



Federal Programs and Fellowships that Provide Support for Graduate Students

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Overview

This report contains information on federal government research scholarships, fellowships, and traineeship programs that provide support for graduate students.

As part of President Trump's agenda, many agencies have undergone reorganization and restructuring plans to reduce/eliminate federal spending and improve efficiency. Various graduate student opportunities may have been impacted either through reductions, terminations, and/or delayed application openings.

The federal government programs listed below are organized by the agency that runs the program. Within each agency, the programs are organized by the applying entity, such as whether the award is given to the institution or to individuals. The analysis of each opportunity includes a program summary, eligibility requirements, size of the program, approximate size and type of award, citizenship requirements, annual due dates, and other special factors. The program websites are provided as a source for more detailed information. The information provided is accurate at the time of writing, but there is uncertainty about many programs across agencies going forward.

Agencies not currently offering explicit graduate student opportunities include the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). However, graduate students may still be eligible to apply to agency opportunities if projects and interests align with scholarships, fellowship, and traineeship programs. Please note that funding opportunities are changing frequently in the current political environment and applicants should review relevant funding opportunities regularly.

Department of Commerce

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The mission of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), a bureau of the Department of Commerce (DOC), is to understand and predict changes in Earth's environment and to conserve and manage coastal and marine resources. NOAA is organized according to line offices, including the National Weather Service, the National Ocean Service, and Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, among others. The Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, which is where the majority of NOAA's extramural research funding is maintained, is organized into three general research topic areas: Climate Research; Weather and Air Quality Research; and Ocean, Coastal and Great Lakes Research. Most NOAA research fellowship opportunities are in the oceans research area. In addition to the opportunities below, NOAA has several programs that provide opportunities to work at NOAA sites and challenge programs for students. A complete list of student and graduate opportunities can be found at <https://www.noaa.gov/education/opportunities/students>.

Highlighted scholarships and graduate programs:

Sea Grant John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship

- Overview: Supported by the National Sea Grant Office, this fellowship targets graduate students who have "an interest in ocean, coastal and Great Lake resources, and the national policy decisions affecting those resources." The fellowship matches fellows with hosts across the legislative and executive branches. This is a common position for staff working in Congressional offices and at NOAA.
- Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled in a relevant graduate program to apply.
- Citizenship: The program is open to all students meeting the eligibility requirements regardless of citizenship.
- Award/Program Size: The base fellow salary is \$73,100 with \$5,000 for fellow professional development. There is the possibility of an additional \$15,000 for optional office-related travel and \$2,500 for legislative travel funds. The length of assignment is one year.
- Due Date: Applications for the 2026 competition were due February 19, 2025.

Source: <https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Knauss>

Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program

- Overview: This program provides support for independent graduate-level research in oceanography, marine biology, or maritime archaeology, as well as "science, engineering, social science, and resource management for ocean and coastal areas." Uncertainty around NOAA funding and support for STEM education programs means that the future of this program is unclear, but as of now it is slated to eventually reopen to applicants.
- Eligibility: Those eligible to apply are currently pursuing or intending to pursue a full-time masters or doctoral level degree in oceanography, maritime archaeology, or marine biology. A 3.3 grade point average and full-time student status is required.
- Citizenship: Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

- **Award/Program Size:** Each student's scholarship includes a 12-month stipend of up to \$35,000, an annual cost-of-education allowance of up to \$12,000, as well as \$10,000 to cover the costs of a four- to six-week research collaboration at a NOAA facility. Master's students may be supported for up to two years (at a maximum of \$96,000) and doctoral students for up to four years (at a maximum of \$196,000). NOAA awards two to four scholarships each year.
- **Due Date:** There will not be an open Notice of Funding Opportunity for FY2026, since the top applicants from the FY2025 competition will be carried forward for consideration in this next selection cycle.

Source: <https://fosterscholars.noaa.gov/howtoapply.html>

NOAA Internships and Fellowships

NOAA offers a variety of fellowship, scholarship, and internship opportunities for students ranging from high school through postdoctoral levels in NOAA-related fields to work at the agency. Internship opportunities also include pathways and international programs.

More information can be found at:

https://www.noaa.gov/education/opportunities/students?field_audience_target_id=All&field_opportunity_type_target_id=471. This site is searchable by discipline, time frame, and education level.

Source: <https://www.noaa.gov/national-weather-service/student-opportunities>

National Institute of Standards and Technology

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), promotes U.S. innovation and competitiveness by advancing measurement science, standards for critical and emerging technologies central to achieving its mission like artificial intelligence, quantum information science, metrology, and other topics. The majority of research at NIST is conducted through its national labs and user facilities. It's five laboratories focus on "Material Measurement, Physical Measurement, Engineering, Communications Technology, and Information Technology," and its user facilities include Center for Neutron Research and a Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology. In addition, NIST oversees several major programs related to microelectronics and advanced manufacturing, as it houses the CHIPS program Office, Manufacturing Extension Partnership program and national network, and Office for Advanced Manufacturing, which includes NIST-funded manufacturing USA Institutes.

Individual Awards

Graduate Student Measurement Science and Engineering Fellowship Program

- **Overview:** This fellowship program provides financial assistance for doctoral students in disciplines related to NIST measurement science and engineering research. Fields of interest vary by year, but typically include chemistry, computer science, materials science, mathematics, geology, astronomy, and physics. Fellows complete two summer internships at NIST laboratories. To run the program, NIST has partnered with Graduate Fellowship for STEM Diversity (GFSD), formerly known as the National Physical Science Consortium (NPSC), which works to "increase the number of American citizens with graduate degrees in STEM fields."

- Eligibility: Graduate students must pursue a degree from a GFSD-member university and in a field important to NIST, such as chemistry, computer science, electrical engineering, materials science, mathematics, mechanical engineering, or physics. A full list of GFSD member universities can be found [here](#). Applicants historically under-represented in STEM, either minority, female, or both are encouraged to apply. Fellows must be U.S. citizens.
- Award/Program Size: Fellows receive a \$26,000 stipend per year and tuition waiver may be funded for up to six years.
- Due Date: The application open in late August and close on January 15, 2026.

Source: <https://www.nist.gov/iaao/academic-affairs-office/nist-graduate-student-measurement-science-and-engineering-gmse>

Department of Defense

The Department of Defense (DOD) funds research that is relevant to its mission, predominately drawing from engineering, computer/information science, and physical sciences. However, DOD also provides some limited research and education opportunities in foreign languages, social sciences, and medical and life sciences.

Individual Awards

National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship (NDSEG)

- **Overview:** This program is a competitive, portable fellowship for students who are pursuing graduate study in designated research disciplines: aeronautical and astronautical engineering; biosciences; chemical engineering; chemistry; civil engineering; cognitive, neural, and behavioral sciences; computer and computational sciences; electrical engineering; geosciences; materials science and engineering; mathematics; mechanical engineering; naval architecture and ocean engineering; oceanography; and physics. The program is designed to increase the number of citizens or nationals in S&T fields of relevance to the U.S. military.
- **Eligibility:** Applicants must have completed their undergraduate studies prior to the start of the fellowship year. They must be applying to, accepted to, or enrolled in an accredited U.S. graduate program in science or engineering, and be in the early stages of their graduate study (within the first two years). At the time of application, applicants must also have at least three years remaining in their graduate program and be pursuing research aligned with the Department of Defense's Broad Agency Announcements (BAAs).
- **Award/Program Size:** The DOD has awarded approximately 180 new fellowships each year. NDSEG fellowships last for three years and pay for full tuition and all mandatory fees, a monthly stipend of \$3,600, and up to \$1,600 a year in medical insurance.
- **Due Date:** Applications for the 2025 competition are due November 15, 2025. This program is competed annually.

Source: <https://ndseg.sysplus.com/>

Science Mathematics and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship for Service Program

- **Overview:** This program allows students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines to receive a full scholarship in exchange for serving at internships at DOD facilities and working for DOD after graduation. All applicants should be pursuing a degree in one of SMART's 22 STEM disciplines: Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Biosciences, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Cognitive, Neural, and Behavioral Sciences, Computer Science and Engineering, Data Science and Analytics, Electrical Engineering, Geosciences, Industrial and Systems Engineering, Information Sciences, Materials Science and Engineering, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering, Nuclear Engineering, Oceanography, Operations Research, Physics, or Software Engineering.
- **Eligibility:** Applicants must 18 years or older by January 1, 2027. Applicants must also be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at an approved U.S. academic institution or have acceptance for entrance for the fall 2026 semester.
- **Citizenship:** Applicants must be citizens of the U.S., Australia, Canada, New Zealand, or the United Kingdom.

