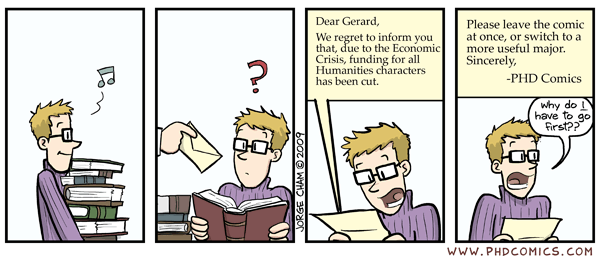
***Magnas inter opes inops*? Finding Funding as a Graduate Student**

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* **Types of funding**
  + Travel grants
  + Pre-dissertation research grants
  + Dissertation improvement grants
  + Dissertation completion grants
  + Post-Doc, New Faculty, Collaborative
  + Special grants/fellowships
    - Grants/fellowships related to your field
    - Grants for women, minorities
* **Resources**
  + Explore resources at your university
    - Example: Florida State University’s Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards (<https://ogfa.fsu.edu/>)
    - Example: University of Iowa’s Office of the Vice President for Research (<https://research.uiowa.edu/researchers/student-research/graduate-professional-student-research>)
  + External Award Databases:
    - Many universities pay for access to different funding opportunity databases (see above)
      * PIVOT (<https://pivot.proquest.com/>)
      * Info Ed-Spin (<https://spin.infoedglobal.com/Authorize/Login>)
      * Grant Forward (<https://www.grantforward.com/index>)
      * Grants.gov (<https://www.grants.gov/>)
      * Foundation Center (<https://foundationcenter.org/>)
    - Free databases offered by other schools:
      * Illinois, Duke, and Cornell (to name a few)
    - Don’t forget to look up state grants! (i.e. iowagrants.gov)
  + Internal Grant Opportunities at your university:
    - Example: FSU’s Graduate School Awards ([www.gradschool.fsu.edu/Funding-Awards](http://www.gradschool.fsu.edu/Funding-Awards))
      * Includes International Dissertation Semester Research Fellowship ($7000), Dissertation Research Grants ($750), Graduate Student Research and Creativity Awards ($500), etc.
  + Other places to look:
    - Talk to your advisor and/or director of graduate studies for your department
    - Look at successful scholars’ CVs
    - Consider studying abroad (short- or long-term):
      * Fullbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad
      * Kress Foundation History of Art Dissertation Research Travel Fellowship
      * American School of Classical Studies (<https://www.ascsa.edu.gr/apply/fellowships-and-grants>)
  + For Classics:
    - Society for Classical Studies (<https://classicalstudies.org/awards-and-fellowships/awards-scholarships-and-fellowships-offered-us-classics-associations>)
    - Archaeological Institute of America (<https://www.archaeological.org/grants>)
* **Getting Started**
  + Be proactive: research and prepare well in advance
  + Schedule a meeting with someone from your university’s research office (i.e. for Florida State: Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards [<https://ogfa.fsu.edu/>])
  + Make an Excel document to organize your grant applications
  + Use funding agency’s terminology
  + Follow instructions carefully (word/page limit, requested information, etc.)
  + Submit your application EARLY!
    - Allow at least 4 weeks for your referees to write letters of recommendation
  + Write your proposal for the target audience and format it correctly
  + Notify your professor, department and other sources about your application status, especially if you are awarded.
    - IMPORTANT: some require dean or chair approval to accept, so be sure to follow university filing instructions
* **Application Materials**
  + Common: Application form, proposal, work plan/ schedule, budget, CV/resume, personal statement
  + Normal: Cover Sheet, abstract, graduate transcripts, letters of Reference/Recommendation/Support (typically 2)
    - Note: How to get *good* references
  + Rare: Statement of previous research, evidence of scholarly productivity, narrative biography/academic background, letter from institution, interview, processing fee (?!)
* **Revising and submitting**
  + Use your university resources: writing center, office of research, graduate school, etc.
  + Get creative: crowdsource editors, enlist friends and family
  + Don’t be discouraged by rejection: adapt, adjust, and reapply
* **Special note: If you’re currently unfunded**
  + Don’t despair! Talk to your advsior and director of graduate students
  + Seek outside funding within university: contact other departments that may need Teaching Assistants, Research Assistants, etc.

Helpful resources for dissertation writing/funding:

* *The Graduate School Funding Handbook.* April Hamel and Jennifer Furlong.
* *Demystifying Dissertation Writing*. Peg Boyle Single.
* *Graduate Study in the USA*. Edited by Christopher McMaster and Caterina Murphy.
* *To Do: Dissertation*. Kathryn Linder.
* *Get It Done Faster: Secrets of Dissertation Success.* Dr. Rachna D. Jain.
* *Complete your Dissertation or Thesis in Two Semester or Less*. Evelyn Hunt Ogden.
* *How to Write a Lot: A Practical Guide to Productive Academic Writing*. Paul Silvia.

Online websites/blogs/mailing lists:

* *PhinisheD:* [www.phinished.org](www.phinished.org%20)

A discussion and support group for students who cannot seem to finish their dissertations or theses.

* *ProQuest’s Graduate Student Resources:* <https://www.proquest.com/researchers/graduate-student/>

Offers guidance on the graduate experience, such as dissertation topic selection, grants, financial aid, and work-life balance. Students can find and share advice on research, writing, publishing, job search, and other topics.

* *All-But-Dissertation Survival Guide*: <www.abdsurvivalguide.com>

ABDSG is A Free, Monthly E-mail Newsletter. As a subscriber, you'll receive once a month (or a little more often) a succinct article devoted to practical strategies for successfully completing your doctoral dissertation.

* *Gradhacker:* <www.insidehighered.com/blogs/gradhacker>

A website designed for graduate students writing their dissertation. Blog articles are written by ABD grad students.