Anthropology Graduate Student Funding Opportunities

DISSERTATION RESEARCH & WRITING: GENERAL/WORLDWIDE

NSF: SBE Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants


The National Science Foundation's Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS), Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES), and Division of Science Resources Statistics (SRS) award grants to doctoral students to improve the quality of dissertation research. These grants provide funds for items not normally available through the student's university. Additionally, these grants allow doctoral students to undertake significant data-gathering projects and to conduct field research in settings away from their campus that would not otherwise be possible. Proposals are judged on the basis of their scientific merit, including the theoretical importance of the research question and the appropriateness of the proposed data and methodology to be used in addressing the question.

Wenner-Gren Grants for Doctoral Students
http://www.wennergren.org

A variety of the Foundation's grants support students enrolled in doctoral programs leading to a Ph.D. (or equivalent), including grants for dissertation research. There are also fellowship programs for doctoral students from countries where anthropology is underrepresented and where there are limited resources for educational training.

SSRC Social Science Research Council: The Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship

http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/

The Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship (DPDF) is a strategic fellowship program designed to help graduate students in the humanities and social sciences formulate doctoral dissertation proposals that are intellectually pointed, amenable to completion in a reasonable time frame, and competitive in fellowship competitions. The program is organized around distinct “research fields,” subdisciplinary and interdisciplinary domains with common intellectual questions and styles of research. Each year, an SSRC Field Selection Committee selects five fields proposed by pairs of research directors who are tenured professors at different doctoral degree-granting programs at U.S. universities. Research directors receive a stipend of $10,000. Graduate students in the early phase of their research, generally 2nd and 3rd years, apply to one of five research fields led by the two directors; each group is made up of twelve graduate students. Fellows participate in two workshops, one in the late spring that helps prepare them to undertake predissertation research on their topics; and one in the early fall, designed to help them synthesize their summer research and to draft proposals for dissertation funding. Fellows are eligible to apply for up to $5000 from SSRC to support predissertation research during the summer.

Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowships

http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_047958

Through its program of Diversity Fellowships, 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.

Fulbright for U.S. Students

http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html

If you are a U.S. citizen, and a graduating senior or hold a B.S./B.A. degree; are a master's or doctoral degree candidate; or are a young professional or artist, and are thinking of studying, teaching or conducting research abroad, you could be one of more than 1,500 students who receive a Fulbright grant each year to go overseas. The U.S. Student Fulbright Program operates in more than 140 countries worldwide; grants are available in all fields of study. For detailed information on your eligibility, awards available, and the application process, please review the pages on this Web site.

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships


ACLS invites applications for the third annual competition for the Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships. These fellowships are to assist graduate students in the humanities and related social sciences in the last year of Ph.D. dissertation writing. This program aims to encourage timely completion of the Ph.D. Applicants must be prepared to complete their dissertations within the period of their fellowship tenure or shortly thereafter.

American Anthropological Association Minority Dissertation Fellowship Program

http://aaanet.org/cmtes/minority/Minfellow.cfm

The American Anthropological Association invites minority doctoral candidates in anthropology to apply for a full-year dissertation fellowship of $10,000. This program is designed to demonstrate the Association’s support for promising minority graduate students in anthropology and to demonstrate its commitment to the long-range goal of increasing diversity in the discipline. Also listed under Grants for Individuals--Anthropology.

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

http://www.aauw.org/education/fga/

The American Association of University Women Educational Foundation has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. One of the world’s largest sources of funding for graduate women, the Educational Foundation provided more than 250 fellowships, grants, and special awards to outstanding women in the 2007-08 academic year. Opportunities include:

(1) American Fellowships support women doctoral candidates completing dissertations and scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research leave or for preparing completed research for publication. Applicants must
be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. One-year postdoctoral research leave fellowships, dissertation fellowships, and summer/short-term research publication grants are offered.  
(2) **Career Development Grants** support women who hold a bachelor's degree and who are preparing to advance their careers, change careers, or re-enter the work force. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.  
(3) **Community Action Grants** provide seed money to individual women, AAUW branches and AAUW state organizations, as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.  
(4) **International Fellowships** are awarded for full-time graduate or postgraduate study or research to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Supplemental grants support community-based projects in the fellow's home country.  
(5) **Selected Professions Fellowships** are awarded to women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and who intend to pursue a full-time course of study (during the fellowship year) in designated degree programs where women's participation traditionally has been low.

**Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship**

http://www.woodrow.org/higher-education-fellowships/religion_ethics/index.php

The Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships are designed to encourage original and significant study of ethical or religious values in all fields of the humanities and social sciences, and particularly to help Ph.D. candidates in these fields complete their dissertation work in a timely manner. In addition to topics in religious studies or in ethics (philosophical or religious), dissertations appropriate to the Newcombe Fellowship competition might explore the ethical implications of foreign policy, the values influencing political decisions, the moral codes of other cultures, and religious or ethical issues reflected in history or literature. More...

The Newcombe Fellowships are provided to Ph.D. candidates at American institutions located in the United States who will complete their dissertations during the fellowship year. In the 2012 Newcombe competition, at least 21 non-renewable Fellowships of $25,000 will be awarded for 12 months of full-time dissertation writing; in addition, Fellows' graduate schools will be asked to waive tuition and/or remit some portion of their fees.

**American Speech Language Hearing Foundation**

http://www.asha.org/students/financial-aid/

Each year the American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation (ASHF) offers several scholarship and grant competitions to graduate students and new researchers in the field of communication sciences and disorders. Up to ten Graduate Student Scholarships are available annually for master's or doctoral level students studying audiology or speech language pathology. Of the ten scholarships, one gives priority to a student with a disability, one gives priority to an international student studying in the US, and one gives priority to a US citizen who is a member of an ethnic or racial minority group. The scholarships range between $2,000 and $4,000.

**National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship Program**

http://naeducation.org/NAEd_Spencer_Dissertation_Fellowship.html

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.
This highly competitive program aims to identify the most talented researchers conducting dissertation research related to education. The Dissertation Fellowship program receives many more applications than it can fund. This year, up to 600 applications are anticipated and about 20 fellowships will be awarded.

The deadline for the 2012 program is October 3, 2011. Awardees will be notified in early May 2012.

Boren Fellowships
http://www.borenawards.org/boren_fellowship

Boren Fellowships provide up to $30,000 to U.S. graduate students to add an important international and language component to their graduate education through specialization in area study, language study, or increased language proficiency. Boren Fellowships support study and research in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. For a complete list of countries, click here.

Boren Fellows represent a variety of academic and professional disciplines, but all are interested in studying less commonly taught languages, including but not limited to Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Swahili. For a complete list of languages, click here.

Boren Fellowships are funded by the National Security Education Program (NSEP), which focuses on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. national security. Applicants should identify how their projects, as well as their future academic and career goals, will contribute to U.S. national security, broadly defined. NSEP draws on a broad definition of national security, recognizing that the scope of national security has expanded to include not only the traditional concerns of protecting and promoting American well-being, but also the challenges of global society, including sustainable development, environmental degradation, global disease and hunger, population growth and migration, and economic competitiveness. To view the Program Basics of the Boren Fellowships, click here.

The deadline for the 2012 Fellowship is January 31, 2012.

Matching Grant from WSU for Applying for External Funding
http://research.wayne.edu/funding/internal-funding/award_for_graduate_students_who_compete_for_fellowships.pdf

The Graduate School and the Division of Research are pleased to announce a joint effort intended to encourage and reward our talented graduate students to compete for prestigious externally-funded fellowships. Graduate students who apply (e.g., you don’t even have to get the external grant, just applying for it makes you eligible) for an external fellowship might be eligible for a $1,000 award to supplement their research activities. Students would be eligible for the $1,000 award if:

1. the external fellowship is offered from a national or international agency or institution, with awards being determined through a competitive (i.e. peer-reviewed) process, and
2. the competitive award is equal to or greater than the minimum stipend of a WSU graduate assistantship in the same discipline during the award year. Information regarding current year stipend minimum is available at http://www.gradschool.wayne.edu/assistantships/Compensation.html.

WSU Award for Graduate Students Who Obtain External Support
http://research.wayne.edu/funding/internal-funding/award_for_graduate_students_who_obtain_external_support.pdf
This program provides supplemental research funds for individual students who are successful in obtaining monetary support from an external agency specifically related to a research project. Awards are 25% of the award amount to a maximum of $2,000 to use as supplemental research funds. Half of the total award is provided to the student and the other half to his/her advisor's F&A account. An academic scholarship or appointment to an institutional training grant does not qualify a student for this support program. Money is to be used to support the externally funded research project, e.g., research equipment, subject payment, database subscriptions. Maximum Award: $2,000 Address requests in memo format to Gloria Heppner, Associate Vice President for Research. Memos should include a brief description of the research project, projected budget and budget justification, advisor and student name, department, and contact information. Please include a copy of the award verification with the request. Requests should be sent to the attention of Sarah James and can be e-mailed as pdf attachments to sjames@wayne.edu, delivered to 5057 Woodward, Suite 6200, or faxed to 577-3626.