- Award/Program Size: Participants receive full tuition and education related fees; cash award paid at a rate of \$30,000 – 46,000 depending on degree being pursued. SMART awards may range from one academic term to five academic years.
- Due Date: Applications open in August and close by early December.
- Special Attention: Participants must be able to participate in summer internships at DOD laboratories and be willing to accept post-graduate employment with the DOD. Participants must also have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Source: https://www.smartscholarship.org/smart/en?id=smart_index

David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship

- Overview: This program supports the study of under-represented languages and areas critical to U.S. national security. The fellowship provides support for overseas study and a domestic language study supplement. Fellows are required to work for the federal government in a national security related position for at least a year following graduation. A list of preferred languages and preferred overseas destinations can be found here: <https://www.borenawards.org/eligible-programs#field-of-study>
- Eligibility: Students must be enrolled in a graduate program at a U.S. academic institution. All applicants must demonstrate how their study programs are connected to achieving a better understanding of national security and must be planning to attend an overseas program in a country outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand.
- Citizenship: Applicants must be U.S. citizens.
- Award/Program Size: The Boren Fellowship provides a minimum of 12 weeks with preference given to applicants proposing overseas programs of at least 25 weeks' duration. The program provides up to \$12,500 for 12-24 weeks or \$25,000 for 25-52 weeks as well as limited funding for supplemental domestic language study, for a total of \$30,000 for combined overseas/domestic study.
- Due Date: Deadline for the 2027 competition is January 21, 2026 with funding possibility starting as early as June 1, 2026. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact their Boren Award Campus Representative to discuss compatibility between their proposed Boren Awards-funded program and their institution's matriculation requirements. Campus Representatives may also internally set a campus deadline.

Source: <https://www.borenawards.org/>

Department of Education

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) offers discretionary grants in the areas of education policy enhancement, educational environments, and educator capabilities. Most graduate student support programs are run by the Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), which is responsible for developing and implementing post-secondary education policy that increases quality and access.

Institution Awards

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

- Overview: The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) administers this program under policy guidelines set by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB). This program seeks to expand the perspectives of students through "academic and professional advancement and cross-cultural dialogue." Fulbright is in partnership with more than 140 countries worldwide and offers opportunities in all academic disciplines to graduating college seniors, graduate students, and young professionals. Participants of this program will pursue graduate study, conduct research or teach English abroad.
- Eligibility: Applicants must have a conferred bachelor's degree or equivalent before the start of the grant period and they must meet the language requirements of the award to which they are applying and demonstrate a sufficient competency to both complete their project and adjust to life in the host country.
- Citizenship: Applicants must be citizens or nationals of the U.S. at the time of the application deadline. Permanent residents are ineligible.
- Award/Program Size: Grant benefits include the following: Accident & Sickness Health Benefits; 24/7 support line for urgent and non-urgent situations; 12 months of non-competitive (NCE) hiring status within the federal government; and a stipend broadly based on the cost of living in the host country, these funds may be used to cover room, board, and incidental costs during the grant period.
- Due Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 5 PM Eastern Time

Source: <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/about/fulbright-us-student-program>

Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN)

- Overview: "This program provides grants to academic departments at institutions of higher education (IHEs) to support graduate fellowships for students with excellent academic records who demonstrate financial need and plan to pursue the highest degree available in their course of study at the institution." Grants are awarded to academic departments to sustain and enhance the capacity for teaching and research in subject areas of national need. For the 2024 competition, the specified areas of national need included computer and information sciences, education, engineering, biological and life sciences, mathematics, physical sciences, and psychology. Details on the specific sub-fields that were eligible under these topic areas are available at the link below.
- Eligibility: Any academic department of an IHE that provides a course of study that leads to a graduate degree in one of the eligible fields in the identified areas of national need and has been in existence for at least four years at the time of an application for a grant under this competition is able to apply. Eligible applicants may apply alone or in partnerships with eligible nondegree granting institutions that have formal arrangements for the support of doctoral dissertation research with one or more degree granting institutions.
- Citizenship: Fellows must be citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.

- Award/Program Size: Awards to IHEs range from \$112,102 (for two fellowships) to \$448,408 (for eight fellowships) for a 3-year project period. The estimated number of awards for the most recent competition is 60. Stipends to fellows must be \$37,000.
- Due Date: Applications were due June 24, 2024. This program is usually competed each year.
- Special Attention: An institution must provide an institutional matching contribution equal to at least 25 percent.

Source: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/gaann/index.html>

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad

- Overview: This program provides grants to colleges and universities to fund individual doctoral candidates who conduct research in other countries in modern foreign languages and area studies for a period of six to 12 months. The research should contribute to a deeper knowledge about areas of the world generally not included in U.S. curricula. Projects focusing on Western Europe are not eligible.
- Eligibility: U.S. institutions of higher education are eligible to apply. Graduate students in doctoral programs must apply through the institutions in which they are enrolled.
- Citizenship: Students are eligible to receive a fellowship if they are citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the U.S. that are in good academic standing at the IHE and planning a teaching career in the U.S. upon completion of the doctoral program.
- Award/Program Size: Awards to IHEs can range from \$15,000-\$60,000, with the estimated average size of awards being \$37,500. Expenses for graduate students covered by the award include: travel expenses, including excess baggage to and from the residence of the fellow to the host country of research; maintenance and dependents allowances based on the cost of living in country of research for the fellow and his or her dependent(s); project allowance for research related expenses such as books, copying, tuition and affiliation fees, local travel and other incidental expenses; and health and accident insurance premiums.
- Due Date: The FY 2025 Notice Inviting Application (NIA) for this program was withdrawn by the Department of Education “as a part of a comprehensive review of all recently published FY 2025 NIAs” to ensure all competitions are in line with Trump Administration priorities. It is not clear when the next solicitation will be released.
- Special Attention: Graduate students cannot be awarded more than one graduate fellowship under the Fulbright-Hays Act per fiscal year, meaning DDRA Fellows cannot concurrently have funding from the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

Source: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/index.html>

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships Program

- Overview: This program provides funding for academic year and summer fellowships to institutions of higher education to assist undergraduate students and graduate students undergoing training in modern foreign languages and related areas or international studies.
- Eligibility: Institutions of higher education or consortia of institutions are eligible to apply. Institutions conduct competitions to select eligible undergraduate students and graduate students to receive fellowships.
- Citizenship: Students are eligible for fellowships if they are citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the U.S. Students should show potential for high academic achievement and be enrolled in a program of modern language training

- **Award/Program Size:** FLAS grants are awarded to institutions for a four-year project period. In FY 2024, the Department of Education made 112 continuation awards at an average of approximately \$278,894 per year. Fellowships include an institutional payment and a stipend for the fellow. For graduate students, the average year-round graduate fellowship was \$15,000 and average summer fellowship was \$2,500.
- **Due Date:** Applications were due February 14, 2022. This program is competed on a four-year grant cycle and the next round of awards is expected to be competed in FY 2026.
- **Special Attention:** In 2024, ED published a notice of final rule updating the regulations related to the FLAS program. Information on the changes are included at the link below.

Source: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsflasf/index.html>

Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program

- **Overview:** The Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Grant program is one of the TRIO programs. It provides support to institutions of higher education in aiding low-income and first-generation college students through provision of support services to successfully complete undergraduate programs and pursue graduate degrees. The goal of the program is to increase the number of these students enrolled in doctoral programs by working “closely with participants as they complete their undergraduate requirements. Institutions encourage participants to enroll in graduate programs and then track their progress through to the successful completion of advanced degrees.”
- **Eligibility:** Institutions of higher education or consortia of institutions are eligible to apply. Students must be enrolled in a degree-granting program at an eligible institution to participate in programming funded by this grant. Two-thirds of the participant population served must be low-income, first-generation college students and applicants for McNair grants must assure ED that participants that receive an internship through the program have completed at least their sophomore year of study.
- **Citizenship:** Students are eligible for the program if they are citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the U.S.
- **Award/Program Size:** The estimated average award size is approximately \$276,899 to serve a minimum of 25 participants. The grant duration is five years.
- **Due Date:** Competitions are typically held every five years. Applications were last due April 25, 2022.

Sources: <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/triomcnair/index.html> or <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-03-09/pdf/2022-04987.pdf>

Department of Energy

The Department of Energy (DOE) funds research that is relevant to its mission of advancing the national, economic, and energy security of the U.S. DOE supports research in a broad range of basic and applied sciences. It is the principal federal funding agency of research programs in high-energy physics, nuclear physics, and fusion energy sciences. It also manages fundamental research programs in basic energy sciences, biological and environmental sciences, and computational science, and is the federal government's largest single provider of funds for materials and chemical sciences. Other research areas include energy efficiency, geophysics, genomics, life sciences, nanotechnology, fossil energy, and nuclear medicine.

