

Dissertation Research Fellowship, Grant, & Intern Opportunities

The University of California, Irvine Graduate Division and the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships provide prospective and current graduate students with information about fellowship opportunities and other available funding.

UC Irvine Graduate Division: Funding Your Education

<https://www.grad.uci.edu/funding/index.php>

Fellowships and Awards

<https://www.grad.uci.edu/funding/fellowships-awards/index.php>

Extramural Fellowship Databases

Grant Forward: <http://www.grantforward.com/static/info>

SciVal Funding: <http://www.funding.scival.com/home>

Graduate Support, Dissertation Research Fellowships, & Intern Opportunities

Most external fellowships require SPA (Sponsored Projects) review. Please check with [Kristy Hanselman](#), Pre-Award Analyst, to find out which ones, and she will assist in coordinating submission to SPA. Also, please be sure to discuss your intent to apply with your faculty advisor before submitting any applications.

Agency for Health Care Research & Quality, Grants for Health Services Dissertation

Grants support dissertations in life sciences, social sciences, education, information, public affairs, and nursing on issues related to health care services.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/fund/training/rsrchtng.htm>

ACT Summer Internship Programs

ACT sponsors a Summer Internship Program, offered annually to outstanding doctoral students interested in careers related to assessment and educational studies. The eight-week program provides interns with practical experience through completion of a project, seminars, and direct interaction with professional staff responsible for research and development of testing programs and other educational services. Open to International Students.

<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/working-at-act.html>

AERA Dissertation and Research Grants Programs

The goals of the AERA Grants Program are (a) to stimulate research on U.S. education issues using data from the large-scale, national and international data sets supported by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and other federal agencies and (b) to increase the number of education

researchers using these data sets. Opportunities include the AERA Minority Dissertation Fellowship Program in Education Research, the AERA-AR Fellows Program, and the AERA ETS Fellowship Program in Measurement and Education Research. Open to International Students.

AERA Funding Opportunities:

<http://www.aera.net/ProfessionalOpportunitiesFunding/FundingOpportunities/tabid/10241/Default.aspx>

AERA Minority Dissertation Fellowship Program in Education Research:

<http://www.aera.net/ProfessionalOpportunitiesFunding/FundingOpportunities/AERAMinorityFellowshipProgram/tabid/10243/Default.aspx>

AERA Grants Program Seeks Proposals for Research Grants:

<http://www.aera.net/Professional-Opportunities-Funding/AERA-Funding-Opportunities/Grants-Program/Research-Grants>

American Association of University Women: American Scholarships

American Fellowships support women doctoral candidates completing dissertations or scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research leave from accredited institutions. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of scholarly excellence, teaching experience, and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in their communities, professions, or fields of research.

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/american-fellowships/>

American Association of University Women: International Scholarships

International Fellowships are awarded for full-time study or research in the United States to women who are not United States citizens or permanent residents. Both graduate and postgraduate study at accredited institutions are supported. Several fellowships are available for study outside of the U.S.

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/international-fellowships/>

American Psychological Association (APA) Dissertation Research Awards

APA and its affiliate organizations provide a wide range of grants, scholarships, awards with the aim of advancing the science and practice of psychology as a means of understanding behavior and promoting health, education, and human welfare.

<http://www.apa.org/about/awards/index.aspx>

[http://www.apa.org/about/awards/search.aspx?query=&fq=\(AwardTypeFilt:%22Dissertation%20Award%22\)%20AND%20\(RecipientTypeFilt:%22Students,%20Graduate%22\)](http://www.apa.org/about/awards/search.aspx?query=&fq=(AwardTypeFilt:%22Dissertation%20Award%22)%20AND%20(RecipientTypeFilt:%22Students,%20Graduate%22))

Association for Institutional Research (AIR) Grants Program

AIR, in conjunction with the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the National Postsecondary Education Cooperative (NPEC), sponsors a grant program that provides professional-development opportunities to doctoral students, institutional researchers, educators, and administrators.

<http://www.airweb.org/GrantsAndScholarships/Pages/default.aspx>

Brython Davis Fellowship

This fellowship is intended to provide support to students who demonstrate outstanding past academic achievement as well as future promise. To be eligible, one of the nominee's parents must currently be, or have been, a regular member of either the United States Navy or Marine Corps.

