Predoctoral Fellowships

In addition to funding provided by New York University, many graduate students receive fellowships from outside organizations. Here are some of the most common:

**National Institutes of Health**

NIH provides Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) to predoctoral students in fields under the scientific purviews of NIH. This program will provide predoctoral training support for doctoral candidates who have successfully completed their comprehensive examinations or the equivalent by the time of award and will be performing dissertation research and training. Women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Fellowship awardees are required to pursue their research training on a full-time basis. The current stipend level for NRSA awards is $20,772. For more information, please see [http://grants.nih.gov/training/nrsa.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/training/nrsa.htm)

**National Science Foundation**

The NSF conducts the Graduate Research Fellowship Program, which provides three years of support for graduate study leading to research-based master's or doctoral degrees and is intended for students who are at the early stages of their graduate study. The Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) invests in graduate education for a cadre of diverse individuals who demonstrate their potential to successfully complete graduate degree programs in disciplines relevant to the mission of the National Science Foundation. The Graduate Research Fellowship stipend currently is $30,000 for a 12-month tenure period, prorated monthly at $2,500 for shorter periods. The cost of education allowance currently is $10,500 per tenure year. For more information, please see [http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=6201](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=6201)

The National Science Foundation awards Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants in selected areas of the biological sciences. These grants provide partial support of doctoral dissertation research to improve the overall quality of research. Allowed are costs for doctoral candidates to conduct research in specialized facilities or field settings away from the home campus, to participate in scientific meetings, and to provide opportunities for greater diversity in collecting and creativity in analyzing data than would otherwise be possible using only locally available resources. The duration and grant amount are flexible but must be justified by the scope of work and documented in the proposal. Grants are typically awarded for periods up to 24 months and for amounts up to $12,000. For more information, please see [http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5234&org=NSF&from=fund](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5234&org=NSF&from=fund)

**National Research Council for the Ford Foundation:**

This program offers predoctoral and dissertation fellowships with the goal of supporting diversity in academia. The predoctoral fellowships provide three years of support for individuals engaged in graduate study leading to the Ph.D or Sc.D. The annual stipend is currently $20,000, and the award to the institution in lieu of tuition and fees is $3,000.
Predoctoral fellowships will be awarded in a national competition administered by the National Research Council (NRC) of the National Academies 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. For more information, please see http://www7.nationalacademies.org/fordfellowships/fordpredoc.html

**APA Dissertation Research Awards**

The Science Directorate of the American Psychological Association sponsors an annual competition for dissertation research funding. The purpose of the Dissertation Research Award program is to assist science-oriented doctoral students of psychology with research costs. The current program includes 30-40 grants of $1000 each, along with several larger grants of up to $5000 to students whose dissertation research reflects excellence in scientific psychology. http://www.apa.org/science/dissinfo.html

**APF/Todd E. Husted Memorial Award**

Additionally, the Directorate is pleased to announce that it will administer on behalf of the American Psychological Foundation the ninth annual APF/Todd E. Husted Memorial Award. This is a single award in the amount of $1,000 for the dissertation research that indicates the most potential to contribute toward the development and improvement of mental illness services for those with severe and persistent mental illness. For more information, please see http://www.apa.org/apf/husted.html

**APA Minority Fellowship Program**

This program provides financial support and professional guidance to individuals pursuing doctoral degrees in psychology or neuroscience, with the aim of improving the mental health treatment delivered to ethnic minority populations. Each Fellow is provided a stipend for up to 3 years. However, stipend support for three years is provisional and must be renewed each year. The stipend coming directly from the DPN varies each year and is based on the National Research Service Act or NRSA Guidelines for predoctoral and postdoctoral funding. For more information, please see http://www.apa.org/mfp/.

**American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS)**

APAGS offers a number of different scholarships to graduate student members of APAGS who are enrolled at least halftime as a student in good standing at a regionally accredited university. (If you are a student affiliate of the American Psychological Association (APA) and are in a masters or doctoral program, you are automatically a member of APAGS). For more information, please see http://www.apa.org/apags/members/schawrdsintro.html#how.
National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship

The Department of Defense offers NDSEG Fellowships, which are intended for students at or near the beginning of their graduate studies in science or engineering. NDSEG Fellowships are awarded on the basis of academic ability in the areas of interest to the DoD. Fellows do not incur any military or other service obligation. The normal tenure of the fellowship is 36 months. Applicants must be citizens or nationals of the United States. The Department of Defense will pay the fellow’s full tuition and required fees, in addition to granting a stipend. Stipends for the first year are currently at $30,500, for the second year at $31,000, and for the third year at $31,500. For more information, please see http://www.asee.org/ndseg/index.cfm.

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Scholarship and Fellowship Program

The DHS Fellowship Program is intended for students interested in pursuing the basic science and technology innovations that can be applied to the DHS mission. It offers a stipend of $2,300/month for 12 months, as well as full tuition and mandatory, nonrefundable fees paid. Appointments are for up to three years, given satisfactory academic progress and availability of funding. A 10-week, continuous, off-campus research internship at a DHS-designated facility will be required during the summer between your first and second year appointments. While there is no guarantee of employment, applicants must indicate a willingness to accept, after graduation, competitive employment offers from DHS, state and local security offices, DHS-affiliated Federal laboratories, or DHS-related university faculty or research staff positions. Note that if applicants accept a DHS Fellowship, they cannot accept any other fellowships, grants or loans while on their DHS appointment, except for educational benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Applications will be evaluated by a panel of scientists and engineers who are experts in one or more of the supported fields, based on the student’s academic record and submitted test scores, reference reports, proposed research essay and contribution to DHS essay. For more information, please see http://www.orau.gov/dhsed/Grad2006.htm.