Smaller Grants

Hayek Fund for Scholars

The Hayek Fund for Scholars makes strategic awards of up to $1,000 to graduate students and untenured faculty members for career-enhancing activities such as:

- Presentations at academic or professional conferences
- Travel to academic job interviews (on campus or at professional/academic conferences)
- Travel to and research at archives or libraries
- Participation in career development or enhancing seminars
- Distribution of a published article to colleagues in your field
- Submission of unpublished manuscripts to journals or book publishers
- Please note: we do not accept applications for attendance at a conference only.

Horowitz Foundation

http://www.horowitz-foundation.org/grant-info.html

The Horowitz Foundation, as of the 2008 distribution, approves approximately ten grants each year, in amounts ranging from $3,000 to $5,000 per grant. It also will be making large-scale grants to universities and programs directly. These go into operation in 2009 grants - for amounts ranging from $10,000 to $100,000 per/award. The Foundation makes targeted grants for work in major areas of the social sciences, including anthropology, area studies, economics, political science, psychology, sociology, and urban studies, as well as newer areas such as evaluation research. Preference will be given to projects that deal with contemporary issues in the social sciences and issues of policy relevance, and to scholars in the initial stages of their career. Awards are not allocated so as to ensure a representative base of disciplines, but are approved solely on merit.

Humane Studies Fellowships

http://www.theihs.org/humane-studies-fellowships/details

Institute for Humane Studies considers applications from individuals who will be full-time graduate students or undergraduate juniors or seniors during the 2011-12 academic year and who have a clearly demonstrated research interest in the intellectual and institutional foundations of a free society.

Applicants are evaluated based on three primary criteria:
• relevance of work to the advancement of a free society
• academic or professional performance
• potential for success in chosen field

The Humane Studies Fellowship is an award of $2,000 to $15,000.

Deadline: December 31, 2011

**Sigma Xi Grants-in-Aid of Research**


The Sigma Xi Grants-in-Aid of Research (GIAR) program has been providing undergraduate and graduate students with valuable educational experiences for more than 80 years. By encouraging close working relationships between students and faculty, the program promotes scientific excellence and achievement through hands-on learning.

The program awards grants of up to $1,000 to students from all areas of the sciences and engineering. Designated funds from the National Academy of Sciences allow for grants of up to $5,000 for astronomy research and $2,500 for vision related research. Students use the funding to pay for travel expenses to and from a research site, or for purchase of non-standard laboratory equipment necessary to complete a specific research project.

While membership in Sigma Xi is not a requirement for applying for funding from the Grants-in-Aid of Research program, approximately 75% of funds are restricted for use by dues paying student members of Sigma Xi or students whose project advisor is a dues paying member of Sigma Xi. Students from any country are eligible to receive funding.

**Sigma Delta Epsilon Graduate Women in Science National Fellowships**

[http://www.gwis.org/programs.html](http://www.gwis.org/programs.html)

To be eligible, the applicant must be enrolled as a graduate student, or engaged in post-doctoral or early-stage junior faculty academic research, and demonstrate financial need for continuation or completion of their research. Membership in SDE/GWIS is not required for application for the GWIS Fellowships. More information regarding membership in SDE/GWIS may be found here: [Membership](http://www.gwis.org/programs.html)

The major component of the research can be either applied or basic. Exact Fellowships amounts will be determined by the SDE/GWIS Fellowships Committee and will range from $1,000 to $10,000. All awards will be available for the academic year and will be announced on or before July 1 of each year. Endowment funds, mostly generated from bequests, provide the annual income that supports scientific research done by SDE/GWIS Award winners.

**Archaeological Institute of America Publication Preparation Grant**

[http://www.archaeological.org/grants/710](http://www.archaeological.org/grants/710)

*Purpose:* to assist scholars in preparing, completing, and publishing results of their research. This grant supports the scholarly publication of already excavated archaeological material in a peer-reviewed outlet. It is intended to assist in the final analysis, writing, and preparation for publication of the results of research so
that, by the end of the second year under the grant, a completed manuscript (article or monograph) will be submitted for publication. Proposals must include a time-table for completion of the manuscript and specific plans for publication (including intended publisher). Applicants may request funds to work on archaeological material of any period from anywhere in the world. Material may already reside in international or North American museums or institutions, or still remain in storerooms on site.