Individual Awards

Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) Program

- **Overview:** This program provides supplemental awards to outstanding U.S. graduate students to pursue part of their graduate thesis research at a DOE laboratory in areas that address scientific challenges central to the DOE Office of Science mission. The research opportunity is expected to advance the graduate students' overall doctoral thesis while providing access to the expertise, resources, and capabilities available at the DOE laboratories. The program is geared towards students pursuing a Ph.D. in physics, chemistry, material sciences, biology (non-medical), mathematics, engineering, computer or computational sciences, or select areas of environmental sciences. Around 100 awards are provided each year.
- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be studying at an accredited college or university in the U.S. or its territories. At the time of application, applicants must have obtained Ph.D. candidacy at their home institution and must have established a defined graduate thesis project and graduate thesis advisor. Applicants must demonstrate that their graduate thesis is in an area of fundamental research aligned with the DOE Office of Science Priority Research Areas identified in the SCGSR solicitation.
- **Citizenship:** Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents and be at least 18 years of age at the time of applying.
- **Award/Program Size:** The award period for the proposed research project at DOE laboratories may range from three months to one year. Supplemental awards are intended to cover incremental costs associated with living and travel expenses during the award period. Awardees are eligible to receive a monthly stipend in the amount of up to \$3,600 for general living expenses while at the host DOE laboratory during the award period and up to \$2,000 in travel support if the host DOE national laboratory is greater than 50 miles from their university/resident location.
- **Due Date:** Competitions are held twice a year and DOE typically releases a call for proposals in February and August. A call for proposals for the first 2025 competition was in February 2025 with applications due in May 2025. A call for proposals for the second 2025 competition was in August 2025 with applications due November 5, 2025.

Source: <https://science.osti.gov/wdts/scgsr>

Computational Science Graduate Fellowship (CSGF) Program

- **Overview:** This program provides opportunities to students pursuing a Ph.D. in scientific or engineering disciplines with an emphasis in high-performance computing. CSGF trains scientists to meet the nation's workforce needs and helps to create a nationwide interdisciplinary community.

Fellows complete a 12-week practicum at a DOE national laboratory and follow a program of study that combines courses in a scientific or engineering discipline with courses in computer science and applied mathematics. Participants can attend an annual meeting to share research and strengthen professional connections. An average of 20 fellowships are awarded per year, and candidates have the option to apply to one of two tracks: Science & Engineering or Math/Computer Science.

- **Eligibility:** College seniors or first year graduate students in the physical, engineering, computer, mathematical, or life sciences without an M.S. degree are eligible to apply. Recipients must be full-time doctoral students.
- **Citizenship:** Applicants must be either U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- **Award/Program Size:** Support of this fellowship is limited to four years and must be renewed each year. The fellowship provides full tuition and required fees, a yearly stipend of \$37,000, and \$5,000 academic allowance in the first year of the fellowship and \$1,000 each renewed year thereafter.
- **Due Date:** Applications for the 2025-2026 competition were due January 16, 2025. Applications generally open in the fall of each year and conclude the following spring.

Source: <http://www.krellinst.org/csgf/>

Mickey Leland Energy Fellowship Program (MLEF)

- **Overview:** The mission of the MLEF program is to provide opportunities for under-represented students in the STEM fields with opportunities to gain hands-on research experience with the DOE Office of Fossil Energy (FE). Selected candidates will train under the mentorship of program officials and scientists on focused research projects consistent with the mission of FE. At the conclusion of the program, Fellows attend a "Technical Forum" where they will present their research findings and tour a nearby technical site. The program lasts 10 weeks.
- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be at least 18, deemed at least a college sophomore at the time of application, and be currently enrolled in a STEM program at the Associate, Bachelor's, or Master's level. Students enrolled in institutions outside of the U.S. are not eligible to apply. Applicants must also have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.8. While the program aims to increase opportunities for under-represented students, all eligible students are encouraged to apply.
- **Citizenship:** Applicants must be U.S. citizens.
- **Award Size:** Undergraduate students receive a stipend of \$7,500, and masters students receive a stipend of \$8,500. Applicants who are selected for an appointment more than 50 miles from their permanent address may receive a housing subsidy. The housing subsidy is provided for nine weeks, and the amount is dependent on the appointment site. The program will also pay for travel costs directly associated with program participation.
- **Due Date:** Applications for the 2026 competition will open in September 2025. This program is competed annually.

Source: <http://www.fossil.energy.gov/education/lelandfellowships/index.html>

Internships

Student Stipend-Based Internship Programs

- **Overview:** DOE offers several stipend-based internship programs such as National Laboratories Internships, Community College Internships, Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internships, and the NNSA Minority Serving Institutions Program.

Source: <https://energy.gov/jobs/services/students-recent-graduates/stipend-based-internships>

DOE Scholars Program

- Overview: The DOE scholars program introduces DOE's mission and operations to both undergraduates and post-graduates who are interested in exploring a career with the Department. The program is offered to students in a variety of disciplines, with site placements across the country. Most appointments are short-term for 10 weeks or less, with some appointments that may be extended in one-year increments for up to 5 years.
- Eligibility: Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and be an undergraduate, graduate, or post-graduate of an accredited institute of higher education.
- Citizenship: Applicants must be U.S. citizens.
- Award/Program Size: The minimum stipend for living expenses for undergraduates is \$700 per week and \$750 per week graduate students and recent graduates. Participants may be eligible for travel stipends of up to \$1,000 depending on project assignment.
- Due Date: Competitions are held twice a year. The Fall competition closes in February and seeks candidates for late Spring and Summer appointments. The Spring competition seeks candidates for late Summer and Fall appointments.

Source: <https://orise.orau.gov/doescholars/default.html>

Institute for Advanced Composites Manufacturing Innovation Internship Program

- Overview: The Institute for Advanced Composites Manufacturing Innovation (IACMI) provides undergraduate and graduate students the "opportunity to gain real-world experience with composites, materials science, and advanced manufacturing. Partnering with the U.S. Department of Energy, our goal is to prepare a skilled workforce in U.S. manufacturing through training with one of our 160+ members throughout the country". The internship program aims to develop the technical skills to support the advanced manufacturing industry after graduation, specifically related to vehicles, wind energy, compressed gas storage, infrastructure, and aerospace. The 10-week summer program allows students to connect with experts in the composites field and work alongside one or more of IACMI's member organizations.
- Eligibility: This program is open to undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled in a regionally accredited U.S. university or college. Applicants must be 18 years old at the time of the appointment and have a minimum GPA of 3.2. Applicants must provide proof of health insurance.
- Citizenship: Applicants must be U.S. citizens.
- Award/Program Size: The program offers a stipend of up to \$23 per hour for undergraduates and up to \$28 per hour for graduates. There is a housing allowance of up to \$300 per week, provided on a case-by-case basis, as well as travel assistance of up to \$1,600 for initial and final travel to the internship site.
- Due Date: While the 2026 application deadline is not posted, IACMI is currently accepting intern applications. The program happens twice per year, with the Fall Semester lasting from August to December and the Summer Semester lasting from June to August.

Source: <https://iacmi.org/workforce/internships/>

DOE and DOE National Lab Internships

- Overview: DOE and DOE National Labs offer a variety of internship opportunities for students in DOE-related fields. Programs are open for students at all levels, including undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral. While internships center around DOE's strategic priorities which include scientific discovery, economic prosperity, secure energy, national security, and the safe environmental cleanup of the national nuclear weapons complex, opportunities cover a variety of fields, such as STEM, national security, international affairs, business, and program development.

More information on internship programs across National Laboratories is available at <https://www.energy.gov/jobs-national-labs>

More information on internship opportunities at DOE is available at <http://energy.gov/student-programs-and-internships>.

Prizes and Competitions

EERE Prizes and Competitions

- Overview: DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) administers a series of prizes for students and researchers to provide faster access to DOE funding and the opportunity to work with new energy technologies. The student and workforce prizes aim to support students and professionals in STEM fields in pursuing careers in renewable energy, energy efficiency, or sustainable transportation.

More information on EERE's student and workforce prizes can be found at <https://www.energy.gov/eere/funding/eere-prizes-and-competitions>

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

The primary function of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is to support biomedical and health-related research. Included in this mission is research on the behavioral and social impacts of individuals and society as related to public health. Please refer to each program's corresponding link to see which of NIH's agencies and 27 Institutes and Centers (ICs) within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are collaborating on each program. Further details on the relevant areas of graduate study can be found at the link as well. A complete list of all NIH training and fellowship programs with links to current opportunities is available at <https://grants.nih.gov/funding/funding-categories/research-training-and-career-development>.

