

Your ESPM Guide to Finding Pots of Money

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February 5, 2008 Workshop Agenda

4:00-4:10 Pig out on cookies, tea, and coffee

4:10-4:30 Extramural fellowship review

-Fulbright

-Ford Foundation

-FLAS

-NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

-EPA-STAR

4:30-4:35 Contracts and Grants review

4:35-4:50 University fellowships and ESPM's 3-year package

4:50-5:00 Questions

I. Important Contacts

Rebecca Miller, Student Services Manager, 243 Mulford, rmiller@nature.berkeley.edu

Graduate Division's Fellowships Office: 318 Sproul,
http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/financial/fellowships_office.shtml

ESPM Contracts and Grants Office: 230 Mulford

II. Extramural Fellowships

1. Fulbright: www.fulbrightonline.org

- U.S. Student Full Grant Program is probably most relevant
- Administered by the Institute of International Education
- Single on-line application
- Includes stipend, round-trip transportation, books, and tuition
- Must be a U.S. citizen at the time of application
- Must have bachelor's degree or equivalent before the beginning date of the grant
- Must be proficient enough in the local language to do research
- Application is due in September, with first cut made in late January and final decision between April and June.
- Application includes a proposal, personal statement, transcripts, letters of recommendation, and a foreign language assessment.

2. Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships: www7.nationalacademies.org/fordfellowships

- Predoctoral and dissertation awards available
- Predoctoral fellowship includes 3-stipend at \$20,000/year, plus tuition and fees
- Dissertation stipend is for 1 year at \$21,000
- Administered by the National Research Council
- Application due in mid-November; decisions made by April
- Must be U.S. citizen or national
- Criteria: Commitment to career in teaching and research, promise of future achievement as scholars/teachers, and well prepared to use diversity as a resource for enriching education of all students.

3. FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies):

www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsflasf/index.html

- Fellowship for either the academic year or summer
- Main purpose is to gain high competency in a foreign language
- Must be U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident
- Administered by U.S Department of Education
- Priority is given to students in the humanities and social sciences
- Academic-year fellowship provides a \$15,000 stipend and registration fees
- Must take one language course and one area/international studies course
- You can stay at Berkeley for your FLAS or go overseas, but if you go overseas you have to take language classes and be affiliated with a research institution there

-Application is due in late January; decision by April

4. National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship: www.nsfgradfellows.org

-Available to students who have been in grad school for less than 12 months (i.e. 1st and 2nd years)

-Not available to students with Master's

-Includes 3-year stipend at \$30,000/year plus one-time \$500 travel grant and \$10,000/year towards tuition

-Applications are judged based on intellectual merit and broader impact

-Application is due in early November; decision by late March

5. Environmental Protection Agency's Science to Achieve Results (EPA-STAR)

-Provides 3-year stipend for PhD students at \$20,000/year, plus \$12,000/year for tuition and academic fees, and \$5,000/year for educational and research expenses.

-Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident

-“Generally, the project must address causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction, or elimination of air pollution, water pollution, solid/hazardous waste pollution, toxic substances control, or pesticide control. Proposals relating to other topics which are sometimes included within the term ‘environment,’ such as recreation, conservation, restoration, protection of wildlife habitats, etc. must describe the relationship of these topics to the statutorily required purpose of pollution prevention and control.”

-Pre-application is due in late October; it then goes through an external review followed by an internal programmatic review. Decisions are made by the end of May.

Grad Division Contacts for Specific Extramural Fellowships:

-Fulbright IIE: Gina Farales, gfarales@berkeley.edu

-Jacob J. Javits Fellowship: Solomon Lefler, lefler@berkeley.edu

-DAAD for Study in Germany: Michael Sacramento, msacram@berkeley.edu

-Luce Scholars Program: Gina Farales, gfarales@berkeley.edu

-NSF Graduate Fellowships: Michael Sacramento, msacram@berkeley.edu

-Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad: Solomon Lefler, lefler@berkeley.edu

-National Physical Science Consortium: Solomon Lefler, lefler@berkeley.edu

-Ford Foundation Predoctoral Diversity Fellowships: Michael Sacramento, msacram@berkeley.edu

-Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship: Solomon Lefler, lefler@berkeley.edu

-UC MEXUS-CONACYT Doctoral Fellowship for Mexican Students: Michael Sacramento, msacram@berkeley.edu

-Georges Lurcy Fellowship for Study in France, Nancy Paniagua

For a more comprehensive list of extramural fellowships, see attached list from Grad Division or go to http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/financial/fellowships_office.shtml

III. Contacts and Grants Office

Whenever you are applying for a grant or fellowship, you should contact ESPM's Contracts and Grants division in 230 Mulford to see if they need to be involved with paperwork. Contracts and Grants acts as intermediary between you and the Sponsored Projects Office, which has to sign off on certain grants. When you start an application, look up the Contracts and Grants contact person for your PI (see attached sheet) and e-mail them to see if they need to be involved.

Here are the Contracts and Grants Personnel:

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IV. University Fellowships

1. Mentored Research Award

-ESPM can nominate 2 students to the university

-15 awards are given out overall

-Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident

-Provides \$14,000 stipend plus in-state fees

-Preference is given to 3rd and 4th year students

-Criteria: Strong academic achievement despite educational, cultural, or social obstacles; contribution to diversity within a discipline or in the grad community at large; evidence of intention to use degree towards serving educationally underrepresented segments of society

-Application due in February to ESPM

2. UC Dissertation-Year Award

-ESPM can nominate 2 students

-Available to students in the final year of their dissertation

-Provides \$17,000 stipend plus travel allowance and registration fees

-Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident

-Similar criteria to Mentored Research Award

-Must show evidence that you can file in the year in which you have the award

-Application due in February to ESPM

V. ESPM Fellowships

1. Continuing Student Fellowships

-Available either in the form of departmental fellowship equivalent to a GSR or a specific endowed fellowship

-Must fill out FAFSA (see www.fafsa.ed.gov)

-Due to ESPM at the same time as the UC Dissertation-Year Award and the Mentored Research Award

2. ESPM's 3-year package

-1st year: Departmental GSR (no specific research or teaching responsibility)

-2nd year: Combination of GSI and departmental GSR. If you GSI one semester, you can get a departmental GSR in the other semester.

-3rd year: Funding from your PI, through a combination of GSI and GSR. When they admitted you, your PI committed to guaranteeing funding for this year, and as such, should be held responsible for that.