American Association of University Women (AAUW)

Application Deadline: November 15, 2017


The purpose of the Dissertation Fellowship is to 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 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 2017; second: January 17, 2018

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 databases. 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.

AERA Minority Dissertation Fellowship in Education Research

Application Deadline: November 1, 2017
The American Educational Research Association (AERA) is pleased to announce the AERA Minority Dissertation Fellowship in Education Research. The Council of the AERA established the fellowship program to provide support for doctoral dissertation research, to advance education research by outstanding minority graduate students, and to improve the quality and diversity of university faculties. This fellowship is targeted for members of racial and ethnic groups historically underrepresented in higher education (e.g., African Americans, Alaskan Natives, American Indians, Asian Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islanders). This program offers doctoral fellowships to enhance the competitiveness of outstanding minority scholars for academic appointments at major research universities. It supports fellows conducting education research and provides mentoring and guidance toward the completion of their doctoral studies.

Eligible graduate students for the AERA Minority Dissertation Fellowship in Education Research will be at the writing stage of their dissertation by the beginning of the fellowship. The dissertation study should focus on an education research topic such as high stakes testing; ethnic studies/curriculum; tracking; STEM development; measurement of achievement and opportunity gaps; English language learners; or bullying and restorative justice. Applicants can come from graduate programs and departments in education research, the humanities, or social or behavioral science disciplinary or interdisciplinary fields, such as economics, political science, psychology, or sociology.

American Institute of Indian Studies

Application Deadline: TBA – last call July 1, 2017
Website: 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.

American Scandinavian Foundation

Application Deadline: November 1, 2017
The American-Scandinavian Foundation (ASF) offers fellowships (up to $23,000) and grants (up to $5,000) to individuals to pursue research, study or creative arts projects in one or more Scandinavian country for up to one year. Applicants must complete an ASF application form, including a well-defined project description and project statement that outlines their research, study, or creative arts project and describes why a stay in Scandinavia is 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, 2018

Website: [http://www.asanet.org/career-center/grants-and-fellowships/minority-fellowship-program](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.

The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College Dissertation Research

Application Deadline: January 31, 2018

Website: [http://crr.bc.edu/about-us/grant-programs/dissertation-fellowship-program-2/](http://crr.bc.edu/about-us/grant-programs/dissertation-fellowship-program-2/)

The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College sponsors the annual Dissertation Fellowship Program in the field of retirement income research. The program is funded by the U.S. Social Security Administration and provides funding opportunities for doctoral candidates to pursue cutting-edge research on retirement issues. Priority areas include:

- Social Security
- Macroeconomic analyses of Social Security
- Wealth and retirement income
- Program interactions
- International research
- Demographic research
Cheryl Allyn Miller Award

Application Deadline: TBD – last call April 3, 2017

Website: http://socwomen.org/cheryl-allyn-miller-award/

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) presents the Cheryl Allyn Miller to eligible sociology graduate students or recent Ph.D. recipients whose research or activism constitutes an outstanding contribution to the field of women and work. The award is supported by a bequest from the family of the late Cheryl Allyn Miller, a sociologist and feminist who studied women and paid work.

The $500 award recognizes scholarly or policy research or activism, either completed work or work in progress, close enough to completion so the applicant can concisely describe and contextualize the contribution to the field.

Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Mareyjoyce Green Scholarship

Application Deadline: April 1, 2016
No date announced yet for 2018

Website: http://socwomen.org/cheryl-allyn-miller-award/

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) established a Women of Color Scholarship, which has evolved into the Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Mareyjoyce Green Scholarship. The scholarship is intended to offer support to female scholars who are from underrepresented groups and are studying concerns that women of color face domestically and/or internationally. The scholarship also seeks to increase the participation of students of color in SWS.

The scholarship, of up to $15,000, is awarded to a woman from a racial or ethnic group facing racial discrimination in the United States. The student's dissertation must be sociologically relevant to the concerns of women of color, domestically and/or internationally. To be eligible, a student must be in the early stages of writing a dissertation, and in the "All But Dissertation" (ABD) phase by the time the term of the award begins (as certified by the student's graduate advisor). In addition, the applicant must demonstrate a financial need for the award.

Ford Foundation Fellowship Program

Application Deadline: December 14, 2017

Website:
Predoctoral fellowships will be awarded in a national competition administered by the National Research Council (NRC) 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: December 7, 2017

Website: [http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_047958](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_047958)

Dissertation fellowships will be awarded in a national competition administered by the National Research Council (NRC) 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.

**Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowship**

Application Deadline: March 13, 2018 (based on 2017 schedule)

Website: [https://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/index.html](https://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/index.html)

Six to twelve months of funding for overseas dissertation research in areas outside western Europe. Open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents who are advanced to doctoral candidacy, in good standing at their university, and who possess the language skills necessary to complete their project. Please note that graduate students may still apply to the regular Fulbright U.S. Student Program ([https://us.fulbrightonline.org/](https://us.fulbrightonline.org/)) to support overseas dissertation research, although that program, unlike this one, is not primarily intended for that purpose and supports other kinds of international student exchange activity as well.

**The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation**
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. Priority will also be given to areas and methodologies not receiving adequate attention and support from other funding sources.

The Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship

Application Deadline: April 1, 2018

Website: https://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.

Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy

Application Deadline: December 1, 2017

Website: https://www.horowitz-foundation.org/about

The Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy was established in 1997 to support the advancement of research and understanding in the major fields of the social sciences, including psychology, anthropology, sociology, economics, urban affairs, area studies, political science, and other disciplines. Through its grants program, the foundation awards grants of $7,500 to individuals in support of projects that address contemporary issues in the social sciences. Recipients will receive $5,000 at the start of the project and $2,500 at its completion. Applicants are not required to be a citizen or resident of the United States. Grant awards are limited, however, to aspiring PHD students at the
dissertation level whose project has received approval from their appropriate department head/university.

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**Ewing Marion Kaufman Foundation**

**Application Deadline:** August 16, 2017  
**Website:** [http://www.kauffman.org/microsites/kdf](http://www.kauffman.org/microsites/kdf)

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.

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

**Application Deadline:** Call TBA  
**Website:** [http://www2.asanet.org/asa-communities/sections/sexualities](http://www2.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.

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**National Institute of Aging**

**Application Deadline:** Call TBA (last call May 8, 2016)  
**Website:** [http://www2.asanet.org/asa-communities/sections/sexualities](http://www2.asanet.org/asa-communities/sections/sexualities)

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-
researchfellowship/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

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.

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**Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship**

Application deadline: November 15, 2016  
Website: [www.woodrow.org/newcombe](http://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.

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**SSRC (Social Science Research Council)**

**International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF)**

Application deadline: November 7, 2017  
Website: [https://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/view/idrf-fellowship/](https://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/view/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.

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**The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS)**

**Student Research Grants**

**Application deadline:** March 1 and August 1 annually

**Website:**  [http://www.sexscience.org/student_research_grants/](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.

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**Jennings Randolph Peace Scholarship Dissertation Program**

**Application Deadline:** November 27, 2017


Open to students enrolled in US universities who are researching and/or writing doctoral dissertations on topics related to peace, conflict, conflict resolution, and international security. Proposals from all disciplines are welcome, with preference given to research that shows clear relevance to policy issues. No citizenship restrictions. The award is currently set at $20,000 for ten months.
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Research Scholars

Application Deadline: Applications open early 2018

Website: http://healthpolicyresearch-scholars.org/

For full-time first or second year doctoral students (as of start of program) from historically disadvantaged or underrepresented populations who want to inform and influence health policy. Provided annual stipend up to $30,000 for up to four years. Participants are also eligible for a competitive dissertation grant of up to $10,000.

Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowships in Women’s Studies

Application Deadline: October 15, 2017

Website: https://woodrow.org/fellowships/womens-studies/#about

The Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowships in Women's Studies support the final year of dissertation writing for Ph.D. candidates in the humanities and social sciences whose work addresses issues of women and gender in interdisciplinary and original ways. Awards of $3,000 each are applicable to research/travel costs.

Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)

Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF) Program

Application Deadline: Check website for Current Solicitations

Website: https://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=fun&ed2f26df2d9c416f
bddd2330a778c6=fvaqfafrjd-
ffamjrqm#currentsolicitations

This program provides awards to accredited universities for doctoral research that uses BJS's criminal justice data or statistical series and focuses on crime, violence, and other criminal justice-related topics. BJS invests in doctoral education by supporting universities that sponsor students who demonstrate the potential to complete doctoral degree programs successfully in disciplines relevant to the mission of BJS, and who are in the final stages of graduate study. The primary goal of this solicitation is to increase the pool of researchers using criminal justice statistical data generated by BJS, thereby contributing solutions that better prevent and control crime and help ensure the fair and impartial administration of criminal justice in the United States.