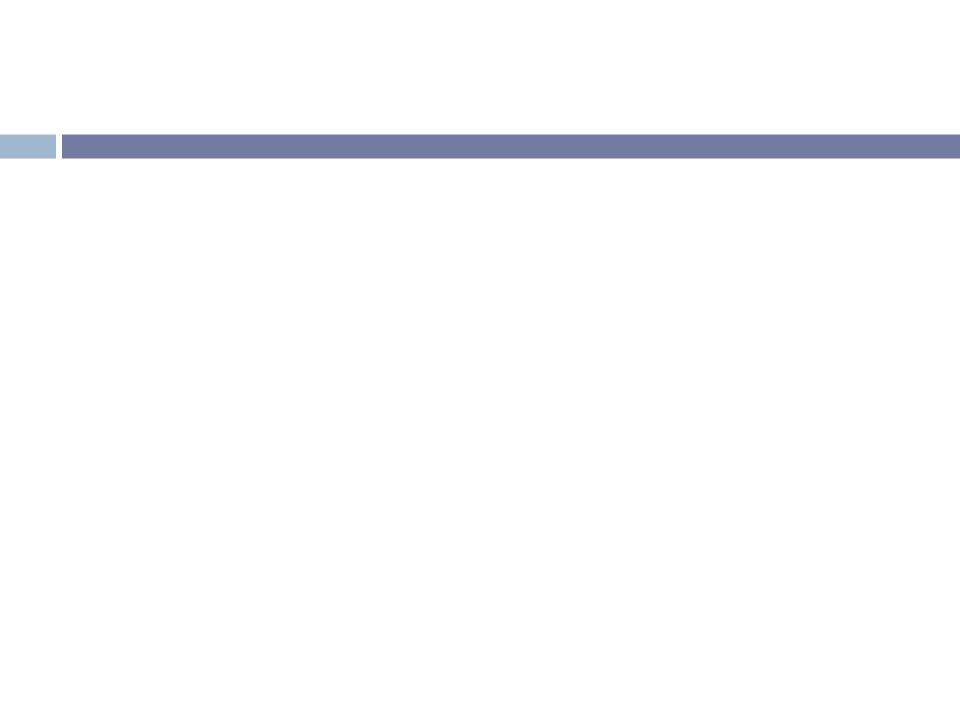# GRANTS: Funding Opportunities for Graduate Students and Valuable Grant Writing TIPS and Resources

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ORSP Mission Statement

www.montclair.edu/ORSP

Encourage and support MSU faculty and staff members

Why Students Should Apply for Funding?

Fund research or programmatic/creative activities

Fund travel to professional conferences

Prepare for future research or programmatic/creative endeavors

Fund further education

Identifying and Locating Funding

Funding Research Tools:
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Pivot - http://cos.pivot.com

extensive searchable database of public and private funding opportunities, as well as faculty profiles.

curated list for graduate opportunities:
http://pivot.cos.com/curated_opps/823

Grant Advisor Plus - http://www3.2g0.6.gr/F.12gp

More Funding Research Tools:

Graduate Funding Opportunities

Student Funding Lists

http://mcnairscholars.com/funding/

http://us.fulbrightonline.org/fulbright-us-student-program

http://fedmoney.org/

Searchable Databases

Cornell Fellowships Database

UC Berkeley Guide to Extramural Fellowships

Examples of Student Funding Opportunities

National Science Foundation: Graduate Research Fellowships Program

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=6201

- Three years of support for graduate study leading to a research-based master's or doctoral degree.

- For study in mathematical, physical, biological, and social sciences; engineering; science education; and in the history and philosophy of science.

- Stipend of $32,000 to the Fellow and a cost-of-education allowance of $12,000 to the degree-granting institution.

Examples of Student Funding Opportunities

Metropolitan Museum of Art: Art History Fellowships

Examples of Student Funding Opportunities

International Honors Society in Psychology: Graduate Research Grants

http://www.psichi.org/?page=gradresinfo

Defrays cost of graduate research projects.

Can request up to $1,500.

Eligible applicants must serve as project director, membership in PSI CHI, and have at least one faculty member serve as a co-investigator and oversee the project.

Examples of Student Funding Opportunities

The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans

http://www.pdsoros.org/overview/

- Supports the graduate educations of 30 New Americans – permanent residents or naturalized citizens if born abroad; otherwise children of naturalized citizen parents – each year.

- Each fellow receives tuition and living expenses.

- Fellows can study in any degree-granting program in any field at any university in the United States.

Examples of Student Funding Opportunities

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

http://www.hsf.net/en/scholarships/programs/

- Provides financial resources to outstanding Latino graduate students enrolled in a graduate program

- Award amounts generally range from $1,000 to $5,000.

- Have a minimum (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

Examples of Student Funding Opportunities

Fulbright Scholars Program: http://www.cies.org/

Valuable Grant Writing Tips

Tips for Student Applicants

Know your grant agency

Look at an [agency's calls for proposals](#) or guidelines to see what its funding priorities are for the year.

Call the program officer or appropriate grant representative to confirm that you and your project qualify.

Think, talk, write, reread, rewrite, repeat

Discuss your proposal with as many people as possible before you start writing to ensure that you have a solid experimental design.

Have many different types of people (peers, mentors, family members) review your entire application proposal.

Tips for Student Applicants

Talk to your advisers and peers

- They write their own grants and have most likely overseen other students' proposals.
- Think about organizing weekly or monthly meetings with a group of peers to review each other's work.
- Some universities keep successful student-grant proposals on file that you can use for reference.

Start the application months early

- Plan to spent 1-2 months preparing your proposals for submission
- Don't wait until 5 minutes before the deadline to submit your application.

Tips for Student Applicants

Don't save the hardest bits of the application for last

Tips for Student Applicants

Emphasize your most important points in a bold, concise, and logical way

Reviewers have a short amount of time to read multiple applications. Consider using bulleted lists instead of long narratives, especially in your research statement.

Don't take rejection too seriously

Every successful awardee has had grant proposals turned away.

Take the reviewers' comments to heart and talk to an appropriate program officer regarding resubmission, or try another funder.

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Description of ORSP Procedures

Budget Templates, Forms & Guidelines

Institutional Information

Information to Prepare Competitive Proposals

Post-Award Information

Compliance Policies

Internal Award Information