American Association of University Women (AAUW)

Application Deadline: November 15, 2016


Dissertation Fellowships offset a scholar’s living expenses while she completes her dissertation. The fellowship must be used for the final year of writing the dissertation. Applicants must have completed all course work, passed all preliminary examinations, and received approval for their research proposals or plans by the preceding November. Students holding fellowships for writing a dissertation in the year prior to the AAUW fellowships year are not eligible. Open to applicants in all fields of study. Scholars engaged in science, technology, engineering, and math fields or researching gender issues are especially encouraged to apply.

American Educational Research Association (AERA)

Application deadline: Reviewed twice per year – first deadline September 16, 2016

Website: [http://www.aera.net/Professional-Opportunities-Funding/AERA-Funding-Opportunities/Grants-Program/Dissertation-Grants](http://www.aera.net/Professional-Opportunities-Funding/AERA-Funding-Opportunities/Grants-Program/Dissertation-Grants)

AERA invites education-related dissertation proposals using NCES, NSF, and other federal data bases. Dissertation Grants are available for advanced doctoral students and are intended to support the student while writing the doctoral dissertation. Applications are encouraged from a variety of disciplines, such as but not limited to, education, sociology, economics, psychology, demography, statistics, and psychometrics.

American Institute of Indian Studies

Application deadline: TBA – last call July 1, 2016

Website: [http://www.indiastudies.org/research-fellowship-programs/research-fellowship-application-packet/](http://www.indiastudies.org/research-fellowship-programs/research-fellowship-application-packet/)

Junior Research Fellowships are available to doctoral candidates at U.S. universities in all fields of study. These grants are specifically designed to enable doctoral candidates to pursue their dissertation research in India. Junior Research Fellows establish formal affiliation with Indian universities and Indian research supervisors. Awards are available for up to 11 months.
The American-Scandinavian Foundation

Application deadline: November 1, 2016
Website: http://www.amscan.org/fellowships-and-grants/fellowshipsgrants-to-study-in-scandinavia/

The American-Scandinavian Foundation (ASF) offers fellowships (up to $23,000) and grants (up to $5,000) to individuals to pursue research or study in one or more Scandinavian country for up to one year. Applicants must have a well-defined research or study project that makes a stay in Scandinavia essential. The ASF considers it desirable that all candidates have at least some ability in the language of the host country, even if it is not essential for the execution of the research plan.

ASA Minority Fellowship Program

Application deadline: January 31, 2017
Website: http://www.asanet.org/career-center/grants-and-fellowships/minority-fellowship-program

Through its Minority Fellowship Program (MFP), the American Sociological Association (ASA) supports the development and training of sociologists of color in any sub-area or specialty in the discipline. The fellowship is designed for minority students sufficiently advanced in their Ph.D. program to demonstrate their commitment to a research career. MFP applicants must be enrolled in (and have completed one full academic year in) a program that grants the PhD in sociology.

Ford Foundation Fellowship Program

Website: http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/index.htm

Predoctoral Fellowship

Application deadline: November 17, 2016
Website: http://sites.nationalacademies.org/cs/groups/pgasite/documents/we bpage/pga_172726.pdf

Predoctoral fellowships will be awarded in a national competition administered by the National Research Council (NRC) of the National Academies on behalf of the Ford Foundation. The awards will be made to individuals who, in the judgment of the review panels, have demonstrated superior academic achievement, are committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level, show promise of future achievement as scholars and teachers, and are well prepared to use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students.
Dissertation Fellowship

Application deadline: November 10, 2016

Website: [http://sites.nationalacademies.org/cs/groups/pgasite/documents/we bpage/pga_172727.pdf](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/cs/groups/pgasite/documents/we bpage/pga_172727.pdf)

Dissertation fellowships will be awarded in a national competition administered by the National Research Council (NRC) of the National Academies on behalf of the Ford Foundation. The awards will be made to individuals who, in the judgment of the review panels, have demonstrated superior academic achievement, are committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level, show promise of future achievement as scholars and teachers, and are well prepared to use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students.

The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation

Application Deadline: February 1, 2017

Website: [www.hfg.org/df/print.htm](http://www.hfg.org/df/print.htm)

These fellowships of $20,000 each are designed to contribute to the support of the doctoral candidate to enable him or her to complete the thesis in a timely manner and are only appropriate for students approaching the final year of their Ph.D. work. Questions that interest the foundation concern violence and aggression in relation to social change, intergroup conflict, war, terrorism, crime, and family relationships, among other subjects. Dissertations with no relevance to understanding human violence and aggression will not be supported.

The Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship

Application Deadline: Around April 1, 2017

Website: [www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/336](http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/336)

This scholarship is awarded to an advanced sociology Ph.D. student who began her or his study in a community college or technical school. A student advanced to candidacy (ABD status) in an accredited Ph.D. program in sociology in the U.S. is eligible to apply if she or he studied at a U.S. two-year college either part-time or full-time for the equivalent of at least one full academic year that was not part of a high-school dual-enrollment program. The Scholarship carries a stipend of $15,000 from Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) with assistance from the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) to be used to support the pursuit of a Ph.D., as well as one-year memberships in SWS (including a subscription to Gender & Society) and SSSP.
**Ewing Marion Kaufman Foundation**

Application deadline: August 17, 2016


The Kauffman Dissertation Fellowship Program is an annual competitive program that awards up to fifteen Dissertation Fellowship grants of $20,000 each to Ph.D., D.B.A., or other doctoral students at accredited U.S. universities to support dissertations in the area of entrepreneurship.

**Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Fellowship (awarded by the ASA section on Sexualities)**

Application deadline: Call TBA

Website: [http://www.asanet.org/asa-communities/sections/sexualities](http://www.asanet.org/asa-communities/sections/sexualities)

The Martin Levine Memorial Dissertation Award was established to honor the memory of Martin Levine, who died of AIDS in 1993. It provides $3,000 to a graduate student (and $500 to an honorable mention) in the final stages of dissertation research and writing, who is working on those topics to which Levine devoted his career: 1) the sociology of sexualities, 2) the sociology of homosexuality, and 3) HIV/AIDS research. It is designed to help students complete their dissertations, and as such the committee evaluates dissertation proposals rather than completed work.

**National Institute of Aging**

Application deadline: TBA – last call May 8, 2016

Website: [www.nia.nih.gov/research/dea/nia-specific-programs-diversify-research-workforce](http://www.nia.nih.gov/research/dea/nia-specific-programs-diversify-research-workforce)

As part of NIA’s broader effort to increase the diversity of the research workforce on aging, the institute is offering dissertation support to eligible students. This dissertation research award announcement is intended to stimulate the participation of individuals from the following groups:

1. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups;
2. Individuals with disabilities; and
3. Individuals from socially, culturally, economically, or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds, which have inhibited their ability to pursue a career in health-related research
National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

Application deadline: November 21, 2016

Website: [http://www.nij.gov/funding/fellowships/graduate-research-fellowship/Pages/grf-sbs.aspx](http://www.nij.gov/funding/fellowships/graduate-research-fellowship/Pages/grf-sbs.aspx)

The NIJ PhD Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF) program provides awards for research on crime, violence, and other criminal justice-related topics to accredited universities that support graduate study leading to research-based doctoral degrees. Although it is not necessary to have formally defended the dissertation prospectus at the time of application due date, students must have completed all required course work and passed qualifying comprehensive exams.

The Graduate Research Fellowship in the Social and Behavioral Sciences track is open to doctoral students in all social and behavioral science disciplines. The fellowship awards provide support for 12 months to accredited universities for research on crime, violence and other criminal justice-related topics.

Awards made under the Social and Behavioral Sciences Fellowship Program are up to $32,000 for the period of performance. NIJ encourages doctoral students in the final stages of graduate study who are conducting research that has direct implications for criminal justice policy and practice in the U.S. to apply to this exciting program.

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Application deadline: January 17, 2017 & August 15, 2017

Website: [www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5369](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5369)

Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG). The Sociology Program supports basic research on all forms of human social organization -- societies, institutions, groups and demography -- and processes of individual and institutional change. The Program encourages theoretically focused empirical investigations aimed at improving the explanation of fundamental social processes. Included is research on organizations and organizational behavior, population dynamics, social movements, social groups, labor force participation, stratification and mobility, family, social networks, socialization, gender roles, and the sociology of science and technology. The Program supports both original data collections and secondary data analysis that use the full range of quantitative and qualitative methodological tools. Theoretically grounded projects that offer methodological innovations and improvements for data collection and analysis are also welcomed.
Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship

Application deadline: November 15, 2016
Website: www.woodrow.org/newcombe

This fellowship is designed to encourage original and significant study of ethical or religious values in all fields of the humanities and social sciences. Applicants must be doctoral candidates at the writing stage of their dissertation. Candidates should expect to complete their dissertation at the end of the fellowship period. Fellows will receive $25,000 for the year.

SSRC (Social Science Research Council)

International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF)

Application deadline: November 1, 2016
Website: www.ssrc.org/fellowships/idrf-fellowship/

The program is open to graduate students in the humanities and humanistic social sciences—regardless of citizenship—enrolled in PhD programs in the United States. Applicants to the 2017 IDRF competition must complete all PhD requirements except on-site research by the time the fellowship begins or by December 2017, whichever comes first.

The program invites proposals for dissertation research conducted, in whole or in part, outside the United States, on non-US topics. It will consider applications for dissertation research grounded in a single site, informed by broader cross-regional and interdisciplinary perspectives, as well as applications for multi-sited, comparative, and transregional research. Proposals that identify the United States as a case for comparative inquiry are welcome; however, proposals that focus predominantly or exclusively on the United States are not eligible.

Applicants from sociology must request nine to twelve months of on-site, site-specific dissertation research with a minimum of six months of research outside of the United States. Research within the United States must be site-specific (e.g., at a particular archive) and cannot be at the applicant’s home institution unless that institution has necessary site-specific research holdings. Please note that the IDRF program supports research only and may not be used for dissertation write-up.

The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS)

Student Research Grants

Application deadline: February 1, 2017 and June 1, 2017
Website: http://www.sexscience.org/student_research_grants/
Each year The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality awards two grants of $1,000 each to student members who are doing human sexuality research. The purpose of the research can be a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation, but this is not a requirement. Applicants must be enrolled in a degree-granting program and a member (student) of SSSS. Student research grant awards are funded by the Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality.