

Fellowships and Grants Available to IDPAS Students

* Designates funding that includes health insurance

Links to Stony Brook-affiliated Resources for Locating Funding Opportunities

<https://pivot.proquest.com/dashboard>

<https://stonybrook.scholarshipuniverse.com>

<https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/fellowships/>

Incoming Student and Pre-ABD Fellowships

Internal

Graduate Council Fellowship*

Graduate Council Fellowships (GCF) are available to exceptionally qualified incoming doctoral and MFA students. These fellowships are available to U.S. citizens and permanent residents only.

GCF candidates are nominated by their respective graduate programs. Nominations are due at the end of January. The Graduate Council Fellowships and Awards Committee reviews and ranks candidate files around mid-February. Typically, 35 fellowships, renewable for up to five years for doctoral students or three years for MFA students, are awarded each academic year.

The GCF award supplements the program's offer of support with an additional \$50,000 in funding over the five-year support period. For MFA students, the GCF offers \$30,000 over three years. These awards also provide a full tuition scholarship and subsidized health insurance coverage.

Expenses covered: living expenses, but students often use some funding for research

Stage: Incoming

Link: https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/grad/tuition_funding/graduate-school-programs/graduate-council-fellowship.php

Dr. W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship*

The Dr. W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship is a Graduate Fellowship Program for eligible underrepresented students whose immediate academic plans include obtaining graduate or professional degrees in a variety of disciplines at Stony Brook University.

Nominees must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States. They must demonstrate how they will contribute to the diversity of the student body in the program and/or show how they have overcome disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education. Candidates must be a qualified student who holds or expects to receive by August of the initial Fellowship academic year, a bachelor's or master's degree from an accredited college or university. Only incoming doctoral or MFA students are eligible, however, students currently enrolled in a master's degree program at Stony Brook who desire to pursue a doctorate may also be nominated. Candidates must first be accepted into one of the qualifying graduate degree programs at Stony Brook University prior to nomination.

The total combined value of a Turner Doctoral Fellowship is at least \$100,000 over a five-year academic period. This includes:

- Full-tuition scholarship

- More than \$22,000 annual stipend for Ph.D. students, or \$10,000 annual stipend for master's students
- Subsidized health insurance
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Expenses covered: living expenses

Stage: Incoming

Link: <https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/cie/turner/>

External

NSF GRFP*

The purpose of the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) is to ensure the quality, vitality, and diversity of the scientific and engineering workforce of the United States. GRFP seeks to broaden participation in science and engineering of underrepresented groups, including women, minorities, persons with disabilities, and veterans. The five-year fellowship provides three years of financial support inclusive of an annual stipend of \$37,000.

Fellows share in the prestige and opportunities that become available when they are selected. Fellowships provide the student with a three-year annual stipend of \$37,000 along with a \$12,000 cost of education allowance for tuition and fees (paid to the institution), as well as access to opportunities for professional development available to NSF-supported graduate students. Fellowships may only be used for an eligible graduate degree program at an academic institution accredited in, and having a campus located in, the US, its territories, possessions, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

- be a US citizen, US national, or permanent resident
- intend to pursue a research-based Master's or Ph.D. program in a GRFP-supported field
- be enrolled in an eligible program at an accredited United States graduate institution, with a US campus, by fall following selection
- be at an early stage in your graduate career
- have completed no more than one academic year of full-time graduate study (or the equivalent)
- Graduate students are limited to only one application to the GRFP, submitted either in the first year or in the second year of graduate school

Expenses covered: living

Stage: incoming or pre-ABD if no Master's

Link: <https://www.nsfgrfp.org>

Leakey Foundation Baldwin Fellowship

Franklin Mosher Baldwin Memorial Fellowships are intended for students with citizenship in a country where there are limited opportunities for advanced training and education in fields of research related to human origins. This program makes it possible for scholars to pursue education or training from an institution outside or inside of their home country. This award is for a program of approved, advanced special training or studies leading towards an MA or PhD. It is limited to two years of support. The maximum award is limited to \$15,000 per year.