Institutional Awards

Fulbright-Fogarty Fellowships In Public Health

- Overview: This fellowship is offered through a partnership between the Fulbright Program and the Fogarty International Center of the U.S. National Institutes of Health. These awards were created to “promote the expansion of research in public health and clinical research in resource-limited areas.” This fellowship carries the same benefits as the traditional [Fulbright Study/Research grants](#) to the host country. Approximately 10 awards are made annually. Review the [Country Summary](#) for details on country specific eligibility requirements and research placements.
- Eligibility: Applicants must have a conferred bachelor's degree or equivalent before the start of the grant period and they must meet the language requirements of the award to which they are applying and demonstrate a sufficient competency to both complete their project and adjust to life in the host country.
- Citizenship: Applicants must be citizens or nationals of the U.S. at the time of the application deadline. Permanent residents are ineligible.
- Award/Program Size: Grant benefits include the following: Accident & Sickness Health Benefits; 24/7 support line for urgent and non-urgent situations; 12 months of non-competitive (NCE) hiring status within the federal government; and a stipend broadly based on the cost of living in the host country, these funds may be used to cover room, board, and incidental costs during the grant period.
- Due Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 5 PM Eastern Time

Source: <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants/types-of-awards/fulbright-fogarty-fellowships-in-public-health>

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Institutional Research Training Grant (Parent T32)

- Overview: The purpose of this program is to provide predoctoral and postdoctoral research training opportunities for individuals interested in pursuing research careers in biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research. Training activities can be in “basic biomedical or clinical sciences, in behavioral or social sciences, in health services research, or in any other discipline relevant to the NIH mission.”
- Eligibility: Only domestic, non-profit, private or public institutions may apply for grants to support NRSA institutional research training programs. The training program must be cancer-focused, and distinct from other existing programs at the institution.

- May support predoctoral only, postdoctoral only, or combined predoctoral and postdoctoral training. For new programs, NCI will give funding priority to programs that do not overlap substantially with existing programs at the applicant institution.
- Citizenship: The individuals to be trained must be citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the U.S.
- Award/Program Size: Awards may be made for periods up to five years and are renewable. The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations, and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. NIH will contribute to the combined cost of tuition and fees at the rate in place at the time of award (60%). Stipends are also provided as a subsistence allowance for trainees to help defray living expenses during the research training experience and are based on a 12-month appointment period. There are also funds available to reimburse trainees for travel to scientific meetings, as well as for childcare.
- Due Date: Applications are due in three annual cycles: January 25, May 25, and September 25. Please note, applicants should check with the relevant IC since some do not accept T series applications for all three cycles. In addition, not all ICs participate in the parent T32 funding opportunity announcement.

Source: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-403.html>

Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Short-Term Institutional Research Training Grant (Parent T35)

- Overview: The objective of this program is to develop or enhance research training opportunities for individuals interested in careers in biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research. The program provides short-term support for a period of at least eight, but no more than 12, weeks in a grant year for full-time training experiences under the supervision of experienced researchers. Many of the NIH ICs use this grant mechanism exclusively to support intensive, short-term research training experiences for students in health professional schools during the summer. The program may also be used to support other types of predoctoral and postdoctoral training in focused, often emerging, scientific areas relevant to the mission of the NIH ICs.
- Eligibility: Only domestic, non-profit, private or public institutions may apply for grants to support NRSA institutional research training programs. The applicant institution must have a strong, high quality research program in the area(s) proposed for research training and must have the requisite staff and facilities on site to conduct the proposed research training program. The PI conducting training should be an established basic, behavioral, and/or clinical researcher.
- Citizenship: The individuals to be trained must be citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the U.S.
- Award/Program Size: The number of awards is dependent on NIH appropriations and the number of meritorious applications received.
- Due Date: Applications are due in three annual cycles: January 25, May 25, and September 25. Please note, applicants should check with the relevant IC since some do not accept T series applications for all three cycles.

Source: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-25-280.html>

Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (Parent F31)

- Overview: The purpose of this individual predoctoral research training fellowship is to provide support for promising doctoral candidates who will be performing dissertation research in scientific health-related fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH ICs.
- Eligibility: The applicant must be at the dissertation research stage of their training and must show evidence of both high academic performance in the sciences and a “commitment to a career as an independent research scientist.” Before submitting a fellowship application, the applicant must also identify a sponsoring institution. The sponsoring institution must have appropriate staff and facilities available on site to provide a suitable environment for performing high-quality research training and be demonstrably committed to research training in the particular program proposed by the applicant.
- Citizenship: Applicants must be citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the U.S.
- Award/Program Size: Individuals may receive “up to 5 years of aggregate Kirschstein-NRSA support at the predoctoral level including any combination of support from institutional training grants... and an individual fellowship award.”
- Due Date: Applications are due in three annual cycles: April 8, August 8, and December 8. Please note, applicants should check with the relevant IC, since not all participate in the parent F31 funding opportunity announcement.

Source: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-25-423.html>

Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (Parent F32)

- Overview: The purpose of the F32 research training fellowships to provide support for research training for highly promising postdoctoral researchers with the potential to become productive, independent investigators scientific health-related fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH ICs.
- Eligibility: Any postdoctoral fellow with the skills and knowledge required to carry out the proposed research can develop an application with his/her sponsor and institution. Before an F32 award can be activated, the individual must have received a PhD, MD, DO, DC, DDS, DVM, OD, DPM, ScD, EngD, DrPH, DNSc, ND (Doctor of Naturopathy), PharmD, DSW, PsyD, or equivalent doctoral degree from an accredited domestic or foreign institution.
- Citizenship: Applicants must be citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the U.S.
- Award/Program Size: Individuals may receive “up to 5 years of aggregate Kirschstein-NRSA support at the predoctoral level (up to 6 years for dual degree training, e.g., MD/PhD), and up to 3 years of aggregate Kirschstein-NRSA support at the postdoctoral level, including any combination of support from institutional training grants (e.g., T32) and an individual fellowship award.”
- Due Date: Applications are due in three annual cycles: April 8, August 8, and December 8. Please note, applicants should check with the relevant IC, since not all participate in the parent F32 funding opportunity announcement.

Source: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-670.html>

Fulbright-Fogarty Fellows in Public Health

- Overview: NIH's Fogarty International Center partners with the Fulbright Program in supporting medical or graduate student fellows to promote the expansion of public health research in resource-limited settings.
- Eligibility: Medical or graduate students may apply. Eligibility requirements vary by country, and each applicant can apply to only one country.
- Citizenship: Applicants must be U.S. citizens.
- Award/Program Size: The size and number of awards granted vary.
- Due Date: Applications for the 2019-2020 academic year were due October 9, 2018.

Source: <http://www.fic.nih.gov/Programs/Pages/fulbright-fellowships.aspx>

[Not accepting applications at this time. Last application deadline was October 8, 2024]

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-24-195.html> (basic experimental studies with humans);

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-24-193.html> (clinical trial required);

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-24-194.html> (clinical trial not allowed)

Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award (F99/K00)

- Overview: This program provides 1-2 years of predoctoral support for highly motivated graduate students.
- Eligibility: U.S. Domestic Institutions
- Citizenship: PD/PI must be a US citizen in year 3 or 4 of PhD training.
- Award/Program Information: Research Training and Career Development Grant
- Application Information: 3-5 reference letters required.
- Due Date: April 8, August 8, December 8 for new applicants, renewals, resubmissions, and revisions; AIDS and AIDS Related grant applications are due May 7, September 7, and January 7.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The mission of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is to protect and improve public health through information that enhances health decision-making and partnerships with state health departments and other organizations. The CDC focuses on developing and applying disease prevention and control policies, especially in infectious diseases, environmental health, occupational safety and health, health promotion, and prevention and education activities.

Internships

CDC offers a variety of internship and fellowship opportunities and training and research grants, often administered through institutions, including colleges and universities, for students in CDC-related fields. Internships are available in fields such as environmental health, health education, infectious disease, epidemiology, emergency response, and others. The training grants are designated for specific professions by category, and a list of current opportunities is available at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/fellowships/php/opportunities/applying-for-masters-degree-opportunities.html>

A sampling of internship opportunities for current students includes:

- ASANCHS Research Fellowship Program
<https://www.amstat.org/your-career/asa-fellowships-and-grants>
- ASPPH/CDC Public Health Fellowship Program
<https://aspvh.org/aspvh-cdc-public-health-fellowship-program-application-deadline-2025/>
- Dr. James A. Ferguson Emerging Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program
- <http://www.kennedykrieger.org/professional-training/professional-training-programs/rise-programs/ferguson-fellowship>

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) creates and disseminates effective tools and measures for health care systems to improve care and outcomes. AHRQ's stated mission is "to produce evidence to make health care safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable, and affordable." AHRQ's recent focus areas include addressing the opioid crisis, improving digital health and data-driven strategies, and funding investigator-initiated research. AHRQ has also listed funding priorities in patient safety, hospital-acquired infections, patient-reported outcomes and quality, and other evidence-based practices.

