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Possible Sources of Funding for Anthropologists

A. Looking for Grants

Your Guidance Committee members are probably the best source of information regarding funding that is available in your specialty and area. But you can also search these organizations' websites for more information. The exact web addresses change frequently, so it is probably best to start with the main organization's name and then search within their web site.

1. Start with:

The MSU Graduate School's list of funding opportunities

<http://grad.msu.edu/funding/>

Your professional society (AAA, AAPA, SAA, SHA, etc.) will also maintain lists of funding and announcements of deadlines.

The National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS)

2. Then go to these MSU resources:

MSU library website (<http://www.lib.msu.edu/>)

MSU library *CD-ROM Grants Database in the Social Science/Humanities*, Reference Department (lower level)

RSP Funding for Graduate Students, and *RSP Funding for Postdoctorates and Professions* (Electronic databases), both in the MSU Library

MSU's Student Employment Office

MSU's Financial Aid Office

MSU's Research and Development Office

MSU's International Studies and Programs

MSU's Office of Contracts and Grants

MSU's Graduate School

B. Travel to Professional Meetings

MSU's Graduate School has some money for travel to meetings. Contact the Graduate School.

C. Pre-dissertation Travel, Training, and Internships

MSU's Graduate School has some money for travel to prepare for future dissertation fieldwork.

Contact the Graduate School.

International Predoctoral Fieldwork Program (IPFP). Contact International Studies and Programs.

D. Dissertation Fieldwork

These funding agencies have grant programs that are targeted for pre-doctoral scholars to do dissertation research. These kinds of grants sometimes must be co-signed by your advisor (Guidance Committee Chair)

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Sigma Xi Grants-in-aid of research program

The Wenner Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research

Social Science Research Council (SSRC)

American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)

World Health Organization (WHO)

The Newberry Library

Dumbarton Oaks

The Woodrow Wilson Center

E. Language Study

Foreign Language and Area Fellowships (FLAS); contact MSU's International Studies and Programs

Fulbright-Hays Foreign Area and Language Training Programs; Contact the U.S. Department of Education's Center for International Education, or the Council for International Exchange of Scholars

F. Predoctoral Fellowships

Fellowships provide for personal support during travel, research, analysis, and writing phases of dissertation research. Some of these organizations prefer to support the final stages of writing; others are geared to provide personal support before or during dissertation research. Some are intended to provide resources at a certain place (e.g., the Smithsonian); others do not specify where the research/writing must take place. These are directed to a general audience, but there are many others that are targeted at research in a particular geographic area or topic.

American Association of University Women (AAUW)

Fulbright awards (Council for International Exchange of Scholars)

National Science Foundation Minority Fellowships and NSF Graduate Fellowships

The Smithsonian Institution, Predoctoral Fellowships

National Institutes of Health

“Initiative for Minority Students: Bridges to the Doctoral Degree”

Social Science Research Council

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation’s International Dissertation Field Research Fellowships.

American Council of Learned Societies International Predissertation Fellowships

Inter-American Foundation Doctoral Fellowships (Latin America);

MSU’s Incentive Fellowships incentives to apply for outside funding. Contact the Graduate School

G. Fellowships Specifically for Dissertation Completion

Again, these are the most general fellowships in the social sciences. There are many others that are targeted to a specific area or topic.

MSU’s Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowships

School of American Research Resident Scholar Fellowship (residential fellowship in Santa Fe, NM; not limited to any geographic area or topic of study)

Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Dissertation Fellowships

American Association of University Women (AAUW) these predoctoral fellowships seem to favor recipients who are actually at the writing stage.

H. Resources for New Ph.D.s

You may have to start thinking about these grants as you are finishing your dissertation

1. Personal support for analysis and writing

American Association of University Women (AAUW) also has postdoctoral fellowships for writing
National Endowment for the Humanities; this is one of the rare fellowships for revising your dissertation into a book.

2. Research grants targeted to smaller projects, pilot projects, or new researchers

National Geographic Society

Wenner Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research

American Council of Learned Societies (relatively small grants)

American Philosophical Society (relatively small grants)

“B/start” program of the National Institutes of Health (Behavioral Science); targeted to Ph.D.s and pilot projects

National Institutes of Mental Health; small grants targeted to new Ph.D.s;

Fulbright teaching/research awards; Council for International Exchange of Scholars

National Science Foundation “Career Awards” for recent Ph.D.s; Presidential Early Career Award in Science and Engineering (PECASE)