<https://www.grad.uci.edu/funding/fellowships-awards/internal/index.php>

ETS Fellowship and Internships

ETS offers several programs for scholars who either hold a doctoral degree or who are enrolled in a doctoral program in the field of educational research, measurement and related fields and who are interested in research opportunities. Areas of emphasis include the following: educational measurement and psychometrics, validity, natural language processing and speech technologies, cognitive psychology, learning theory, linguistics and computational linguistics, teaching and classroom research, statistics, international large scale assessments, and assessment design and development.

<http://www.ets.org/research/fellowships/>

Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation Doctoral Dissertation Grant Program

Grants of up to \$5000 are available to help support dissertation expenses of doctoral students in the United States and Canada whose studies have the potential for adding significantly to knowledge about problems in the functioning or well being of children, adults, couples, families, or communities, or about interventions designed to prevent or alleviate such problems.

http://www.fahsbeckfund.org/grant_programs.html

Fletcher Jones Fellowship

The Fletcher Jones Foundation was incorporated 1969 in California. In 1997, the foundation made a generous gift to the University of California to support students pursuing graduate academic degrees. At UC Irvine, one graduate fellow is selected annually based on his or her past accomplishments, enthusiasm for excellence, vitality, ingenuity, and leadership potential consistent with that exhibited in life by Fletcher Jones.

<https://www.grad.uci.edu/funding/fellowships-awards/internal/fletcher-jones-fellowship.php>

Ford Foundation Fellowship Program

Through its Fellowship Programs, the Ford Foundation seeks to increase the diversity of the nation's college and university faculties by increasing their ethnic and racial diversity, to maximize the educational benefits of diversity, and to increase the number of professors who can and will use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students.

<http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/index.htm>

Haynes Lindley Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships are awarded on an annual basis to graduate students enrolled at institutions which grant the Ph.D. degree in the social sciences in the greater Los Angeles area (i.e., the California Institute of Technology, the Claremont Graduate University, the University of California, Los Angeles, the University of California, Irvine, the University of California, Riverside, and the University of Southern California). The fellowships are competitive and are awarded to students whose dissertation proposals have been approved and which address economic, social, policy or political problems of the Los Angeles area.

<http://www.haynesfoundation.org/program/index.asp#ffellow>

Institute of Education Sciences Research Funding Opportunities

The Institute of Education Sciences has established 10 long-term programs of research under its Education Research Grant Programs. Each of these research programs accepts applications twice a year.

http://ies.ed.gov/funding/ncer_progs.asp

Inter-American Foundation Grassroots Development Fellowships

The IAF Grassroots Development Ph.D. Fellowship Program provides support for dissertation field research in Latin America and the Caribbean undertaken by students who have advanced to candidacy for a Ph.D. from a university in the United States. The competition is open to U.S. citizens and citizens of independent Latin American and Caribbean countries (except Cuba).

<http://www.ief.org/en/Programs/IAF-Grassroots-Development-Fellowship-Program>

International Dissertation Field Research Fellowships

The Social Science Research Council awards nine-to twelve months of support to graduate students in the humanities and social sciences who are enrolled in doctoral programs in the United States and conducting dissertation research outside of the United States. IDRF promotes research that is informed by interdisciplinary and cross-regional perspectives.

<http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/idrf-fellowship>

International Reading Association (IRA) Grants

IRA honors educators, authors, and others involved in reading and literacy efforts through nearly 40 awards and grants, which include small dissertation grants.

<https://www.literacyworldwide.org/about-us/awards-grants>

Jack Kent Cooke Dissertation Fellowship

The Jack Kent Cooke Dissertation Fellowship Award supports advanced doctoral students who are completing dissertations that further the understanding of the educational pathways and experiences of high-achieving, low-income students. Minimum eligibility includes demonstration of superior academic ability and achievement, successful defense of the dissertation proposal, and unmet financial need.

<http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/graduate-scholarships/jack-kent-cooke-dissertation-fellowship-award/>

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship

This Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program provides fellowships to students of superior academic ability—selected on the basis of demonstrated achievement, financial need, and exceptional promise—to undertake study at the doctoral and Master of Fine Arts level in selected fields of arts, humanities, and social sciences.

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/index.html>

James J. Harvey Dissertation Quarter Fellowship

To be eligible for this fellowship the nominee must be studying male or female homosexuality, including, but not limited to, the sociological, medical, political, historical, or legal ramifications thereof. Also encouraged is the study of James J. Harvey's life, his work, or his expansion of research in

homosexuality, or research in or development of any of James J. Harvey's original manuscripts, whether published or unpublished.