Individual Awards

Health Services Research Dissertation Program

- Overview: This program provides support to individuals who are conducting research undertaken as part of an academic program to qualify for a doctorate degree relating to healthcare quality. Research applications must address one of the following areas: "(1) research to improve healthcare patient safety; (2) harnessing data and technology to improve healthcare quality and patient outcomes; (3) research to increase accessibility and affordability of healthcare by examining innovative market approaches to care delivery and financing."
- Eligibility: Institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, and local governments are eligible to apply for this opportunity. Individuals must be at the dissertation stage of training to apply for the PI position.
- Citizenship: Applicants must be U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, or permanent residents.
- Award/Program Size: Total award size and number of awards depends on the number of applications that AHRQ receives. The total direct cost awarded must not exceed \$40,000 for the entire project period. Project periods must be a minimum of nine months but may not exceed 17 months.
- Due Date: Applications are due annually February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1.

Source: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-765.html>

Health Resources and Services Administration

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is the primary federal agency for improving access to healthcare services for people who are uninsured, isolated, or medically vulnerable. The Bureau of Health Professions within HRSA increases access to healthcare by developing, distributing, and retaining a diverse, culturally competent health workforce.

HRSA offers a variety of health professions training grants, often administered through institutions, including colleges and universities. The training grants are designated for specific professions by category, including nursing, medicine, oral health, public health, and others. A comprehensive list of HRSA grants is accessible here: <https://data.hrsa.gov/topics/grants/find-grants>.

Below are several examples of HRSA's multidisciplinary and broad eligibility grants to highlight the types of opportunities HRSA has funded in the past; it is important to note that most of the funding examples listed have expired but may be recompleted in the future.

Institution Awards

Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program

- **Overview:** This program, first competed in 2012, aims to strengthen the clinical field competencies of social workers and psychologists who pursue clinical service with high need and high demand populations. The BHWET program is not competed annually and will likely not be recompleted for several years. The most recent competition focused mostly on the workforce serving rural populations and medically underserved areas. Each competition lists specific eligibility requirements and focus areas.
- **Eligibility:** Eligible organizations for the professional track include accredited behavioral health professional training programs in behavioral pediatrics, social work, school social work, substance use disorder prevention and treatment, marriage and family therapy, occupational therapy, school counseling, or professional counseling; accredited schools of masters or doctoral-level training in psychiatry, psychiatric- nursing programs; and APA-accredited doctoral level schools and programs in health service psychology or school psychology programs with a practicum of ten or more hours per week for two semesters, and APA-accredited doctoral internship programs in professional psychology.
- **Citizenship:** Applicants must be U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, or permanent residents.
- **Award/Program Size:** Award and program size is subject to annual appropriations in competition years.
- **Due Date:** No competition is currently posted. The BHWET program was most recently recompleted in FY 2025 and will likely not be recompleted again for several years.

Source: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/355770>
<https://bhw.hrsa.gov/fundingopportunities/?id=67ee4161-1b08-433d-8224-d1e009af2663>
[Last awarded in early 2025, but has not been updated for 2026.]

Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP)

- **Overview:** GWEP aims to “establish and operate geriatrics education centers... to develop a healthcare workforce that maximizes patient and family engagement and improves health outcomes for older adults by integrating geriatrics and primary care.” The program was recompleted in FY 2019 and will likely not be recompleted for several years without a major increase in funding. Funding will be awarded via cooperative agreements to “support the education and training of health professions students, residents, fellows, and faculty; healthcare providers; and direct care workers who will provide healthcare to older adults,” as well as “provide educational programs for individuals, patients, families, and caregivers to provide them with the knowledge and skills for self-management and/or care delivery for older adults.” The program aims to fund projects that benefit rural or

underserved populations or meet public health needs in state or local health departments. In the most recent competition, HRSA placed special emphasis on the ability of grantees to establish ties with local partners and community organizations.

- **Eligibility:** Applicant organizations must include or partner with an academic geriatrics training program, one or more community-based primary care sites, and a community-based organization. Furthermore, partnerships with other organizations and programs that impact health outcomes for older adults are encouraged.
- **Citizenship:** Applicants must be U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, or permanent residents.
- **Award/Program Size:** For the FY 2019 competition, HRSA plans to make about 47 awards each worth up to \$750,000 over five years.
- **Due Date:** No competition is currently posted. The GWEP program was most recently recompeted in FY 2019 and may not be recompeted again until FY 2024 or later.

Source: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/349137>

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is the implementation arm for social and behavioral intervention and prevention strategies in public health. While much of SAMHSA's discretionary funds go to state and local governments or to support the health workforce, opportunities to implement SAMHSA initiatives for which nonprofit entities (such as universities) are eligible are occasionally offered.

Individual Awards

Minority Fellowship Program

- **Overview:** The program is managed by seven associations: American Nurses Association (ANA), American Psychiatric Association (APA), Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), American Psychological Association (ApA), The Association for Addiction Professionals (AAP), American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT), and the National Board for Certified Counselors and Affiliates (NBCC). In order to receive an award, students must apply through one of the aforementioned associations. The goal of this program is to increase the pool of professionals qualified to provide leadership, consultation, training, and administration to government, public, and private organizations that develop and implement programs for underserved ethnic minority persons with mental and/or substance abuse disorders. This program provides grants to encourage and facilitate the doctoral and post-doctoral development of minority nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers. In FY 2016, SAMHSA allocated approximately \$8 million to the Minority Fellowship Program.
 - **AAMFT**—The program is open to all full-time doctoral students in marriage and family therapy doctoral programs that demonstrate a strong commitment to a career in ethnic minority mental health and substance abuse services and providing substance abuse and mental health services to minority and underserved populations. African American, Alaskan Native, American Indian, Asian American, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander students are especially encouraged to apply. Source: https://www.aamftfoundation.org/Foundation/What_We_Do/Minority_Fellowship_Program.aspx
 - **ANA** — Applicants must be a member of an ethnic or racial minority group: Asian or Asian American, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaska

Native, and Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander. Applicants must be a registered nurse and have a master's degree in psychiatric or mental health nursing or a related field and be pursuing a doctoral degree in their field. Additionally, applicants must be an ANA member and able to demonstrate a commitment to a research career in nursing and substance abuse and/or psychiatric or mental health issues affecting minority populations. The fellowship guidelines recommend that all applicants should have completed one year of graduate studies prior to applying to the MFP. *Source:* <https://emfp.org/fellowships/minority-fellowship-program-doctoral/eligibility-requirements-doctoral>

- **ApA** — Applicants must be psychiatry residents-in-training and remain in training during the entire academic year. Applicants must be ApA members. All applicants are welcome to apply regardless of race or ethnicity but must demonstrate their commitment to serve ethnic minority populations. *Source:* <https://www.apa.org/pi/mfp/about/index.aspx>
Source: <https://ldi.apa.org/programs/minority-fellowship-program>
- **APA** — Applicants must demonstrate a strong commitment to a career in ethnic minority mental health and enhancing the knowledge of culturally competent psychiatry residents. APA awards about 30 fellowships a year, pending funding. *Source:* <https://www.psychiatry.org/residents-medical-students/residents/fellowships/available-apa-apaf-fellowships/samhsa-minority-fellowship>
- **CSWE** — Applicants must have a master's degree in social work and be starting full-time study leading to a doctoral degree in social work or be currently enrolled as full-time students in a doctoral social work program. All applicants are welcome to apply regardless of race or ethnicity but must demonstrate a commitment to a career providing mental health and substance abuse services to ethnic, racial, social, and cultural minorities. *Source:* <https://www.cswe.org/centers-initiatives/minority-fellowship-program/mfp-doctoral-students/>
- **NBCC** — This program is intended to support doctoral students in counseling from diverse backgrounds with the intention of producing a workforce committed to addressing issues in underserved populations such as mental health as well as substance abuse and addiction therapy. African Americans, Alaska Natives, American Indians, Asian Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders are especially encouraged to apply. *Source:* <http://nbccf-mfpdr.applicantstack.com/x/detail/a2b3qvi3f7le>
- **Citizenship:** Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- **Award/Program Size:**
 - **AAMFT** — Fellows receive \$20,000 per year for a maximum of three years and must be renewed annually.
 - **ANA** — Fellowships are renewed on an annual basis. The fellowship is usually awarded for 10 to 12 months. A fellow who wishes to receive continual awards for the maximum five years must complete a progress report each year. Renewals are not automatic. The annual stipend amounts vary from year to year depending on federal allocations to the MFP.
 - **ApA** — Fellows receive monthly stipends and serve for one year with an opportunity to apply for an additional year. The annual stipend amounts vary from year to year depending on federal allocations to the MFP.
 - **APA** — Fellows receive financial support for a maximum of three years and must be renewed annually. There is limited availability for dissertation support.
 - **CSWE** — Fellows receive monthly stipends for a one-year period to defray living expenses; some tuition support may be provided depending on the availability of funds. The

duration of the award is three years contingent upon funding and the fellow maintaining satisfactory progress towards degree objectives.