**Requirements:** Application is open to graduate students and post-doctoral professionals. To be eligible, applicants must be members of the AIA at the time of application and until the end of the grant term. Recipients are required to submit a report to the AIA Fellowships Committee after the first year of funding (before the second half of the award is released) and are also encouraged to submit an abstract to the AIA's Annual Meeting during the second. At the conclusion of the fellowship tenure, the recipient must submit two copies of the following items for the AIA Fellowships Committee and the President of the AIA: a budgetary report on the use of the stipend, a summary of the research, the completed manuscript, and evidence that the manuscript has been submitted to an appropriate venue for publication.

**American Philosophical Society**

http://www.amphilsoc.org/grants

Since 1933 the American Philosophical Society has awarded research grants to more than 15,000 scholars. In 2010–2011 the Society awarded more than $700,000 to nearly 150 scholars, and we expect to continue, if not exceed, this level of support in 2011–2012. We maintain six grant or fellowship programs in a wide range of fields. Our Lewis and Clark, Library Fellowship, and Phillips programs award small grants ($1,000 to $6,000) for modest research purposes.

**Archaeological Geology Division, Geological Society of America, Claude C. Albritton, Jr. Award**

http://rock.geosociety.org/arch/studentawards.html

The Albritton Award Fund provides scholarships and fellowships for graduate students in the earth sciences or archaeology for research. Recipients of the award are students who have (1) an interest in achieving a M.S. or Ph.D. degree in earth sciences or archaeology; (2) an interest in applying earth science methods to archaeological research; and (3) an interest in a career in teaching and academic research. Awards in the amount of $650 are given in support of thesis or dissertation research, with emphasis on the field and/or laboratory aspects of the research.

**Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies, Inc. (FAMSI), Foundation Research Grants**

http://research.famsi.org/grants/

The purpose of the Foundation Research Grants is to support scholarly works with the potential for significant contributions to the understanding of ancient Mesoamerican cultures and continuities thereof among the indigenous cultures in modern Mesoamerica. The Foundation Grants are awarded to the most qualified scholars regardless of degree level, although FAMSI favors degree candidates, recent graduates and professionals whose projects have not had extensive financial support. Other qualifications being equal, preference is given to candidates whose projects have the greatest likelihood of reaching new understandings of Mesoamerican cultures.
Dumbarton Oaks

http://www.doaks.org/research/

Dumbarton Oaks offers residential fellowships in three areas of study: Byzantine Studies (including related aspects of late Roman, early Christian, Western medieval, Slavic, and Near Eastern studies), Pre-Columbian Studies (of Mexico, Central America, and Andean South America), and Garden and Landscape Studies.

Junior Fellowships. Junior Fellowships are for degree candidates who at the time of application have fulfilled all preliminary requirements for a Ph.D. (or appropriate final degree) and will be working on a dissertation or final project at Dumbarton Oaks under the direction of a faculty member at their own university. Applications for all awards must be submitted by November 1, 2011. Late applications will be returned.

Society for the Scientific Study of Religions (SSSR), Student Research Awards
http://www.sssrweb.org/awards.cfm

The SSSR Student Research Awards are generally used for dissertation research, but may be used for other research endeavors as well. The maximum award is $3000, and must be spent in two years. A short report summarizing the research must be submitted after completion.

Getty PreDoctoral Fellowships
http://www.getty.edu/foundation/funding/residential/getty_pre_postdoctoral_fellowships.html

Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships provide support for emerging scholars to complete work on projects related to the Getty Research Institute’s annual theme. Recipients are in residence at the Getty Research Institute, where they pursue research to complete their dissertations or to expand them for publication. Fellows make use of the Getty collections, join in a weekly meeting devoted to the annual theme, and participate in the intellectual life of the Getty.

