FELLOWSHIP OFFICE
INFORMATION FOR
NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

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Fellowship

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

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Beyond the money

You might not receive the fellowship, but you will gain valuable experience.

- Grant writing uses different writing style and tone than academic writing.

- Research proposals force you to plan out your project, demonstrate strong rationale, and state the big-picture benefits of the work.

- Better to start learning now rather than have to “catch-up” later in your career.
Overview of Student Funding Resources

There are several funding options for Purdue graduate students to explore, including assistantships, fellowships, grants, loans and other financial aid. Financial support for graduate students at Purdue is primarily awarded in the form of assistantships and fellowships. Over 80 percent of graduate students at the University are on assistantships. Furthermore, the Fellowship Office hosts many resources for students applying for fellowships.

Most funding decisions for assistantships are made by each individual graduate program. Some programs fund all of their graduate students, although others fund only a few or provide only partial funding support. If you have a question regarding the funding system for your graduate program, contact your graduate program coordinator.
Fellowship Resources Page

→ Presentation slides, peer mentor lists, templates, and more!
https://wiki.itap.purdue.edu/display/FellowshipAndGrantWriting

→ Login with your Purdue username and non-Boiler Key password

Fellowship and Grant Writing Resources

This wiki contains documents created by the Purdue Fellowship Office for use by Purdue students and postdocs.

Use the Page Tree on the left to find content to help you with your fellowship and grant applications.

Check out "Grant Writing Basics Video Series" and "Fellowship Presentations and Writing Guides" → "General Fellowship Guides" to get started.

NEW!! Fellowship Office Hours For Grad Students and Postdocs - Tuesdays at 11:00 am
List of fellowship and professional development workshops:

https://gspd.gosignmeup.com/Public/Course/Browse

New fellowship workshops will continue to get added!!

Workshop topics include a variety of subjects on Career Preparation, Wellness, Research Tools, and Presentation Skills!
Fellowship & Grant Writing Skills

How to Avoid Common Fellowship Application Mistakes
9/9 @ 12:30 p.m.
Learn how to avoid common mistakes that graduate students & postdocs make in their applications. This workshop will cover the difference between academic journal writing, fellowship writing, & how you can make a good impression with reviewers.

Letters of Recommendation for Fellowships
9/30 & 10/29 @ 11:30 a.m.

How to Condense a Draft to Meet Page Requirements
10/7 @ 12:30 p.m.
This workshop will provide a strategy for how to discern what content is essential and what is not, as well as how to keep details while shortening your draft. The content presented can be applied to various types of research-based funding documents regardless of your academic discipline.

National Science Foundation  
NSF: Fellowship Trilogy

Getting Started: 9/1/20  9:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Getting Started: In this workshop, junior undergraduates and 1st & 2nd-yr grad students will begin planning their NSF GRFP applications through learning writing strategies and requirements for competitive applications. Recommended timelines & methods for requesting letters of recommendation will also be explained.

Personal Statement: 9/8/20  9:00 PM - 10:30 PM
Personal Statement: The second workshop in the NSF GRFP preparation series emphasizes how to write a competitive personal statement. Topics covered will include how to write in a persuasive tone & how to discern which experiences to include. Undergraduates, first and second yr graduate students, are welcome to register. Note: US Citizenship or Permanent Resident status is required to apply for the NSF Fellowship.

Research Statement: 9/15/20  9:00 PM - 10:30 PM
Research Statement: The final of the three NSF Fellowship workshops for undergrads and graduate students will center on the composition of research statements. Attendees will learn how to refine their research plan into a specific goal with accompanying Broader Impacts and Intellectual Merit. Formatting, supporting details, journal references, and theme connections in their personal statements will be addressed.

The NSF Fellowship is open to Masters Students and PhD students who do not have masters degrees, who are US citizens or permanent residents.
NDSEG – Defense Research Fellowship

- [http://ndseg.sysplus.com/](http://ndseg.sysplus.com/)
- Monthly Stipend: $3,200
- Up to three years of funding
- Tuition and fees covered

**Eligibility:**
- First or Second Year PhD Student
- Open to US Citizens, Permanent Residents, and US Nationals
- Applicants should be interested in conducting research that relates to national defense

**Application Deadline:** November 2

**National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowship**

**Webinar Information Session:**
Tuesday, October 6, 9 – 10 pm (night session)

Another NDSEG info session will be added – check the workshop webpage for updates
Attend these active webinars to participate in discussions, receive feedback, and outline your fellowship application documents. Participants should be familiar with the fellowship that they are applying for.

**Personal Statements for Fellowships**
9/15 & 11/4 @ 11:30 a.m.

**Research Statements for Fellowships**
9/23 & 11/11 @ 11:30 a.m.

**Fellowship Application Editing Workshop**
10/8 & 11/18 @ 11:30 a.m.
THANK YOU

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