Five prestigious fellowships for graduate students

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5 prestigious fellowships for graduate students

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Five prestigious fellowships for graduate students pursuing *distinguished* awards

1. GRFP
   - Due Date: Late October
   - Applications Open: Early August

2. AAUW International Fellowships for Women
   - Due Date: Mid-November
   - Applications Open: Early August

3. Fulbright
   - (ASU) Due Date: Early September
   - Applications Open: Late March / Early April

4. AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships
   - Due Date: Early November
   - Applications Open: Early June

5. Ford Foundation
   - Due Date: Mid-December
   - Applications Open: Early August

And, Two Wild Cards:

6. NDSEG
   - Due Date: Early December

7. ASU/Army Master’s Degree Fellowship Program
   - Due Date: Varies: January-March
Fields: STEM, including behavioral & social sciences, history and/or philosophy of science, and research-based science education programs.

Citizenship Requirement: Yes, must be a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident

Fellowship Type: Research fellowship that funds three years of a Phd program

Award: $138,000, as follows: 3 years of stipend funding at $34,000 per year to the student. $12,000 per year cost-of-education allowance to the university for the university’s use to partially pay for your cost-of-education. And, then, the Graduate College will provide a full tuition waiver to all Graduate Research Fellows to cover the remaining tuition and provide an additional $750 yearly research allowance.

Timeline: Application opens in August; Deadline is mid-to-late October (varies)

Next Steps: Follow this [step-by-step guide](#) on how to enter the GRFP @ ASU advising initiative
National Science Foundation (NSF)  
Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Be a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident
- Intend to enroll or be enrolled full-time in a research-based graduate degree program in an eligible Field of Study in STEM or STEM education (see first paragraph, above)
- Have never previously applied to GRFP while enrolled in a graduate degree program
- Have never earned a doctoral or terminal degree in any field
- Have never earned a master's, professional, or bachelor's-master's degree in any field, unless (i) returning to graduate study after an interruption of two (2) or more consecutive years immediately preceding the deadline, and; (ii) are not enrolled in a graduate degree program at the application deadline
- Not be a current NSF employee
- Have never previously accepted a GRFP award
- If previously offered a GRFP award, have declined by the deadline
#2: American Association of University Women (AAUW) International Fellowships

**Fields:** STEM, including behavioral & social sciences, history and/or philosophy of science, and research-based science education programs.

**Citizenship Requirement:** Open only to women who are **not** U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

**Fellowship Type:** Full-time study and/or research fellowship for master’s, professional & doctoral programs

**Award:** For one year* of tenure: $18,000 for master’s/first-professional-degree* students, $20,000 for doctoral students, or $30,000 for post-docs; For educational expenses, living expenses, dependent child care, and professional travel (travel not to exceed 10% of the fellowship). **Timeline:** Application opens in August; Deadline is mid-November, typically on 11/15.

**Next Steps:** (1) Read this entire fact sheet on AAUW International Fellowships. (2) Then, write a high quality draft of the narrative component. (3) Determine three faculty for reference letters, with their up-front agreement. (4) Reach out to me after steps 1-3 are complete.
American Association of University Women (AAUW)
International Fellowships

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Not open to previous recipients of AAUW fellowships or grants
- Have citizenship in a country other than the U.S. or possession of a nonimmigrant visa if residing in the U.S. Must *not* be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Hold an academic degree (earned in the U.S. or abroad) equivalent to a U.S. bachelor’s degree completed by November 15, 2020.
- Must be in full-time academic study during the fellowship year
- Must intend to return to home country to pursue a career
- Must be proficient in English
- Master’s/first professional degree and doctoral applicants must have applied by November 15, 2020, to an accredited institution of study for the period of the fellowship year and must indicate the name of the institution in the International Fellowship application.
- Must be enrolled in a U.S. accredited institution located in the U.S
- Must conduct a full year of study or research; partial years are not eligible
- Must be enrolled in a traditional classroom/lab-based course of study
#3: Fulbright U.S. Student Program

**Fields:** Generally open to any field (see eligibility requirements on next slide for qualifications/exceptions)

**Citizenship Requirement:** Yes, must be a citizen or national of the U.S.

**Fellowship Type:** Two types, both are for one year, both require study or work abroad:
(1) Study/Research Award and (2) English Teaching Assistant Award.
Emphasis on cultural exchange, professional development for both awards.

**Award:** Provides full funding for academic year-long research, study, or teaching experiences in over 150 countries. This award is a great way to 1) get international experience; 2) help you do research for your thesis or dissertation; or 3) provide a transition year between master's and PhD.

**Timeline:** Application is currently open; ASU Campus Deadline is September 7, 2020

**Next Steps:** Go to ONSA’s Fulbright @ ASU application page and carefully follow the step-by-step instructions. If you have any questions, you can contact Assoc. Dean Kyle Mox.
Fulbright U.S. Student Program

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicants must be citizens or nationals of the United States of America at the time of application. Permanent residents are not eligible. Please review the Ineligibility section below in relation to the eligibility of dual citizens.
- Applicants must have a conferred bachelor's degree or equivalent before the start of the grant.
- Applicants must meet the language requirements of the award to which they are applying and demonstrate sufficient competency to complete their project and adjust to life in the host country.
- Applicants may hold a J.D. at the time of application.
- Doctors of Medicine may receive grants for advanced academic study, but not for internships or residencies.