Smithsonian Institution Fellowship Program
http://www.si.edu/ofg/Applications/SIFELL/SIFELLapp.htm

Smithsonian Institution offers fellowships in fields that are actively pursued by the museums and research organizations of the Institution (see below). For more information see links to ‘Smithsonian Opportunities for Research and Study’ below. These fellowships support research in residence at all Smithsonian facilities except the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory (Applicants interested in conducting research at the SAO should contact the Office of the Director, Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, 60 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138 for program information, application materials, and deadlines or go to SAO Fellowship Information.)
The Inter-American Foundation (IAF) Grassroots Development Ph.D. Fellowship

http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/IAF-Grassroots-Development-Fellowship-Program

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. Ph.D. candidates who are currently enrolled at a U.S. university and are citizens of the United States or of an independent country in Latin America or the Caribbean, except Cuba, may apply. Before beginning research funded under the IAF Fellowship, students must have advanced to candidacy for a Ph.D. in the social sciences, physical sciences, technical fields or other disciplines as related to grassroots development issues in Latin America or the Caribbean. Fellowship awards include a research allowance of up to $3,000; a $1,500 monthly stipend for a period from between four to 12 months, international round trip transportation to the research site, health insurance and attendance at a mandatory mid-year conference.

Deadline: January 17, 2012

American Councils for International Education

http://www.americancouncils.org/program/2d/TITLE8RSP/

Funded by the U.S. Department of State’s Title VIII Program for Research and Training on Eastern Europe and Eurasia (Independent States of the Former Soviet Union), the American Councils Research Scholar Program provides full support for graduate students, faculty, and independent scholars seeking to conduct in-country, independent research for three consecutive months to nine consecutive months in Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Ukraine.

Deadline: October 1, 2011

THE AMERICAN CENTER OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH (AMMAN)

http://www.bu.edu/acor/felappl.htm

ACOR-CAORC FELLOWSHIPS. Three or more two- to six-month fellowships for masters and doctoral students. Fields of study include all areas of the humanities and the natural and social sciences. Topics should contribute to scholarship in Near Eastern studies. U.S. citizenship required. Maximum award is $20,200.

Also, various student awards for archaeological field work in Jordan.

Dissertation Fellowships in East European Studies


Funding is offered for two types of support:

- Research Fellowships for use in Eastern Europe to conduct fieldwork or archival investigations.
- Writing Fellowships for use in the United States, after all research is complete, to write the dissertation.

Applications should be for work on Eastern Europe: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Kosovo/a, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia. Applicants may propose comparative work considering more than one country of Eastern Europe or relating East European societies of those of other parts of the world. Fellowships will be granted on the basis of the scholarly potential of the applicant, the quality and scholarly importance of the proposed work, and its importance to the development of scholarship on Eastern Europe. Funds awarded may not be used in Western Europe. The stipend will be up to $18,000. As a condition of the award, the applicant's home university will be required (consistent with its policies and regulations) to provide or to waive normal academic year tuition payments or to provide alternative cost-sharing support.

The Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies

[http://userpage.fu-berlin.de/~bprogram](http://userpage.fu-berlin.de/~bprogram)

The Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies promotes a new generation of young North American scholars with specialized knowledge of modern and contemporary Germany and Europe. The Program supports scholars in all social science and humanities disciplines, including historians working on modern and contemporary German and European history. Fellowships are awarded for doctoral dissertation research as well as postdoctoral research which leads to completion of a monograph.

The Individual Advanced Research Opportunities


The Individual Advanced Research Opportunities (IARO) program seeks to attract, select, and support in-depth field research by US students, scholars and experts in policy-relevant subject areas related to Eastern Europe and Eurasia, as well as to disseminate knowledge about these regions to a wide network of constituents in the United States and abroad. Sponsored by the US Department of State's Title VIII Program, IARO provides fellows with the means and support necessary to conduct in-country research on contemporary political, economic, historical, or cultural developments relevant to US foreign policy. The IARO program plays a vital role in supporting the emergence of a dedicated and knowledgeable cadre of US scholars and experts who can enrich the US understanding of developments in Eastern Europe and Eurasia.

Council of American Overseas Research Centers Multi-Country Research Fellowship

[http://www.caorc.org/programs/multi.htm](http://www.caorc.org/programs/multi.htm)

The program is open to U.S. doctoral candidates and scholars who have already earned their Ph.D. in fields in the humanities, social sciences, or allied natural sciences and wish to conduct research of regional or trans-regional significance. Fellowships require scholars to conduct research in more than one country outside of the United States, at least one of which hosts a participating American overseas research center. It is anticipated that approximately ten awards of up to $9,000 each will be given to scholars who wish to carry out research on broad questions of multi-country significance in the fields of humanities, social sciences, and related natural sciences. Scholars must carry out research in at least one of the countries which host overseas research centers: Algeria, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Senegal/West Africa, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Turkey, West Bank/Gaza Strip and Yemen, as well as in other countries unless subject to official security and/or travel restrictions or warnings.