



Finding and applying for grants

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Types of Grant

- Often organised by career stage
- Eligibility can vary- check & keep a note of ones you will soon become eligible for (if in doubt, get in touch with the funder)
- Check what the grant can cover
- Pays for your salary, pays for research?



How to apply: keywords



- Grant / Fellowship
 - Grants are awards that provide money to pursue a specific project within a given timeframe
 - Fellowships offer financial support for a scholar to do her work and to grow as a professional
- Theme
- Field / Department / Faculty
 - For example: Anthropology
- Location
 - Where project will be completed
 - Where you live, or would like to live

What can be funded?



- Travel and Hotel
- Fieldwork
- Laboratory Analyses
- Equipment Purchases
- Personnel*

can provide for doctoral or postdoctoral funding

Who is funded



- Most grants have restrictions by
 - Career stage (Undergraduate, PhD student, Postdoctoral Researcher, Junior Professor, Professor)
 - Age (for example early career)
 - Time since you finished your PhD

Graduate Funding (UK & EU)

- Masters degree is generally separate from PhD
- Masters are the least funded degrees so it can be hard to find money- but there are sources e.g. Chevening scheme in UK, Barakat Trust, Ertegun Fund, European Universities can offer free or very cheap masters degrees
- UK has 'home' and 'international' fees
- Masters usually 1 or 2 years, PhD usually 3 or 4
- Check with your funders/department/supervisor what the funding covers (transport, visas?)



Types of Graduate Funding

- Differs by country
- Position on a funded project
- Independent project (fees, living expenses)
- Set amount- eg \$10,000
- Money for fieldwork, conference attendance, analysis
- Money from teaching, demonstrating (Note: this is not guaranteed and will be low!)
- Working?



Places to Look

- Most universities have flagship funding schemes (eg local consortiums in the UK, Clarendon scheme in Oxford, Gates scholarship in Cambridge)- you often do not apply for these separately to the PhD, but check with your supervisor
- Findaphd.com
- Euraxess.ac.europa.eu
- Sites specific to your discipline
- University you want to apply to/ ask potential supervisor for advice



Post-Doctoral Funding

- Eligibility often determined by length of time since PhD completed
- Salary, research funding
- Research Fellowship, Post-doctoral research associate on existing project (Pros and cons to both)
- Major sources of funding include: British Academy Fellowship, Leverhulme Fellowship, Oxford and Cambridge (College) Research Fellows, Wellcome Trust, Arts & Humanities Research Council (AHRC), Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), Chancellors fellowships (all UK); Marie Curie Fellowships, Humboldt Research Fellowships, Fellowships at national academies (Germany/EU)
- Research funding will depend on the field you are working in so keep an eye open for specific funds you are eligible for (via colleagues, Twitter, mailing lists)



Support & Information

- Research office in your department
- Peers (inform others and they will inform you!)
- Ask Professors / Administrators
- Twitter
- Mailing lists
- Often the information is hard to find and not collated
- Make sure to keep an eye on deadlines and record when funds might be coming up (are they advertised every 6 months, year, 3 years?)



Applying

- Be prepared- often the period for application is short and you need to provide a lot of information
- Think about referees (and letters) immediately- it is courteous to provide them with at least 2 weeks notice, send them your research proposal and CV
- Don't be afraid to ask for advice
 - from peers (maybe not ones applying for the same grant!)
 - research office
 - professors
- Draft proposal well in advance, proof-read it carefully, ask others to read it, check it is realistic



Format

Typically you will need to provide:

- Research Proposal or justification for funds (e.g. conference presentation, equipment needed)
- Budget
- CV
- Indication of outputs or benefit- e.g. publications, personal development



Always

- Be nice to the grant administrators and your referees- thank them for everything they do to help you, acknowledge their emails, give them plenty of time to reply
- Apply for the full amount or more, you might get less than you asked for
- Keep copies of your proposals and any associated grant codes
- Try to publish work from past grants before applying for new ones- this will help you get more money



Once you have the money

- Find out if you can get an advance, how much?
- Carefully check your budget to ensure that you can still afford everything, recalibrate if not
- Contact the funders if you need to change things- often they are flexible if situations change
- Make sure you keep all the receipts & account as you go (as far as possible!)
- Look into apps and keep a note of the transfer rates if working across currencies



Reporting

- You will probably have to submit a report or annual summary of work depending on the grant
- Make sure you acknowledge the funding or grant number in any associated publications
- Add grants to institutional repository profiles and/or orcid account
- Update your CV with grants



Funding sources: United States



- National Science Foundation
 - Graduate Research Fellowship (only US citizens)
 - Postdoctoral Researchers from abroad can be offered paid positions as part of these grants
- Wenner Gren
 - Research grant
- National Geographic
 - Level 1 (Early Career)
 - Level 2 (Established in Career)
 - Special grants by theme

Funding sources: United States



- Universities
 - Most research universities have funding for postdoctoral researchers
- University of Michigan (Harvard, Yale, Stanford)
 - <https://rackham.umich.edu/postdoctoral-fellows/opportunities/>
 - Society of Fellows / Collegiate Fellows
 - Early Career Researchers
 - Usually good to contact several professors to get advice on your application

Funding sources: United States



- American Council for Learned Societies
 - Humanities and Interpretive Social Sciences
 - Many grants for individuals who are within 8 years of finishing their PhD
 - Various field or area specific opportunities

Funding sources: Germany



- German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft - DFG)
 - Research Grants (Completed academic training)
 - Emmy Noether Programme (Early Career)
 - Research Fellowships (Early Career)
 - Heisenberg Programme (Mid-Career)
 - Workshops for Early Career Investigators

Funding sources: Germany



- Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation
 - Humboldt Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers (Early Career)
 - Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers (Finished PhD <12 yrs ago)
 - Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research (Finished PhD <18 yrs ago / from abroad)
 - Fraunhofer-Bessel Research Award (Finished PhD <18 yrs ago / from non-European countries)

Funding sources: Germany



- DAAD: Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst / German Academic Exchange Service
 - For foreign students, graduates and postdocs who want to move to Germany to continue their career
- Daimler Benz foundation

Good luck with your applications!

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