The Baldwin Fellowship program is based on a realistic assessment of needs and priorities. Many countries possess extraordinary resources in the field of prehistory but lack educational opportunities in the field of human origins research. By enabling bright young scholars to obtain graduate education, The Leakey Foundation is helping to equip these individuals to assume a leadership role in the future of

paleoanthropology and primatology. If you are thinking of applying for a Baldwin Fellowship ask yourself the following questions:

- Am I enrolled in or have provisional acceptance to an MA, MS, PhD or equivalent program related to the study of human origins or evolution?
- Have I been accepted or have a provisional acceptance to a host institution? In some cases, this institution may be where you intend on enrolling in an MA, MS, PhD or equivalent program.
- Do I have financial assistance from the host institution?
- Do I intend to return and work in my home country upon completion of training?

Expenses covered: tuition, travel, living expenses, student fees, insurance, books, and other relevant categories of expenditure (meant to cover educational expenses)

Stage: incoming

Link: <https://leakeyfoundation.org/grants/baldwins/>

Wenner-Gren Wadsworth International Fellowship

This program provides funding for students pursuing a PhD or equivalent doctoral degree at universities where they can receive international-level training in anthropology. Wadsworth International Fellowships are only available to students from countries where anthropology is underrepresented and where there are limited resources to educate students overseas. The program's goal is to extend and strengthen international ties and deepen anthropological expertise globally. The program prioritizes applicants who have not yet begun graduate training abroad (or are in the early stages of their program) and who are likely to return to an academic position in their home country upon completion of their degree.

The \$20,000 annual fellowship can be used toward travel, living expenses, tuition, income taxes, student fees, insurance, books, research costs, and any other relevant expenditures incurred in the course of the doctoral program. Fellows may renew the award for up to two additional years upon successful completion of each preceding year of training. They can apply separately for an additional year of support for dissertation write-up. Wenner-Gren awards do not include funds to cover institutional overhead or any fees related to the administration of our grants and fellowships.

Expenses covered: living or research

Stage: incoming or pre-ABD

Link: <https://wennergren.org/program/wadsworth-international-fellowships/>

Post-ABD (All But Dissertation) Grants and Fellowships

Internal

The F. James Rohlf Fellowship*

The F. James Rohlf Fellowship will be awarded to a promising graduate student conducting original research in the Interdepartmental Doctoral Program in Anthropological Sciences (IDPAS) in the College of Arts and Sciences. One fellowship of \$10,000 will be awarded per year. The fellowship is announced by IDPAS during the Fall semester each year and the nomination deadline is annually on 12/31.

The Fellowship will provide essential resources to a doctoral student who demonstrates need and whose dissertation work risks being delayed without funding. Graduate students who are eligible to apply for and receive support must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled as a full-time graduate student in the IDPAS program and advanced to candidacy for the PhD degree.

- Demonstrate high academic achievement including performance in courses, independent study, and program evaluations, as well as progress towards the degree as defined by the outlined application process.
- Demonstrate promise in research related to areas of inquiry in Anthropology or have a track record of such research.

Expenses covered: Living expenses and research expense

Stage: Late ABD

Link: Forwarded by IDPAS

Mildred and Herbert Weisinger Dissertation Fellowship*

The Mildred and Herbert Weisinger Dissertation Fellowship will be awarded to a graduate student who has advanced to candidacy and is working on a dissertation that bears high scholarly promise but that might be delayed without financial assistance. One fellowship of \$10,000 will be awarded.

Departments and programs with graduate students at the dissertation stage may each nominate one (1) candidate. Each nomination must be endorsed by the student's Graduate Program Director (GPD).

Eligible students will be expected to graduate the December of the year of the award (i.e. December 2022), or later. Students expecting to graduate for the current Spring or Summer semester are not eligible.