- NBCC — Fellows receive up to \$20,000 a year.
- Due Dates:
 - AAMFT — Applications were due January 31, 2019.
 - ANA — Application are due May 6, 2019.
 - ApA — Applications were due January 15, 2019.
 - APA — Applications were due in January 31, 2019.
 - CSWE — Applications are due February 2019.
 - NBCC — Applications were due January 25, 2019.

Source: <https://www.samhsa.gov/minority-fellowship-program/become-mfp-fellow>

[Last updated in April 2024.]

Department of State

The Department of State supports a limited number of international social science and exchange programs each year. Many of these grants focus on international public policy, governance, and/or human rights. A limited number of these programs are open to or targeted at graduate students. Further, several programs within the Department are proposed for reduced funding relative to FY 2024 enacted and FY 2025 projected levels. Proposed decreases relevant to the higher education and research communities are severe – with many of the accounts that universities have been eligible for proposed for elimination. Educational and Cultural Exchange (ECE) ECE Programs, overseen by the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs (ECA), would be funded at \$50 million, a decrease of \$691 million or 93.25 percent from the FY 2025 estimated level of \$741 million. This dramatic decrease is proposed to support core program management while all exchange programs are reviewed to ensure “alignment with America First policies, continued relevance in the 21st century, and effectiveness.” If enacted, this would eliminate academic programs including the Fulbright Programs, special academic exchanges, professional and cultural exchanges, and other special exchange programs, which have had strong bipartisan support for decades as a critical component of soft power diplomacy.

Individual Awards

Fulbright Grants for Graduate Study and Research Abroad (part of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program)

- **Overview:** This program is an international educational exchange program designed to increase mutual understanding between Americans and people in other countries. The program provides participants, chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential, with the opportunity to study, teach, conduct research, exchange ideas, and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. Fulbright projects span every major discipline, and recipients carry out a wide variety of unique projects and activities while on their grant.
- **Eligibility:** The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers fellowships for U.S. graduate students to study, conduct research, and/or teach English abroad. The Fulbright Foreign Student Program offers opportunities for foreign graduate students to study, conduct research, and/or teach their native language in the U.S.
- **Citizenship:** U.S. applicants (U.S. citizens only) apply either through their university or college or at-large to the cooperating agency responsible for the program in which they are interested. Non-U.S. applicants (non-U.S. citizens) apply to either the Fulbright Commission in their country of citizenship or the U.S. Embassy in their country of citizenship (in countries where there is not a Fulbright Commission).
- **Award/Program Size:** The Fulbright Program awards approximately 8,000 new grants annually. Notably, the House draft appropriations bill proposed \$287.8 million to be allocated to Fulbright programs, although that allocation is not yet final. Foreign governments and private organizations also contribute funding.
- **Due Date:** Applications for the 2026-2027 competition are due October 7, 2025. This is an annual competition.

Source: <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/about/fulbright-us-student-program>

Critical Language Scholarship Program (CLS)

- **Overview:** This program partners with universities and nonprofits to provide cohorts of U.S. students an opportunity to study the language and culture in a country/location where the target language is commonly spoken. Most languages offered by the CLS Program do not require applicants to have any experience studying critical languages. The CLS Program seeks participants with varied interests, and from a wide range of fields of study and career paths, with the purpose of representing the full breadth of the United States. Participants are selected based on their commitment to language learning and plans to apply their language skills to their future academic or professional pursuits.
- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited U.S. degree-granting program at the undergraduate (associate, bachelor's) or graduate (master's, doctoral, professional degree) level at the time of application. Applicants may only apply once, for one language. Applicants who submit multiple applications will be considered ineligible.
- **Citizenship:** Applicants must be U.S. citizens. Others, including Permanent Residents, are not eligible, even if they anticipate naturalization by the beginning of the program.
- **Award/Program Size:** In 2025, the State Department announced approximately 600 recipients of the Critical Language Scholarship. The CLS is overseen by the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs (ECA), which according to President Trump's Budget Request, would be funded at \$50 million, a decrease of \$691 million or 93.25 percent from the FY 2025 estimated level of \$741 million. The House Appropriations Bill has allocated \$701 million to remain available until expended, although that funding is yet to be final.
- **Due Date:** Applications for the 2025 competition were due on November 19, 2024. Applications for 2026 are not yet open. This is an annual competition.

Source: <https://clscholarship.org/about>

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) conducts space exploration work in five principal categories: Science, Aeronautics, Space Technology, Exploration, and Operations. The Science Mission Directorate (SMD) explores the Earth, Sun, planets, and the Universe. The Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate designs and tests new flight technologies that bolster exploration and lead to improved flight capabilities on Earth. The Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate concentrates on the International Space Station and developing new methods for human exploration in space. The Space Technology Mission Directorate invests in potentially game-changing technology with applications across NASA mission directorates. In education, NASA activities include support for scientific training in fields relevant to NASA's mission as well as general outreach using space to inspire interest in technical issues and careers.

Individual Awards

Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology (FINESST)

- **Overview:** This program offers graduate students the opportunity to develop research projects that contribute to the Science Mission Directorate's science, technology, and exploration goals.
- **Eligibility:** The program is open to Students pursuing graduate degrees in Earth or space sciences, or related disciplines. Students may apply at any point in their degree program. Students pursuing a Baccalaureate may also apply if they are actively enrolled in a masters or doctoral degree program at the time of the award. An individual accepting this award may not simultaneously be receiving an award for any other federal fellowship or traineeship.
- **Citizenship:** FINESST is open to all students enrolled at any U.S. university, though U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents will be given preference. Proposals which include bilateral participation or collaboration with the People's Republic of China are ineligible.
- **Award/Program Size:** The maximum amount for a FINESST award is \$50,000 per year, up to \$150,000 total for a performance period of three years.
- **Due Dates:** Proposal due dates for the FY 2025 solicitation remain to be determined. This program is competed annually.

Source: <https://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary.do?sollid=%7bF9C7B701-6405-FD55-6705-EB4B190646B8%7d&path=&method=init>

National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program

- **Overview:** The National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program (Space Grant) is a national network of colleges and universities, which includes over 850 affiliates from universities, colleges, industry, museums, science centers, and state and local agencies. These affiliates belong to one of 52 consortia in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Each of the 52 consortia funds fellowships and scholarships for students pursuing careers in STEM, as well as curriculum enhancement and faculty development. A goal of the program is to recruit and train U.S. citizens (especially women, underrepresented minorities, and persons with disabilities) for careers in aerospace science and technology. Consortia are required to provide a specific target

percentage for participation of female and underrepresented minority students in fellowship and scholarship programs.

- Eligibility: Graduate students from a variety of STEM disciplines are eligible for fellowships which enable them either to initiate or continue research in their own fields and complete their studies. Eligibility details vary from institution to institution.
- Citizenship: Applicants must be U.S. citizens.
- Award/Program Size: The size and duration of the fellowship awards vary at each institution.
- Due Dates: Due dates vary at each institution.

Source: <https://www.nasa.gov/learning-resources/national-space-grant-college-and-fellowship-project/>

Internships and Fellowships

NASA Space Technology Graduate Research Opportunities (NSTGRO)

- Overview: NSTGRO supports graduate students “who show significant potential to contribute to NASA’s goal of creating innovative new space technologies.” Fellows conduct research projects at their home institutions and NASA Centers or U.S. Research and Development laboratories. Students are also paired with a NASA subject matter expert that will aid in the students’ research projects.
- Eligibility: Those seeking graduate degrees related to space technology and are or will be enrolled in full-time masters or doctoral degree program before the beginning of the fellowship can apply.
- Citizenship: U.S. citizens and permanent residents are eligible to apply for this fellowship opportunity.
- Award/Program Size: In the 2025 competition, fellowships were worth \$84,000 per year, including a student stipend, support allowance, health insurance, tuition and fees, and a faculty advisor allowance.
- Due Dates: Applications are typically due in the late fall. The awards are competed annually and released via NSPIRES.

Source: <https://www.nasa.gov/nasa-space-technology-graduate-research-opportunities-nstgro/>

NASA Internships and Fellowships

NASA offers a variety of fellowship, scholarship, and internship opportunities for students ranging from high school through postdoctoral levels in NASA-related fields. Internship opportunities also include pathways and international programs.

More information can be found at <https://stemgateway.nasa.gov/public/s/explore-opportunities>. This site is searchable by discipline, time frame, education level, and NASA Center/Facility of interest.

Source: <https://www.nasa.gov/learning-resources/internship-programs/>

National Science Foundation

The National Science Foundation (NSF) funds basic research in all areas of science and engineering. This includes research on social, behavioral, and economic sciences as well as science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education.

Institution Awards

National Science Foundation Research Traineeship (NRT) Program

NOTE: The NRT solicitation is waiting a new publication at the time of writing. The information below is based on the most recent solicitation.

- Overview: The objective of the NRT program is to develop interdisciplinary, transformative models for STEM graduate education to prepare the scientists and engineers of the future. The NRT program has two tracks. Track 1, applicants may propose a total funding up to \$3 million, for up to five years. Track 2 is geared toward institutions that are not classified as Very High Research Activity (R1), and proposal may request a total budget of \$2 million, for up to five years.
- Eligibility: All two-and four-year institutions of higher education, accredited in, and having campuses located in the U.S. Track 2 is limited to non-R1 Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs). All other requirements are the same.
- Citizenship: All stipend recipients must be U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent residents.
- Award/Program Size: NSF plans to make between 8 to 20 awards. NRT Track 1 expects to award 14 - 16 institutions while Track 2 plans to award between 4-6 institutions.
- Status: Awaiting a new solicitation
- Special Attention: For the most recent competition, there is a limit of two proposals per institution.

Source: <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/us-national-science-foundation-research-traineeship-program>

International Research Experience for Students (IRES)

- Overview: This program supports groups of U.S. undergraduate or graduate students conducting research abroad in collaboration with foreign investigators. The goals of IRES are to increase U.S. leadership in research and strengthen the U.S. competitiveness by training the STEM workforce through international research collaboration.
- Status: NSF is not running an IRES competition in FY 2026. The next proposal deadline is Monday October 26, 2026. Office hours are planning to be announced in the summer of 2026.

Source: <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/ires-international-research-experiences-students/updates/119879>

Individual Awards

Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)

NOTE: The GRFP solicitation is waiting a new publication at the time of writing, expected in fall 2025. The information below is based on the most recent solicitation.

- Overview: GRFP is NSF's signature graduate support program, providing support for students in the early stages of their graduate or doctoral studies in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) or in STEM education.
- Eligibility: According to last solicitations requirements, NSF Graduate Research fellows must be U.S. citizens, or permanent residents; they must be enrolled at full-time research-based master's or doctoral degrees in the STEM or STEM education field; never earned a doctoral degree or terminal degree in any field; and never previously accepted a Graduate research fellowship. See more detailed requirements when the full solicitation is released.
- Award/Program Size: NSF awards a stipend of \$37,000 for a 12-month tenure period in monthly increments. NSF will also award the GRFP institution \$53,000 to cover Fellow stipend and Cost of Education allowance for each NSF Graduate Fellow "on tenure."
- Citizenship: All recipients must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- Due Dates: The program is currently waiting for new publication.

Source: <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/grfp-nsf-graduate-research-fellowship-program>

National Science Foundation EPSCoR Graduate Fellow Program (EGFP)

- Overview: NSF EPSCoR Graduate Fellowship (EGFP) supports recruitment, development, and retention of graduate students in EPSCoR jurisdictions.
- Eligibility: Proposal must be submitted by Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) that have a campus located in an [eligible EPSCoR jurisdiction](#) and offer one master's and/or doctoral degree in STEM. IHEs are limited to one proposal per annual competition. Awardee institutions will select fellows that have received Honorable mention from the NSF Graduation Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) no more three years prior to the proposal due date to be eligible.
- Citizenship: All recipients must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- Award/Program Size: NSF anticipates awarding five to 35 EGFP awards. Award sizes are subject to available funds; however, institutions must request to fund at least three Fellows over three years (\$477,000) and no more than 20 Fellows over three years (\$3.18 million).
- Due Date: Proposals are due June 1, 2026.

Source: <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/egfp-nsf-epscor-graduate-fellowship-program>

Computer and Information Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowships (CSGrad4US) program

- Overview: The CSGrad4US program "aims to increase the number and diversity of domestic graduate students pursuing careers in computer and information science and engineering fields."
- Eligibility: Applicants must have graduated with a bachelor's degree before December 31 of the previous year.
- Citizenship: Individuals must be a U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident.
- Award/Program Size: Individuals receive \$37,000 stipend and \$16,000 per year cost-of-education allowance each year for three years.
- Due Date: Early summer (<https://www.nsf.gov/cise/graduate-fellowships#how-to-apply-d48>)

Source: <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/dcl-computer-information-science-engineering-graduate>

Decision, Risk and Management Sciences- Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants (DRMS-DDRIG)

- Overview: DRMS-DDRIG “Supports doctoral dissertation research that increases understanding of how individuals, organizations and societies make decisions. Areas include judgment, decision analysis, risk communication, public policy decision making and management science.”
- Eligibility: Applicants must be affiliated with Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs).
- Citizenship: Does not have requirements in the solicitation.
- Award/Program Size: NSF anticipates awarding 20 to 30 DDRIG awards. Proposal budgets cannot exceed \$30,000 in total costs for 12 months. Anticipated total funding ranges from \$450,000 to \$675,000 per fiscal year.
- Due Date: Proposals are due annually on January 18 and August 18.

Source: <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/drms-ddrig-decision-risk-management-sciences-doctoral-dissertation>

Cultural Anthropology Program – Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants (CA-DDRIG)

- Overview: CA-DDRIG “Supports doctoral research aimed at understanding patterns, causes and consequences of human social and cultural variation, including research that has implications for confronting anthropogenic problems.”
- Eligibility: Applicants must be affiliated with Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), government and national laboratories and facilities, sponsored nonprofits and museums, and tribal nations.
- Citizenship: The student does not need to be a U.S. citizen.
- Award/Program Size: NSF anticipates awarding 40 to 50 DDIG awards. The total direct costs for CA DDRIG awards may not exceed \$25,000. The total anticipated funding amount is \$800,000.
- Due Date: Proposals are due annually on January 15 and August 15.

Source: <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/ca-ddrig-cultural-anthropology-program-doctoral-dissertation-research>

Archaeology Program – Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants (Arch-DDRIG)

- Overview: Arch-DDRIG supports “Supports doctoral laboratory and field research on archaeologically relevant topics, with the goal of increasing anthropologically focused understanding of the past.”
- Eligibility: Applicants must be affiliated with Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs).
- Citizenship: The student does not need to be a U.S. citizen.
- Award/Program Size: NSF anticipates awarding 30 to 40 DDRIG awards. The total direct costs for Arch DDRIG awards may not exceed \$25,000. Anticipated total funding amount is approximately \$800,000.
- Due Date: Proposals can be submitted at any time.

Source: <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/arch-ddrig-archaeology-program-doctoral-dissertation-research>

Biological Anthropology Program – Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants (BA-DDRIG)

- Overview: BA-DDRIG “Supports doctoral research including field, laboratory and computational research on human and nonhuman primate adaptation, variation and evolution to advance knowledge about human origins and the dynamics between biology and culture.”
- Eligibility: Applicants must be affiliated with Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs).
- Citizenship: Does not have requirements in the solicitation.
- Award/Program Size: NSF anticipates awarding 25 to 40 DDRIG awards per fiscal year. Proposal budgets cannot exceed \$25,000 in direct costs for up to two years. The anticipated total funding amount ranges from \$600,000 to \$800,000.
- Due Date: Proposals can be submitted annually between January 20 – 31, and July 20 – 31.

Source: <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/ba-ddrig-biological-anthropology-program-doctoral-dissertation>

Linguistics Program – Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants (Ling-DDRI)

- Overview: Ling-DDRI “Supports doctoral research on human language — encompassing investigations of the properties of individual human languages and natural language in general — and the intersections of linguistics with cognition, society and other areas of science.”
- Eligibility: Applicants must be affiliated with Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), two- and four-year IHEs, including community colleges.
- Citizenship: Does not have requirements in the solicitation.
- Award/Program Size: NSF anticipates awarding 25 to 35 DDRI’s. Proposal budgets cannot exceed \$12,000 in direct costs for up to two years. The anticipated total funding amount ranges from \$300,000 to \$400,000.
- Due Date: Proposals are due annually on January 15 and July 15.

