

About Us

The Office of Graduate Student External Grants and Fellowships is here to help graduate students and postdoctoral fellows with all aspects of identifying and applying for merit-based grants and fellowships to support their study and research.

GradFund, the peer mentoring branch of our office, provides graduate students and postdoctoral fellows with the opportunity to make individual appointments, either in-person or over Skype, with peer fellowship advisors who will walk them through the application process.

Our goal is to demystify the process of applying for funding, empowering Rutgers graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to pursue external fellowships and grants. Being awarded external funding confers distinction and financial benefits, both of which can have a transformative impact on scholarship and future careers.

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Helping Graduate Students Succeed

Since our founding in 2000, we have helped Rutgers graduate students from across all disciplines win more than **\$45 million** in external grants and fellowships from funders including:

- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- Ford Foundation
- Fulbright
- National Institutes of Health
- National Science Foundation
- Social Science Research Council
- ...and many others

From multi-year fellowships to small archival grants, and from international travel awards to scholarships for language training, Rutgers graduate students have been successful in some of the most prestigious competitions in the nation.

Grantwriting is a valuable skill, whether graduate students are planning for careers in the academy or in the public or private sectors. We help scholars learn how to describe their research clearly and in ways that will resonate with target audiences.

How Can We Help You?

We offer a range of services to support Rutgers graduate students at all stages of their graduate careers and throughout the fellowship and grant application process, from planning to submission. These include:

- Individual Consultation Meetings
- Written Feedback
- Workshops and Presentations
- Mentoring Programs

Our website (<http://gradfund.rutgers.edu>) is home to the **GradFund Digital**

Platform. Key features include:

- The GradFund Database of Fellowships and Grants
- Resource Pages
- Articles and Advice
- Workbooks
- Forums and Online Chat
- Blog Posts

Scan the code to visit our digital platform and learn more about our services.



The GradFund Approach

We use an innovative peer-mentoring model that invests in individual students. Our peer fellowship advisors are trained to provide you with guidance and feedback on how to apply for funding.

Why apply for external funding?

- Applying for fellowships and grants is an important professional development activity for all graduate students.
- Learning the art of proposal writing will help you to become a more effective communicator and will expand your professional tool kit.
- Fellowships and grants bring financial support and professional recognition to your scholarly research.

Some Useful Tips...

- Apply the academic year before you plan to use the funding.
- Remember that it will take time to develop a competitive application.
- Consult your faculty mentors for feedback throughout the application process.
- Check out our website and then schedule an appointment through our online system to discover how we can best help you!