Expenses covered: living or research

Stage: ABD

Link: https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/grad/tuition_funding/graduate-school-programs/annual-student-faculty-awards/mildred-herbert-weisinger-dissertation-fellowship.php

Stony Brook Foundation Board of Trustees Dissertation Completion Endowed Fellowship*

The Stony Brook Foundation Board of Trustees Dissertation Completion Fellowship will be awarded to one or more graduate students who have advanced to candidacy and are working on a dissertation that bears high scholarly promise but that might be delayed without financial assistance. Fellowships of \$10,000 will be awarded.

Each graduate program may nominate one (1) candidate who has advanced to candidacy. Each nomination must be endorsed by the student's Graduate Program Director (GPD).

Expenses covered: living and research

Stage: late ABD

Link: https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/grad/tuition_funding/graduate-school-programs/annual-student-faculty-awards/trustees-dissertation-completion-endowed-fellowship.php

Alumni Association Doctoral Summer Fellowship

The Alumni Association Doctoral Summer Fellowship will be awarded to a promising doctoral student conducting original research in academic disciplines within the humanities and social sciences. The award is intended to support the student in the final stages of their research and dissertation by enabling them to continue their work over the summer, when other funding for doctoral candidates is especially scarce. The

fellowship will provide essential resources to a doctoral student who demonstrates need and whose work risks being delayed without funding.

Eligible doctoral students must:

- Be enrolled as a full-time doctoral student in an affiliated department, who has been granted advancement to candidacy for the PhD degree by the Dean of the Graduate School, upon recommendation of the Graduate Program Director (GPD).
- Be studying an academic discipline in the humanities or social sciences.
- Must demonstrate promise in research related to areas of inquiry in the humanities or social sciences, or have a track record of such research.
- Must demonstrate high academic achievement and progress towards the degree as defined by the outlined application process.
- Preference given to students who are undergraduate or graduate conferred alumni of Stony Brook University as defined by Stony Brook policy.

One fellowship in the amount of \$5,000 will be awarded.

Each graduate program in the humanities and social sciences may nominate one (1) candidate who has advanced to candidacy. Each nomination must be endorsed by the student's Graduate Program Director (GPD).

Expenses: living or research

State: Late ABD

Link: https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/grad/tuition_funding/graduate-school-programs/annual-student-faculty-awards/alumni-association-doctoral-summer-fellowship.php

Faculty-Staff Dissertation Fellowship

This award, initiated in 2006, is made possible through the generosity of Stony Brook faculty and staff who have contributed to campaigns to support graduate fellowships. The award is intended to assist a graduate student who has advanced to candidacy and whose research project requires fieldwork, archival work, or other research efforts requiring the student to be away from campus for an extended period.

One award, in the amount of \$10,000, will be granted.

Departments and programs with graduate students at the dissertation stage may nominate one (1) candidate. The nomination must be endorsed by the student's Graduate Program Director (GPD).

Expenses: living or research

Stage: ABD

Link: https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/grad/tuition_funding/graduate-school-programs/annual-student-faculty-awards/faculty-staff-dissertation-fellowship.php

The Madeline Fusco Fellowship

The Madeline Fusco Fellowship is made possible through an endowment established by Dr. Madeline Fusco, a former faculty member in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics. The fellowship is intended to assist women or minority graduate students who have advanced to candidacy but who need financial assistance to complete their dissertations.

One award, in the amount of \$5,000, will be granted.

Departments and programs with graduate students at the dissertation stage may nominate one (1) candidate. Each nomination must be endorsed by the student's Graduate Program Director (GPD).

Expenses: living or research

Stage: ABD

Link: https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/grad/tuition_funding/graduate-school-programs/annual-student-faculty-awards/madeline-fusco-fellowship.php

External

Fulbright*

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program expands perspectives through academic and professional advancement and cross-cultural dialogue. Fulbright creates connections in a complex and changing world. In partnership with more than 140 countries worldwide, the Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers unparalleled opportunities in all academic disciplines to passionate and accomplished graduating college seniors, graduate students, and young professionals from all backgrounds. Program participants pursue graduate study, conduct research, or teach English abroad.