For a full listing of eligibility requirements, as well as specific examples of ineligibility, see the Fulbright Eligibility page.
American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)  
Science & Technology Policy Fellowships (STPF)

**Fields:** Must have a terminal scientific degree (Ph.D., Sc.D., M.D, D.V.M., PharmD) in the social or behavioral sciences; medical or health sciences; biological, physical or earth sciences; or computational sciences or mathematics.

**Citizenship Requirement:** Yes, must be a U.S. citizen

**Fellowship Type:** One-year policy fellowship (renewable in some cases) for researchers to both learn about and contribute to U.S. science & technology policymaking in Washington, D.C.

**Award:** $80,000 to $105,000 per year; $4,000 relocation allowance; $4,000 training and travel allowance; Health Insurance; Professional Development program.

**Timeline:** Application opens in early June; Deadline is early November

**Next Steps:** Make yourself familiar with the entire, detailed application overview. Once you’ve determined that you’re a good candidate and may like to apply, contact me—joshua.d.brooks@asu.edu
American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
Science & Technology Policy Fellowships (STPF)

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- Hold a doctoral level terminal STEM degree (Ph.D., Sc.D., M.D., DVM, EdD, PharmD, etc.), in a **qualified field** or a MS in engineering plus three years of professional engineering experience.
- Hold U.S. citizenship (dual citizenship from the United States and another country is acceptable).
- Be eligible to receive federal government funds through the System of Award Management (SAM).
- Be in compliance with U.S. Selective Service System requirements.
- Not be a federal employee, including Title 42 positions and Presidential Management Fellowships.
- Not be an employee of AAAS or be working with AAAS through a paid engagement.
Ford Foundation Fellowships

Fields: Most fields of study that result in a Phd or ScD and are research based (dissertation-required)

Citizenship Requirement: Yes, must be a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident OR granted deferred action under DACA OR an indigenous individual exercising rights under the Jay Treaty of 1794 OR a political asylee OR a refugee

Fellowship Type: Three: (1) Predoctoral: research fellowship that funds three years of a Phd program (2) Dissertation: one-year fellowship that funds a dissertation year (3) Postdoctoral: one-year fellowship that funds a postdoc

Award: (1) Predoctoral: $81,000 (annual stipend at $27,000 per year for three years); (2) Dissertation: $28,000 one-year stipend; (3) Postdoctoral: $50,000 one-year stipend

Timeline: Application opens in August; Deadline is mid-December, typically in the second or third week

Next Steps: (1) Read this entire fact sheet on the applicable fellowship: predoctoral, dissertation, postdoc. (2) Then, write a high quality draft of the personal statement. (3) Determine five faculty for reference letters, with their up-front agreement.* (4) Reach out to me after steps 1-3 are complete.
Ford Foundation Fellowships are limited to the following applicants:

- See citizenship requirement on previous slide.
- Individuals committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level

Specifically for Predoctoral Fellowships:
- Enrolled in or planning to enroll in a research-based (dissertation-required) program leading to a Ph.D. or Sc.D.
- Individuals who as of the 2021 fall semester require a minimum of three years of study to complete their Ph.D./Sc.D.
- Individuals who have not earned a doctoral degree at any time in any field

Specifically for Dissertation Fellowships:
- Ph.D. or Sc.D. degree candidates studying in an eligible research-based discipline in a dissertation-required program who will complete the dissertation during the 2021-2022 academic year, but no later than fall 2022,
- Individuals who have not earned a doctoral degree at any time, in any field, and
- Individuals who, by December 10, 2020, have completed all departmental and institutional requirements for their degree, except for writing and defense of the dissertation.

Specifically for Postdoctoral Fellowships:
- Individuals awarded a Ph.D. or Sc.D. degree no earlier than December 10, 2013 and no later than December 10, 2020
Wild Cards

**Fields:** Fifteen supported disciplines in STEM

**Citizenship Requirement:** Yes, must be a U.S. citizen or national

**Fellowship Type:** Research fellowship that funds three years of a PhD program

**Award:** Full tuition, fees, and $3,200 monthly stipend for 12 months of the year ($38,400)

**Timeline:** Deadline: Early December

**Next Steps:** Thoroughly read about NDSEG [here](#), and contact me if you’re interested and meet the eligibility guidelines—joshua.d.brooks@asu.edu

**Fields:** Virtually any; Master’s only; requires two years of study left to complete program

**Citizenship Requirement:** Must be a U.S. citizen

**Fellowship Type:** Professional/military fellowship; funds 2 years of a Master’s program, provides executive-level (officer’s) employment; military service requirement

**Award:** Full tuition; a monthly stipend (amount varies, typically between $300-$500); $1,200 yearly for books and supplies

**Timeline:** Deadline: Rolling, January–March

**Next Steps:** Read [this](#). If you or anyone you know will have two full years left of their master’s program as of Fall 2021, and has an interest, contact me.
Items for reflection

Remember that the Office of Distinguished Graduate Fellowships supports *distinguished* awards.

That means that your primary purpose should be to *distinguish* yourself, as opposed to securing funding, which is only a secondary concern. Here, funding is merely an *added* benefit.

If your primary purpose if funding, then you should also pursue that through financial aid or other resources that are primarily focused on funding. You don’t want to rely *solely* on a low-percentage-success-rate, highly competitive fellowship for *needed* funding.
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