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship

The Department of Education offers these awards to students in the arts, humanities and social sciences demonstrating superior academic ability and financial need. Subject to the availability of funds, a fellow receives the Javits fellowship annually for up to the lesser of 48 months or the completion of their degree. The fellowship consists of an institutional payment (accepted by the institution of higher education in lieu of all tuition and fees for the fellow) and a stipend (based on the fellow’s financial need as determined by the measurements of the Federal Student Assistance Processing System. In fiscal year 2006, the institutional payment was $12,224 and the maximum stipend was $30,000. Note that these fellowships cannot be used for a Ph.D. in clinical psychology or social work. For more information, please see http://www.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/javits-fieldsofstudy.html.

NYU Office of Sponsored Programs

This office has a website with links to both internal and external funding opportunities for the NYU Community. These include GrantsNet (a searchable database that provides information on biomedical grants and fellowships for graduate students, medical students, postdoctoral fellows, junior faculty, and undergraduates (all in the sciences)), the IRIS database (for researchers in any field), and other resources. Please see http://www.nyu.edu/osp/funding/
Grants in Graduate Studies (GIGS)

GIGS is a database of grants for graduate and post-graduate students, provided by U.S. government, international, corporate and private funding agencies, in addition to grants from departments within New York University. Please see http://gsas.nyu.edu/object/grad.acadlife.gigs

FastWeb

This is a free scholarship search service on the internet at http://www.fastweb.com/
**Additional Fellowships/Internships**

**The ACT Organization** 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. The program is also intended to assist in increasing the number of women and minority professionals in measurement and related fields. Interns work at ACT’s national headquarters in Iowa City, Iowa. Interns are paid a stipend of $5,000 and round-trip transportation between their graduate institution and Iowa City. A supplemental living allowance of $400 is available when a spouse and/or children accompany the intern to Iowa City. For more information, please see [http://www.act.org/humanresources/jobs/intern.html](http://www.act.org/humanresources/jobs/intern.html).

**American Association of University Women:** Dissertation Fellowships are available to women who will complete their dissertation writing between July 1, 2007, and June 30, 2008. To qualify, applicants must have completed all course work, passed all required preliminary examinations, and received approval for their research proposal or plan by Nov. 15, 2006. Students holding any fellowship for writing a dissertation in the year prior to the AAUW Educational Foundation fellowship year are not eligible. Open to applicants in all fields of study, except engineering. Scholars engaged in researching gender issues are encouraged to apply. For the academic year 2007-2008, the fellowship amount awarded is $20,000. For further information, please see [http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/american.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/american.cfm).

**Educational Testing Service** has summer programs for students in psychology, psychometrics and statistics interested in educational measurement and related fields. The programs are offered to students who have completed at least two years of full-time graduate study in a program emphasizing one of the areas specified above. The program currently offers a stipend of $5000, Limited round-trip travel reimbursement from the intern's university to Princeton, and $1,000 housing allowance for interns residing outside a 50-mile radius of ETS's facilities. For more information, please see [http://www.ets.org/portal/site/ets/menuitem.1488512ecfd5b8849a77b13bc3921509/?vgnextoid=0206d635e06ed010VgnVCM10000022f95190RCRD&vgnextchannel=a564d635e06ed010VgnVCM10000022f95190RCRD](http://www.ets.org/portal/site/ets/menuitem.1488512ecfd5b8849a77b13bc3921509/?vgnextoid=0206d635e06ed010VgnVCM10000022f95190RCRD&vgnextchannel=a564d635e06ed010VgnVCM10000022f95190RCRD).

**The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation (HFG)** welcomes proposals from any of the natural and social sciences and the humanities that promise to increase understanding of the causes, manifestations, and control of violence, aggression, and dominance. Highest priority is given to research that can increase understanding and amelioration of urgent problems of violence, aggression, and dominance in the modern world. In addition to our program of support for postdoctoral research, ten or more dissertation fellowships are awarded each year to individuals who will complete the writing of the dissertation within the award year. These fellowships of $15,000 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 it is only appropriate to apply for support for the final year of Ph.D. work. Applications are evaluated in comparison with each other and not in competition with the postdoctoral research proposals. Applicants may be citizens of any country and studying at colleges or universities in any country. For more information, please see [http://www.hfg.org/df/guidelines.htm](http://www.hfg.org/df/guidelines.htm).
The Spencer Foundation offers a Dissertation Fellowship Program to 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. Although the dissertation topic must concern education, graduate study may be in any academic discipline or professional field. Candidates should be interested in pursuing further research in education once the doctorate is attained. Applicants need not be citizens of the United States; however, they must be candidates for the doctoral degree at a graduate school within the United States. These fellowships are not intended to finance data collection or the completion of doctoral coursework, but rather to support the final analysis of the research topic and the writing of the dissertation. Fellows' stipends are to support completion of their dissertations and are to be expended within one or two years and in accordance with the work plan provided by the candidate in his/her application. 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. The Foundation's Fellowship office can be reached at 312-274-6526 or via email at fellows@spencer.org. For more information, please see http://www.spencer.org/programs/fellows/fellow_awards.htm