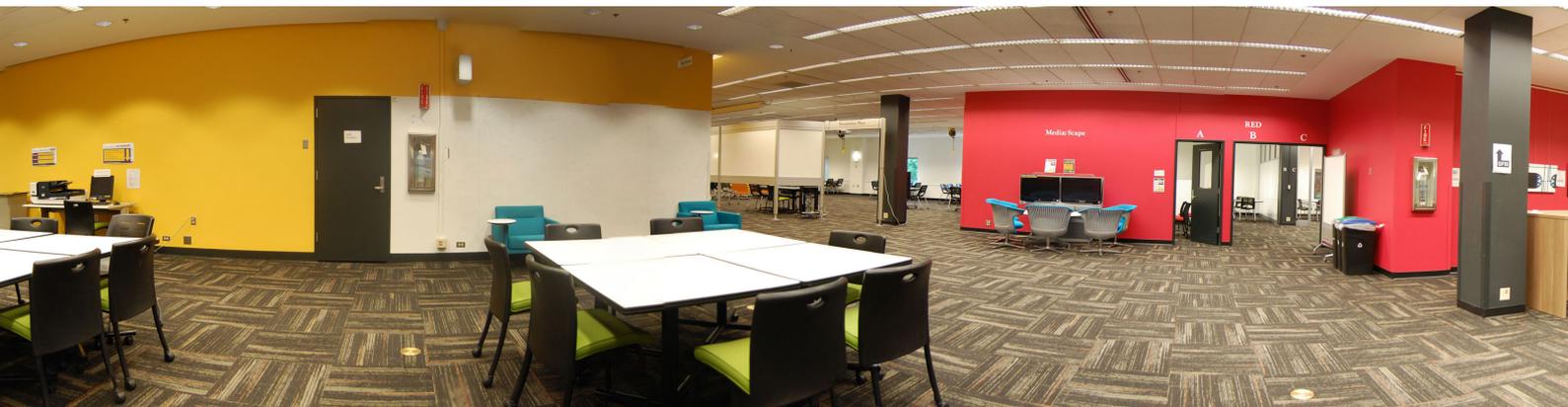# GFIS Graduate Funding Information Service
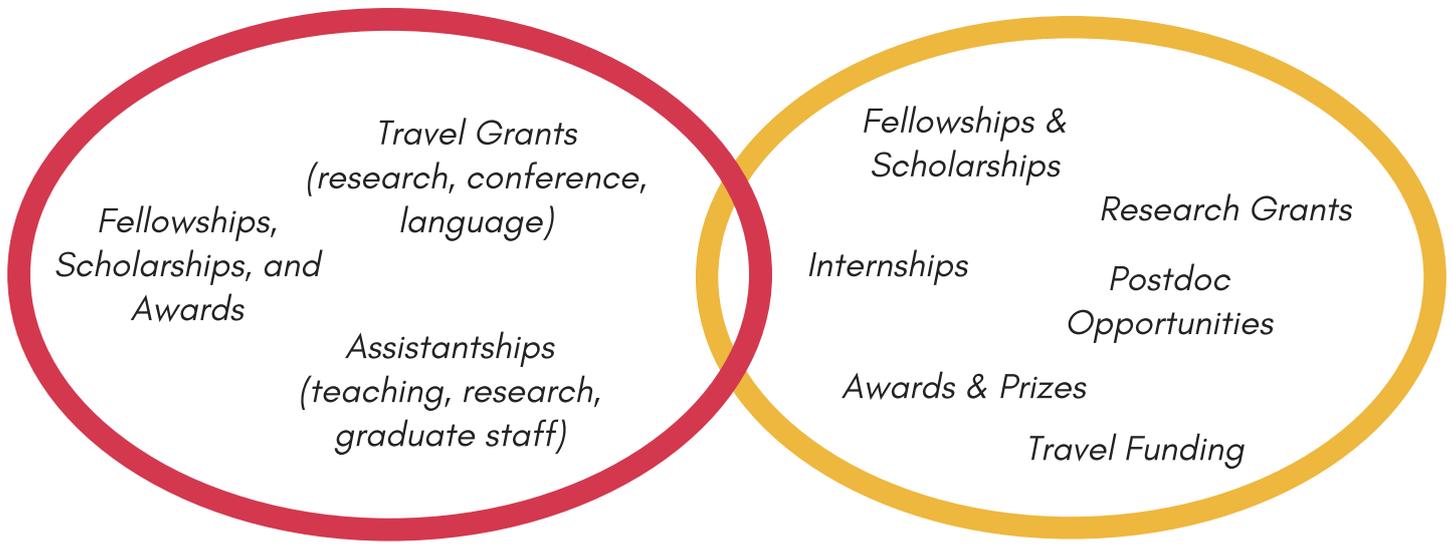

Funding Resources for Graduate School

The Graduate Funding Information Service (GFIS) helps current and admitted University of Washington graduate students identify and use resources to locate funding opportunities for graduate school-related expenses including tuition, research, and conference and research travel. GFIS is located in the Research Commons, in the Allen Library.