During their grants, Fulbrighters will meet, work, live with and learn from the people of the host country, sharing daily experiences. The program facilitates cultural exchange through direct interaction on an individual basis in the classroom, field, home, and in routine tasks, allowing the grantee to gain an appreciation of others' viewpoints and beliefs, the way they do things, and the way they think. Through engagement in the community, individuals will interact with their hosts on a one-to-one basis in an atmosphere of openness, academic integrity, and intellectual freedom, thereby promoting mutual understanding.

Grant lengths and dates vary by award. Please consult the specific [award description](#) for details.

Expenses: living or research while working abroad

Stage: any, but usually ABD

Link: <https://us.fulbrightonline.org>

Leakey Foundation Research Grants

Advanced doctoral students (advanced to candidacy – all but dissertation) and established scientists are eligible for Leakey Foundation Research Grants. There are no citizenship restrictions; however, all applications must be written in English. The Leakey Foundation exclusively funds research related to human origins. Priority of funding is commonly given to exploratory phases of promising new research projects that meet the stated purpose of the Foundation. The majority of The Leakey Foundation's Research Grants awarded to doctoral students are in the \$3,000-\$15,000 range with a funding limit of \$20,000. Larger grants given to senior scientists and post-doctoral researchers may be funded up to \$30,000. **As of May 2022, the funding limits have increased to \$20,000 for PhD candidates and \$30,000 for senior scientists and post-doctoral researchers.**

Expenses: research/living while conducting research

Stage: ABD

Link: <https://leakeyfoundation.org/grants/research-grants/>

NSF DDRIG

Biological Anthropology Program (23-504)

Supports doctoral research including field, laboratory and computational research on human and nonhuman primate adaptation, variation and evolution to advance knowledge about human origins and the dynamics between biology and culture. Proposal budgets cannot exceed \$25,000.

The Biological Anthropology Program seeks to advance scientific knowledge about the processes that have shaped biological diversity in living and fossil humans and their primate relatives through support of basic research on human and primate evolution, biological variation, and interactions between biology, behavior and culture. The program supports a portfolio of research that demonstrates engagement with biological anthropological and evolutionary theory; includes diverse and interdisciplinary methods in field, laboratory and computational settings; encompasses multiple levels of analysis (e.g., molecular, organismal, population, ecosystem) and time scales from the short-term to evolutionary; and considers the ethical implications and societal impacts of the research. The program also supports a wide range of broader impact activities as part of research grants, including research outcomes with inherent benefit to society, efforts to broaden participation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) training, research and outreach activities and other evidence-based activities developed within the context of the mission, goals and resources of the organizations and people involved.

The program contributes to the integration of education and basic research through support of dissertation projects conducted by doctoral students enrolled in U.S. universities. This solicitation specifically addresses the preparation and evaluation of proposals for Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants (DDRIG). Dissertation research projects in all of the subareas of biological anthropology are eligible for support through these grants. These awards are intended to enhance and improve the conduct of dissertation research by doctoral students who are pursuing research in biological anthropology that enhances basic scientific knowledge.

Expenses: research/living while conducting research

Stage: ABD

Link: <https://beta.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/biological-anthropology-program-doctoral>

Cultural Anthropology Program (23-502)

The primary objective of the Cultural Anthropology Program is to support basic scientific research on the causes, consequences and complexities of human social and cultural variability. Proposal budgets cannot exceed \$25,000.

Contemporary cultural anthropology is an arena in which diverse research traditions and methodologies are valid in investigations of human cultural variation. Recognizing the breadth of the field's contributions to science, the Cultural Anthropology Program welcomes proposals for empirically grounded, theoretically engaged and methodologically sophisticated research in all sub-fields of cultural anthropology. Because the National Science Foundation's mission is to support basic research, the NSF Cultural Anthropology Program does not fund research that takes as its primary goal improved clinical practice, humanistic understanding or applied policy. A proposal that applies anthropological methods to a social problem but does not propose how that problem provides an opportunity to make a theory-testing and/or theory-expanding contribution to anthropology will be returned without review.