Source: <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/ling-ddri-linguistics-program-doctoral-dissertation-research>

Human-Environment and Geographical Sciences Program – Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Awards (HEGS-DDRI)

- Overview: HEGS-DDRI “Supports doctoral dissertation research on the nature, causes and consequences of the spatial dimensions of human activities and/or environmental processes across a range of scales.”
- Eligibility: Applicants must be affiliated with Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), two- and four-year IHEs, including community colleges.
- Citizenship: Does not have requirements in the solicitation.
- Award/Program Size: NSF anticipates awarding 10 to 15 DDRI’s. DDRI awards supported by HEGS may not exceed \$20,000 in direct costs. The anticipated total funding amount ranges from \$250,000 to \$375,000.
- Due Date: Proposal can be submitted at any time.

Source: <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/hegs-ddri-human-environment-geographical-sciences-program-doctoral>

Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (MSPRF)

- Overview: “The purpose of the Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (MSPRF) is to support future leaders in mathematics and statistics by facilitating their participation in postdoctoral research environments that will have maximal impact on their future scientific development. There are two options for awardees: Research Fellowship and Research Instructorship. Awards will support research in areas of mathematics and statistics, including applications to other disciplines.”
- Eligibility: Applicants must be affiliated with Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), government and national laboratories and facilities, sponsored nonprofits and museums, and for-profits. Proposals are required to be in the area of mathematics or statistics and an applicant may not hold a doctoral degree for more than two years as of January 1, the year of the award.
- Citizenship: All recipients must be U.S. citizens, U.S. national, or legally admitted permanent resident alien of the U.S.
- Award/Program Size: NSF anticipates awards between 35 to 45 awards. Awardees will receive up to \$190,000 stipend over the duration of the fellowship of 48 months.
- Deadline: MSPRS are due annually on the third Wednesday in October. The next deadline is October 15, 2025

Source: <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/msprf-mathematical-sciences-postdoctoral-research-fellowships>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) primary mission is to regulate and implement public policy for the nation's food, agriculture, and natural resources. The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is the extramural research and grant agency of the USDA and the primary source of graduate research opportunities.

Institution Awards

NIFA National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship (NNF) Grants Program

- **Overview:** This grant program supports training students for masters and doctoral degrees in food, agricultural and natural resource sciences and special International Study or Thesis/Dissertation Research Travel Allowances (IRTA) for eligible recipients. "Awards made under NNF are specifically intended to support traineeship programs that engage outstanding students to pursue and complete their degrees in areas where there is a national need for the development of scientific and professional expertise in the food and agricultural sciences."
- **Eligibility:** Applications are solicited from institutions that confer a graduate degree in at least one of the following targeted expertise shortage areas: animal and plant production; forest resources; agricultural education and communication; agricultural management and economics; food science and human nutrition; agricultural biosecurity; and data science. Land-grant institutions, universities with significant minority enrollments, and universities that have the capability to teach food and agricultural science are eligible to apply.
- **Award/Program Size:** An estimated \$3.2 million will be available. There is no commitment by USDA to fund any particular application or to make a specific number of awards. Awards are expected to be between \$41,000 and \$262,500.
- **Due Date:** Application deadlines have not been released for 2025. This program is traditionally competed annually, however due to federal disruptions, several NIFA programs are returning to previous applications for awards. This program may be a part of that rollover.

Source: <https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/food-and-agricultural-sciences-national-needs-graduate-and-postgraduate>

Individual Awards

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI): Education and Workforce Development

- **Overview:** This grant program, formerly known as the Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Human Sciences Education and Literacy Initiative, "focuses on developing the next generation of research, education, and extension professionals in the food and agricultural sciences." Focus areas include professional development opportunities for K-14 teachers and education professionals, training of undergraduate students in research and extension, and fellowships for pre- and postdoctoral candidates.
- **Eligibility:** Land-grant institutions are eligible to apply. Others may be eligible depending on the program types listed in the request for applications, which can be found on the website.
- **Citizenship:** Individuals applying must be U.S. citizens, nationals or permanent residents.
- **Award/Program Size:** Approximately \$49 million is expected to be available for this opportunity. Individual awards will range between \$22,000 and \$750,000.

- Due Date: Proposals due dates for 2025 have not been posted. Similarly, there may not be an FY 2025 solicitation and they may move straight to FY 2026 due to federal disruptions.

Source: <https://www.nifa.usda.gov/grants/funding-opportunities/agriculture-food-research-initiative-education-workforce-development>

Internships and Fellowships

USDA Internships and Fellowships

USDA offers a variety of fellowship, scholarship, and internship opportunities for students ranging from high school through postdoctoral levels in USDA-related fields. Internship opportunities also include pathways and international programs which can cover all parts of the agency's mission beyond research.

More information can be found at <https://www.usda.gov/farming-and-ranching/agricultural-education-and-outreach/youth-agriculture/internships-and-career-opportunities>.

Department of Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) oversees federal highway, air, rail, maritime, and other transportation administration activities and functions. The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R) oversees and coordinates DOT's research and education programs. DOT distributes research funds to state and local transportation agencies as well as academic institutions.

Individual Awards

Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program (DDETFP) Local Competition at Designated Institutions of Higher Education

- Overview: This program offers fellowships to students pursuing degrees in disciplines related to transportation. The categories of Fellowships include: DDETFP Graduate Fellowship, DDETFP Local Competition, and DDETFP Grants for Research Fellowship. It awards between 150 and 200 grants each year, subject to the availability of funds.
- Eligibility: Applicants should be pursuing a masters or doctorate degree full-time in a transportation-related field and conducting ongoing transportation research. The Institution of Higher Education (IHE) must be accredited by a federally-recognized accrediting agency and must be located within the United States or its territories.
- Award/Program Size: The funding amount for each awardee depends on the selection and ranking from the National Selection Panel. There are expected to be 50 awards. Awardees may receive up to \$10,000 for tuition; masters level students may receive up to \$1,700 per month while doctoral level students may receive \$2,000 per month in stipends.
- The last competition was held in Spring 2024.

Source: <https://highways.dot.gov/careers/dwight-david-eisenhower-transportation-fellowship-program> and <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/352016>

While DOT does not offer as many programs for students as other agencies, a brief overview of ongoing opportunities can be found at <https://www.transportation.gov/careers/student-internship-and-recent-graduate-opportunities>

Relevant Agencies Not Currently Offering Graduate Student Funding

U.S. Agency for International Development

As of February 2025, the Trump Administration disbanded The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), placing direct hire personnel on administrative leave. Designated personnel responsible for mission-critical functions, core leadership and/or specially designated programs have since been absorbed into the Department of State. Previously, USAID partnered with the higher education community in support of solutions to key global development challenges but programs and experience opportunities for graduate students have since been discontinued.

Environmental Protection Agency

Utilizing intramural EPA laboratories as well as the extramural research community, the EPA Office of Research and Development (ORD) conducts research on topics such as air and water quality, ecosystem assessment and restoration, climate change, impacts to human health, and pollution prevention.

The EPA strongly encourages eligible graduate students to review the [2025 NSF-GRFP projects](#) open for hosting fellows; communicate with the EPA researcher listed on the project; and work with their academic mentors to prepare and submit an INTERN supplemental funding application to the NSF. These projects are solely awarded and funded by NSF. There are no financial transactions between EPA and NSF, academic Institutions, or fellows. The EPA does fund the People, Prosperity, Planet (P3) Program, a competitive grants program that provides teams of undergraduate and graduate students an opportunity to receive a “two-year award of up to \$75,000 to gain invaluable experience through classroom learning, laboratory and field work to address environmental issues.

- More information about the EPA ORD can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-office-research-and-development-ord>
- More information about the P3 program can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/P3>
- More information about EPA internship opportunities can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/careers/students>

National Endowment for the Humanities

Currently the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) does not support graduate education and there is uncertainty over which NEH previous programs will continue under the Trump Administration. Though there are no specific graduate opportunities, graduate students have participated in NEH-supported summer seminars and institutes, and opportunities such as the Humanities Research Centers on Artificial Intelligence. More information on these programs is available at <http://www.neh.gov/grants/education/summer-seminars-and-institutes> <https://www.neh.gov/program/humanities-research-centers-artificial-intelligence>.

National Endowment for the Arts

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) supports traditional art forms such as music, dance, and theater projects. NEA does not currently offer any programs specifically for graduate students. However, graduate students may be eligible to apply to programs such as the [Creative Writing](#)

[Fellowship](#) and [Translation Project Fellowship](#), although the deadline for FY2025 has passed and the future outlook for the programs is uncertain.