



HOW DO I PAY FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL?

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FUNDING FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL

TOPICS WE'LL COVER

- > Assistantships
- > On-campus Employment
- > Fellowships/Scholarships
- > Resources from the Graduate School

ASSISTANTSHIPS (TA/RA/SAs)

WHAT ARE ASSISTANTSHIPS?

- > Teaching Assistant (TA): work with students in a classroom, lab, or quiz section setting
- > Research Assistant (RA): work on research projects; does not involve teaching
- > Staff Assistant (SA): other types of duties, such as advising or administration
- > Many departments hire their own students
- > You are eligible to work outside of your academic department

ASSISTANTSHIPS (TA/RA/SAs)

HOW DO I FIND AN ASSISTANTSHIP?

> Graduate Funding Information Service (GFIS)

- lib.washington.edu/commons/services/gfis
- GFIS Funding Blog

> Human Resources “UW Hires”

- hr.uw.edu/jobs
- “Academic Student Employee” category

> Handshake

- uw.joinhandshake.com

> Department websites

more information: grad.uw.edu/assistantships

ASSISTANTSHIPS (TA/RA/SAs)

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEARCH

- > Timeline
- > Materials to have on hand
 - CV/Resume, Teaching Statement, Portfolio, etc.
- > Skills assessment: where else might you be eligible to work on campus?
- > The power of networking
- > Fee-based programs

ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

> Where to find postings

- Handshake (managed by the Career & Internship Center)
- Access via careers.uw.edu/companies

> Work authorization limitations

- For all employment, including assistantships. Make sure your department knows about your hourly limitations as an international student. Check in with ISS if you're not sure.

FELLOWSHIPS

WHAT ARE FELLOWSHIPS?

- > May go by the name *fellowship*, *scholarship* or *grant*
- > Non-service award to help you further progress your research and studies
- > Funds may come from the UW or elsewhere
- > Can provide a wide range of financial and other related assistance
- > You can often apply for and receiving funding from multiple sources at once

FELLOWSHIPS

WHERE DO I FIND FELLOWSHIPS?

- > Graduate Funding Information Service (GFIS)
 - GFIS Blog
 - GFIS Resource Guide
- > Graduate School website: grad.uw.edu/fellowships
 - Graduate School awards
 - Common external opportunities*
- > Your department
 - Peers
 - Faculty and staff

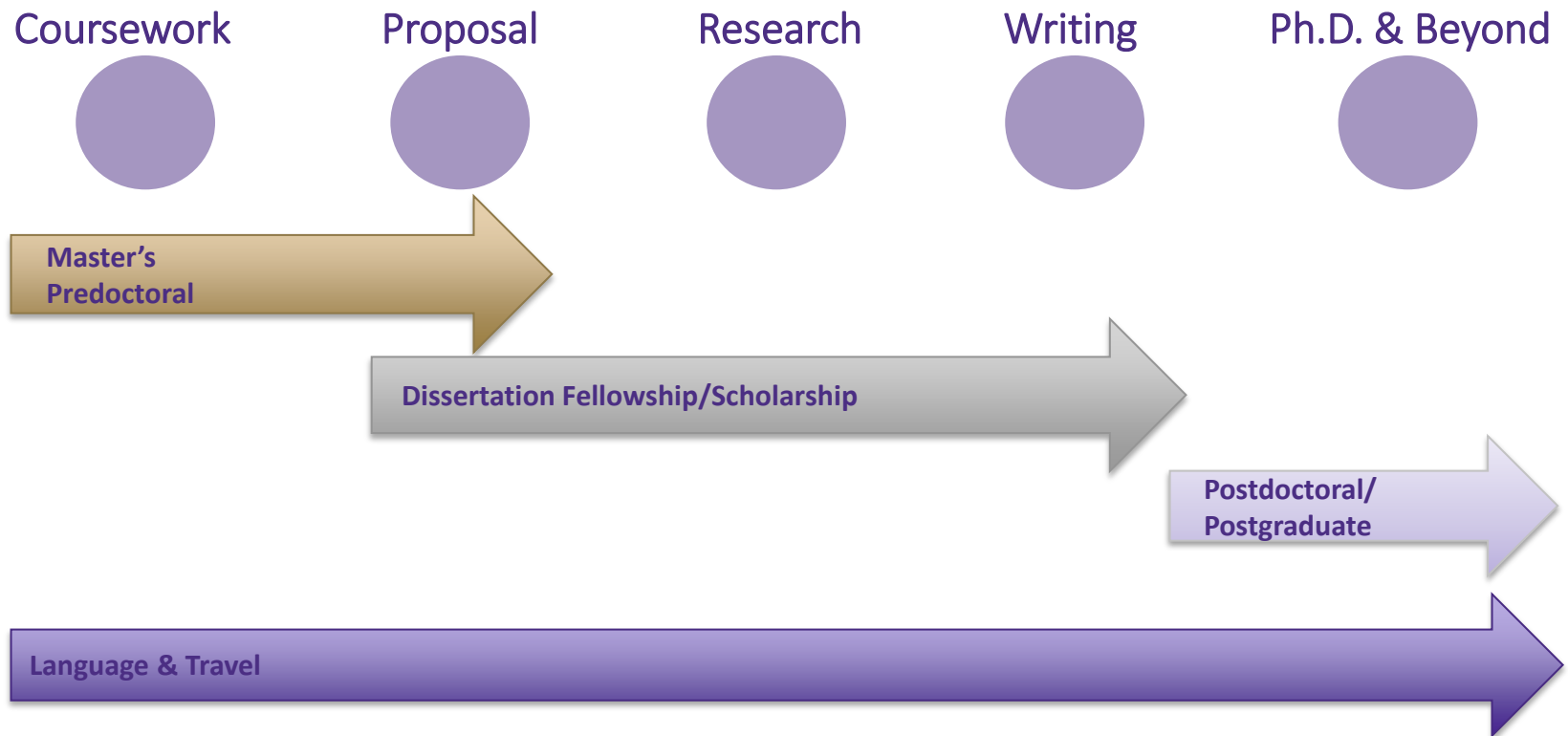
FELLOWSHIPS

WHAT DO I NEED IN ORDER TO APPLY?

- > Materials you should expect to have prepared:
 - Grant Statement and/or Personal Statement
 - CV/Resume
 - Transcripts
 - Letter(s) of Recommendation

FELLOWSHIPS

FUNDING NEEDS DURING DEGREE



FELLOWSHIPS

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

- > Plan ahead and stay organized
- > Read application instructions carefully
- > Prioritize and set realistic expectations
- > Seek out feedback on your materials:
 - Peers
 - Advisor/Faculty
 - Fellowships & Awards Office
 - Odegard Writing & Research Center (OWRC)
 - Career & Internship Center

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS



WHAT WE DO

- > Administrative and counseling information services
- > Publicize upcoming deadlines
- > Participate in the application process/administration of some campus-wide awards
- > Administer fellowship monies from private gifts
- > Administer and allocate tuition waivers to departments and individuals

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

GRADUATE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIPS AND FUNDING

- > International Research and Study Fellowships
 - > Presidential Dissertation Fellowships
 - > UW Retire Association Fellowship in Aging
 - > Gatzert Child Welfare Fellowship
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- > Graduate Student General Conference Travel Funding

GRADUATE FUNDING INFORMATION SERVICE (GFIS)

- > GFIS works with current and admitted UW graduate students, helping them identify and locate funding opportunities for graduate school-related expenses including tuition, research, conference and research travel.

drop-in hours · workshops · appointments · e-mail

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Fellowships and Awards

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