<https://www.grad.uci.edu/funding/fellowships-awards/internal/index.php>

Josephine de Karman Fellowship

The Josephine de Karman Fellowship Trust was established in 1954 by the late Dr. Theodore von Karman, world-renowned aeronautics expert and teacher and first director of the Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology, in memory of his sister, Josephine, who died in 1951. The purpose of this fellowship program is to recognize and assist students whose scholastic achievements reflect professor von Karman's high standards. Fellowships are open to students in any discipline, including international students, who are currently enrolled in a university or college located within the United States. Only candidates for the Ph.D. who will defend their dissertation within the year and undergraduates entering their senior year are eligible for consideration.

<http://www.dekarman.org/qualifications/>

La Verne Noyes Fellowship

This fellowship is intended to provide support to academically superior students in need of financial assistance in funding their education. To be eligible the nominee must be a United States citizen who is a blood descendant of a United States Army or Navy World War I veteran who served for at least four months prior to November 11, 1918, and whose military service was terminated by death or an honorable discharge.

<https://www.grad.uci.edu/funding/fellowships-awards/internal/index.php>

Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund (MMF)

For students from developing countries who are currently studying in the United States or Canada, the MMMF awards grants of approximately \$12,000 each; grants are not renewable. To be eligible a woman needs to be at least 25 years old, have a record of service to women and children, and intends to return to her country (or other developing country) within two years of completing use of the MMMF grant and perform at least two years of service to improve the lives of women and children.

<http://www.mmmf-grants.org/grants-us.html#criteria>

Miguel Velez Fellowship

To be eligible the nominee must be a citizen and resident of a Latin American country. Preference will be given to students from Colombia and other South American countries. Students must show proof of citizenship.

<https://www.grad.uci.edu/funding/fellowships-awards/internal/index.php>

National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship Program

The Dissertation Fellowship Program seeks to encourage a new generation of scholars from a wide range of disciplines and professional fields to undertake research relevant to the improvement of education. These \$25,000 fellowships support individuals whose dissertations show potential for bringing fresh and constructive perspectives to the history, theory, or practice of formal or informal education anywhere in the world.

<https://naeducation.org/naedspencer-dissertation-fellowship-program/>

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=6201&org=NSF

NSF Graduate Funding Opportunities

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_list.jsp?org=DGE

Newkirk Center for Science and Society Fellowship

The UCI Newkirk Center for Science and Society promotes appropriate and effective use of research in the natural and social sciences to enhance the quality of human life. The goal of the Newkirk Fellowship is to encourage development and sharing of research knowledge with the public and with policy makers so that they can make informed decisions on vital policy issues affecting not only education but also law, health care, crime, and public infrastructure.

<http://newkirkcenter.uci.edu/students/apply-for-newkirk-fellow-award/>

The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans

The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans provides opportunities for continuing generations of able and accomplished New Americans to achieve leadership in their chosen fields. The Program is established in recognition of the contributions New Americans have made to American life and in gratitude for the opportunities the United States has afforded the donors and their family.

<http://www.pdsoros.org>

Phi Beta Kappa International Student Scholarship

Alpha Association of Phi Beta Kappa Alumni in Southern California funds and administers a scholarship program for foreign students engaged in graduate study in Southern California in academic institutions with Phi Beta Kappa Chapters. In granting scholarship awards, the academic committee considers both need and merit.

<http://www.pbksocalalumni.com/intlscholars>

Phi Delta Kappa International Awards and Scholarships

PDK supports students who are pursuing graduate degrees in education through several fellowships and awards made available through the Phi Delta Kappa Educational Foundation and its endowed scholarship program. Some of the fellowships and scholarships require that the applicant be a member of Phi Delta Kappa International.

<http://pdkintl.org/programs-resources/scholarships-awards/graduate-fellowships/>

President's Dissertation Year Fellowship

The President's Dissertation Year (PDY) Fellowship is intended for students in their final year of graduate school who are planning to pursue teaching and research appointments soon after the end of their dissertation fellowship year. This award is intended to assist graduate students with the completion of their dissertation and to enhance their qualifications as candidates for university faculty teaching and research appointments.