Check out the GFIS drop-in hours: https://blogs.uw.edu/gfis/drop-in-advising-hours/
You can always schedule a one-on-one GFIS consultation by emailing gfis@uw.edu

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Quick Tips For Getting Started

- Get a head start. Search for funding 9 to 12 months before the award date.
- Be aware of your department's resources. Are you eligible to apply for UW scholarships, fellowships, grants, or assistantships? Does your department have links on its website to field-specific funding opportunities?
- Network. Talk to other grad students, faculty, and staff in your department about fellowships, grants, internships, jobs, and other funding options.
- Think outside the box. Investigate academic and professional organizations/societies, non-profit groups, corporations, churches, employers, alumni associations, and clubs for funding support.
- Look in more than one place. Use several databases to make sure you catch all relevant funding opportunities. The GFIS Guide has links to many tools.
- Search high and low. Don't be afraid to apply for large, competitive awards if you're eligible, but don't discount smaller awards (which can add up) either.
- Consider your keywords. Brainstorm a list of keywords in three areas: your degree or program, your research interests, and your personal characteristics. Combine keywords when searching in funding databases.
- Manage your calendar. Be aware of nationally-coveted fellowships with early fall deadlines. Budget plenty of time for multi-stepped applications.
- Keep materials up-to-date. Having a current C.V. and/or resume, personal statement, and research proposal on hand will help you jump start applications. Get help from graduate writing tutors who offer help in the Research Commons. Keep at least 3 people in mind for letters of recommendation in case one writer is not available.
- Automate your process. Carve out a few minutes each week to stay on top of funding opportunities and applications. Subscribe to the GFIS blog for funding announcements, and set up search alerts in funding databases.
- Apply! Someone will be awarded the funding and it might as well be you!

Travel Grants
(research, conference, language)

Fellowships,
Scholarships, and
Awards

Assistantships
(teaching, research,
graduate staff)

Fellowships &
Scholarships

Research Grants

Internships

Postdoc
Opportunities

Awards & Prizes

Travel Funding

Internal Funding
From the University: Resources at UW

Funding at UW is often administered through specific departments. It is important to be in contact with your program to know if they have funding or assistantships available and to receive information about applying for these opportunities. More information about internal funding can be found on the Graduate School's website, GFIS's funding guide and blog, and the UW Employment site. Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid for questions about graduate student loans and FAFSA.

UW Departments, Schools, & Research Centers
http://www.washington.edu/about/academics/departments/
http://www.washington.edu/research/centers/

Graduate Funding Information Service (GFIS)
email: gfis@uw.edu
guide: http://guides.lib.uw.edu/research/gfis
blog: http://blogs.uw.edu/gfis/

Graduate School Office of Fellowships and Awards
gradappt@uw.edu or 206-543-7152
http://grad.uw.edu/graduate-student-funding/for-students/fellowships/list-of-fellowships/

Graduate Opportunity and Minority Achievement Program (GO-MAP)
http://grad.uw.edu/diversity/go-map/

UWHires (select "Academic Student Employee" under "Category" to view some assistantships)
http://uwhires.admin.washington.edu/eng/candidates/default.cfm?szLocationID=88

Office of Student Financial Aid
osfa@uw.edu or 206-543-6101
http://www.washington.edu/students/osfa/graduate/

External Funding
From Outside UW: Where to Start

External funding is any type of financial assistance from organizations not affiliated with UW. This can include: non-profits, corporations, professional and academic associations, employers, and government agencies at the state or federal level. Funding databases are central resources for searching many different sponsor organizations and funding opportunities based on criteria such as discipline, award type, and user-generated keywords. See the GFIS Guide for database links:
http://guides.lib.uw.edu/research/gfis/funding databases

For UW students with a NetID:
Grant Forward Funding Database
http://guides.lib.uw.edu/research/gfis/fundingdatabases

For everyone:
UCLA's Graduate & Postdoc Extramural Support (GRAPES) Database
http://grad.ucla.edu/funding/
Harvard's CARAT Database for Grants and Fellowships
https://gsas.harvard.edu/student-life/harvard-resources/carat-database-grants-and-fellowships
Duke University Research Funding Database
https://researchfunding.duke.edu/

For international students (in addition to the databases listed above):
External Grants for Non-U.S. Citizens
http://dsp.research.uiowa.edu/international-student-funding-sources
Institute of International Education Funding For US Study
http://www.fundingusstudy.org/