Program research priorities include, but are not limited to, research that increases our understanding of:

- Sociocultural drivers of critical anthropogenic processes such as deforestation, desertification, land cover change, urbanization and poverty.

- Resilience and robustness of sociocultural systems.
- Scientific principles underlying conflict, cooperation and altruism, as well as explanations of variation in culture, norms, behaviors and institutions.
- Economy, culture, migration and globalization.
- Variability and change in kinship and family norms and practices.
- General cultural and social principles underlining the drivers of health outcomes and disease transmission.
- Biocultural work that considers the nexus of human culture and its relationship with human biology.
- Social regulation, governmentality and violence.
- Origins of complexity in sociocultural systems.
- Language and culture: orality and literacy, sociolinguistics and cognition.
- Theoretically-informed approaches to co-production in relation to scientific understandings of human variability and environmental stewardship.
- Mathematical and computational models of sociocultural systems such as social network analysis, agent-based models, multi-level models, and modes that integrate agent-based simulations and geographic information systems (GIS).

As part of its effort to encourage and support projects that explicitly integrate education and basic research, CA provides support to enhance and improve the conduct of doctoral dissertation projects designed and carried out by doctoral students enrolled in U.S. institutions of higher education who are conducting scientific research that enhances basic scientific knowledge.

Expenses: research/living while conducting research

Stage: ABD

Link: <https://new.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/cultural-anthropology-program-doctoral>

Archaeology Program (23-531)

The Archaeology Program supports anthropologically relevant archaeological research. This means that the value of the proposed research can be justified within an anthropological context. The program sets no priorities by either geographic region or time period. It also has no priorities in regard to theoretical orientation or question and it is the responsibility of the investigator to explain convincingly why the focus of their research is significant and has the potential to contribute to anthropological knowledge. While the program, in order to encourage innovative research, neither limits nor defines specific categories of research, most applications either request funds for field research or the analysis of archaeological material through multiple approaches. The program also supports methodological projects which develop analytic techniques of potential archaeological value. Proposal budgets cannot exceed \$25,000.

Expenses: research/living while conducting research

Stage: ABD

Link: <https://new.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/archaeology-program-doctoral-dissertation-research>

Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant

The maximum Dissertation Fieldwork Grant is \$25,000. Grants are nonrenewable. There is no limit to the duration of the grant, and applicants may request funding to cover distinct research phases (for example, two summers) if this is part of the research design. Wenner-Gren awards do not include funds to cover institutional overhead or any fees related to the administration of our grants and fellowships.

This grant program funds doctoral or thesis research that advances anthropological knowledge. Our goal is to support vibrant and significant work that furthers our understanding of what it means to be human. There is no preference for any methodology, research location, topic, or subfield. The Foundation particularly welcomes proposals that integrate two or more subfields and pioneer new approaches and ideas.

Expenses: research/living while conducting research

Stage: Any, but usually ABD

Link: <https://wennergren.org/program/dissertation-fieldwork-grant/>

Tax Information

Important to note: larger funding bodies, i.e., NSF or Fulbright, may have resources already available for how taxes work with their specific grants or funds. Stony Brook also has resources, and the GSO offers a tax clinic for international students. GSO also offers Sprintax codes for tax preparation, so keep an eye out for the newsletters in spring that will detail how to get those. Below are links that students have used in the past to figure out what to do during tax season. Please also note that filing taxes with a preparation assistant or software is free for anyone with an AGI (adjusted gross income, AKA everything you earn after expenses and cuts to profit) below \$73,000. TurboTax does NOT offer free tax filing at any income bracket anymore.

However, it's important to note that not all of these resources will be offered with a qualified tax professional (i.e., someone qualified to offer tax advice), so make sure to keep that in mind. Likewise, your fellow IDPASers can share their experiences and offer resources they've used, but none of us are qualified tax professionals either.

<https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free>

<https://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc421>

<https://turbotax.intuit.com/tax-tips/college-and-education/taxes-for-grads-do-scholarships-count-as-taxable-income/L2hWn0lpe>