<https://grad.uci.edu/funding/fellowships-awards/diversity-fellowships/presidents-dissertation-year.php>

Public Impact Fellowship

The Public Impact Fellowship highlights and supports doctoral students whose current research has the potential for substantial impact in the public sphere. Ideal candidates will be involved in research designed to significantly improve or enrich the lives of Californians and/or national and global communities.

<https://grad.uci.edu/funding/fellowships-awards/internal/index.php>

Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program

The program provides funding to institutions of higher education to provide scholarships, stipends, and programmatic support to recruit and prepare STEM majors and professionals to become K-12 teachers. Scholarship and stipend recipients are required to complete two years of teaching in a high-need school district for each year of support. The program seeks to increase the number of K-12 teachers with strong STEM content knowledge who teach in high-need school districts.

<http://www.nsfnoyce.org/>

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NIH)

Administered by the National Institute of Health (NIH), this award provide a year of support and a stipend for doctoral research that is health-related.

http://grants.nih.gov/training/F_files_nrsa.htm

Society for Research in Child Development

Established in 2008 by the Student and Early Career Council, the SECC Dissertation Research Funding Awards—up to five non-renewable awards in the amount of \$2,000—are given for dissertation research proposals that merit special recognition and display the strong potential to contribute to the field of child development. Submissions should be in the proposal stage (i.e., not completed), and money is to be used for research costs or professional development related to the proposed dissertation project. Applicants must be SRCD members at the time of application and membership must be maintained throughout the award period. International members are strongly encouraged to apply.

<https://www.srcd.org/advancing-field/srcd-awards-research-grants>

UC Accord Dissertation Fellowships

UC Accord offers fellowships for research that will support dissertation completion and inform Californians' about efforts to replace prevailing patterns of schooling inequality and disparities in access to higher education with equitable conditions and outcomes for children from all sectors of the state. Fellowship are open to UC graduate students in Humanities, Social Sciences, School of Education, and Information Studies. Applicants must be advanced to candidacy by the time funding starts.

<http://ucaccord.gseis.ucla.edu/fellowships-grants/>

UC Irvine Faculty Mentor Program Fellowship

The Faculty Mentor Program (FMP) forms an important link in the continuum of support for academically promising graduate students. This award assists recipients in acquiring and developing advanced research skills under faculty mentorship. It is designed to improve mentoring for UCI doctoral students who are not yet at the dissertation stage and have not yet advanced to candidacy and is expected to increase the number of students who complete their Ph.D. degree and successfully acquire a faculty appointment.

<https://grad.uci.edu/funding/fellowships-awards/diversity-fellowships/faculty-mentor-program.php>

UCI Graduate Dean's Dissertation Fellowship

The Graduate Dean's Dissertation Fellowship aims to increase dissertation completion amongst doctoral students. This award is intended for students in their final year of graduate education who have a realistic expectation of degree completion during the 2012-2013 academic year. The award will allow students to forgo their non-research related employment obligations to concentrate on completing their dissertation.

<https://grad.uci.edu/funding/fellowships-awards/internal/index.php>

Outstanding Dissertation Awards

Association for the Study of High Education (ASHE) Bobby Wright Dissertation of the Year Award

Sponsored by Emerald Publishing and named in memory of Irvin Lee (Bobby) Wright, this award recognizes one or more dissertations that serve as exemplary models of the methodology employed. Criteria also include the significance of the dissertation topic.

<http://www.ashe.ws/?page=102>

Arts Based Educational Research (ABER) SIG Dissertation Award

The Arts Based Educational Research (ABER) Special Interest Group for the American Educational Research Association (AERA) sponsors the ABER Outstanding Dissertation Award for the best Doctoral Dissertation that explores, is an exemplar of, and pushes the boundaries of arts-based educational research. The award is intended for students who have defended and/or graduated in the year preceding the award.

<http://www.abersig.com/awards.php>

American Psychological Association Paul R. Pintrich Outstanding Dissertation Award

Division 15 (Educational Psychology) of the American Psychological Association offers the Paul R. Pintrich Outstanding Dissertation Award to recognize excellence in doctoral dissertation. The doctoral dissertation research must have been completed within the past two years. The dissertation must be in the area of educational psychology, broadly defined, and the proposed recipient must be a member or affiliate of the Division at the time of the award consideration. One award is given each year.

<http://www.apa.org/about/awards/div-15-pintrich.aspx>