



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Introduction

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According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, FSU is among the nation's top-producing institutions of US Fulbright Scholars and Students. Record numbers of total undergraduate and graduate students received Fulbright awards in 2022-2023(9), 2020-2021(9) and 2019-2020(10). Moreover, FSU graduate students have consistently received over \$3 million in nationally competitive fellowships and awards since 2016, setting a record during the 2021-2022 academic year with over \$5.2 million in external fellowships and awards.

Offices, Centers, and Special Programs

The **Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards**, a unit of The Graduate School, assists current graduate students in identifying and applying for external fellowships, grants, and awards. The office provides professional development support to introduce opportunities to explore external fellowships and awards, teach strategies for creating competitive award applications, and discuss relevant campus policies and procedures related to fellowship funding. Additionally, students may seek one-on-one guidance from OGFA while identifying and applying for various award mechanisms. For more information, call (850) 645-0850, e-mail ogfa-info@fsu.edu or visit the website at <https://ogfa.fsu.edu>.

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The **Fellows Society** is an interdisciplinary scholarly community consisting of graduate students who hold competitive national fellowships and awards, and University-wide fellowships administered by The Graduate School. The mission of the Fellows Society is to have Fellows participate in interdisciplinary professional development opportunities, including the annual spring Fellows Forum, the Induction and Networking Session, monthly research sharing luncheon series, and other special events. These initiatives are designed to expand the intellectual horizons of its members through interdisciplinary engagement, leadership development, and community service. For more information, visit <https://fellowssociety.fsu.edu>.

The **Graduate Student Resource Center (GSRC)** serves as a centralized hub of resources and information to support graduate student success. Visit the GSRC website (gsrc.fsu.edu) for a comprehensive collection of academic, professional, and student support services available to all FSU graduate students. Additionally, the GSRC holds an annual resource fair with campus partners; administers the Research and Creative Activity Travel Grant program for doctoral candidates; and hosts workshops on broader academic and professional topics, such as writing, mentorship, and time management.

The GSRC was created under the Office of the Provost as part of the 2024 Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), with the goal of enhancing doctoral education in alignment with the 2023-2027 FSU Strategic Plan. The QEP fosters career readiness, teaching expertise, and research engagement through the following partnerships:

- The FSU Career Center offers graduate student career planning platforms, like *Beyond the Professoriate*, and AI-based interview preparation with *Quinnia*.
- University Libraries offer graduate skills workshops on data visualization and analysis, citation management, and literature reviews.
- The Center for the Advancement of Teaching offers the Teaching Development Program, which is a multi-semester initiative featuring workshops, reading groups, and structured feedback on teaching.

Together, these programs are designed to equip graduate students with the tools, skills, and experiences needed for success at FSU and throughout their careers. For more information, email gsrc@fsu.edu or visit the GSRC on the 4th floor of the Honors, Scholars, and Fellows House.

Fellowships, Assistantships, and Awards

The Graduate School administers several internal University-wide fellowship and award programs to support or recognize the achievements of new and returning graduate students. In addition, many graduate students receive financial support (stipend and tuition waivers) as Teaching Assistants, Research Assistants, or Graduate Assistants. Interested students should contact The Graduate School, departments, and administrative units directly for more details and information.

Each Spring, FSU graduate students are recognized for their outstanding contributions in teaching, research and creative endeavors, and leadership at the Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence. Awards include the University's Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards, Graduate Student Research and Creativity Awards, Graduate School Student Leadership Award, FAMU Feeder Fellowship, McKnight Doctoral Fellowship, McNair Scholars Fellowship, Legacy Fellowship, Leslie N. Wilson Delores Auzenne Assistantship, and external nationally competitive fellowships and awards.

Details of these programs, with updated deadlines and due dates, are provided each year on the Graduate School website at <https://gradschool.fsu.edu>.

Professional Development

Professional development, improving and increasing one's skill sets, is important at every stage of graduate education and beyond. For example, improving one's oral and written communication skills and developing an understanding of ethical behavior in research and creative endeavors are types of professional development. At FSU, numerous professional development opportunities are offered by academic departments/programs, the Career Center, and the Graduate School.

The **Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Graduate Certificate Program** assists Florida State's doctoral students (and others headed toward academic careers) prepare for future faculty work. Through participation in coursework, workshops/seminars, trainings, and mentoring, PFF Fellows increase their awareness of expectations for faculty performance and of resources available to aid in scholarly careers, and build their readiness to address research, teaching, and related demands of faculty life. Goals include enhancing the placement of FSU students in university positions and supporting the finest scholarly accomplishments of FSU's graduates in their future careers. The PFF Graduate Certificate Program is an academic certificate program that is offered by The Graduate School and requires 12 graduate credit hours. The program has five components: Research Preparation, Teaching Preparation, Career Development, Mentoring, and Portfolio Development.

To earn the PFF Graduate Certificate, doctoral students must complete a minimum of twelve graduate hours in the areas of Teaching Preparation, Research Preparation, and Career Development. Events are either discipline-specific or campus wide. All FSU doctoral students are eligible to participate. Candidates who meet specified requirements, often involving participation over a two-year period, are awarded a completion certificate, but PFF events are open to all graduate students regardless of whether they intend to earn a graduate certificate.

FSU's PFF Graduate Certificate program coordinates with the national Preparing Future Faculty initiative of the Council of Graduate Schools and the Association of American Colleges and Universities, involving 45 doctoral degree-granting institutions and more than 300 partner institutions.

To learn more about FSU's PFF program, check with your academic department/unit and visit <https://gradschool.fsu.edu/degrees-and-programs/preparing-future-faculty-pff>.

The Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards (OGFA) serves as an integral part of the professional development of graduate students. Through participation in individual and group meetings, workshops, departmental presentations, and ongoing mentoring and advising, graduate students engage in applying for competitive external fellowships and awards as a holistic process that includes but is not limited to the development of writing and communication skills in support of early career development and academic portfolio building. The Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards offers virtual and face-to-face interactions throughout the academic year during the fall, spring, and summer semesters. Several OGFA workshops qualify for PFF credit. The director of the OGFA also serves as the university liaison for the McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Program. The McKnight Doctoral Fellowship is designed to address the underrepresentation of African American and Hispanic faculty at colleges and universities in the state of Florida by increasing the pool of faculty with PhD degrees to teach, conduct research, and serve in administrative roles at the university level. To learn more about the Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards, visit <https://ogfa.fsu.edu>, call (850) 645-0850, or email ogfa-info@fsu.edu.

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FOR UNDERGRADUATES

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Combined Degree Pathways/Post-Baccalaureate Planning

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Current undergraduate students can obtain similar support services from the Office of National Fellowships (ONF) as they begin their graduate planning. For further details, please visit their website at <https://onf.fsu.edu>.

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