12 months of full-time dissertation writing. Minimum of 21 awards from more than 500 applicants in 2012.