Workshop Goals

• Awareness of terminology within the graduate funding environment

• Identify sources of grad financial support both internal and external to OSU

• Prepare for your search for financial support

• Explore tools and techniques for database searching and tips for finding and securing funding

• Q & A
Terminology Matters

But why???

• Locally
• Regionally
• Nationally

Terms you should be clear about:

• Graduate assistantship, fellowship, traineeship
• Graduate student worker (hourly wage appointment)
• Graduate scholarship
• Internships, residential fellowships & international collaborations
• Grants and grants-in-aid
Sources of Funding – Internal to OSU

• Academic Programs

• Graduate School

• Financial Aid

• ASOSU
Sources of Funding – External to OSU

• Begin by looking at Graduate School site

• Sources include:
  o Federal Agencies, such as NSF, EPA, NOAA, DOD, DOE
  o Industry, such as IBM, Xerox, Semiconductor Research Corp
    o Check with YOUR company to see if educational benefits are offered
  o Foundations & Private Organizations, like AAUW, HHMI, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, Ford Foundation, Bullitt Foundation, the Hertz Foundation
Sources of Funding for International Students

- **NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants**
  - Students must be enrolled at US institution
  - Need not be a US citizen
  - Must have advanced to candidacy before submission deadline
  - Proposal must be submitted by major professor

- **Ford Foundation International Fellowships**
  - Must be resident of eligible country
  - Any academic field related to Ford's strategic areas (see link)
  - Funding level and duration determined in the selection process

- **Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund**
  - Part of the World Bank Family Network
  - Grants to women from developing countries
Sources of Funding for International Students

• Open Society Institute and Soros Foundation

• American Association of University Women (AAUW)

• International Federation of University Women

• IEFA

• International Student Loan Center

• OSU Office of International Students and Scholars
Prepare Before You Start Your Search

• Define yourself
• Define your field
• Define your project
Overview of NSF GRF Application Materials

1. Personal Statement Essay
2. Previous Research Experience Essay
3. Proposed Plan of Research Essay
4. Three Letters of Reference
5. Transcripts

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)

\(^1\) Refer to NSF website for complete documentation
## Creating Key Words

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Save time, save effort
Aggregated sources of information

• Federal government websites and databases
• Subscription databases
• Web-based college grant organizations
  • Beware of fees!

Grants Guide link

or find it on the library’s homepage under Find It - Help - Research Guides – then type Grants in the Search box.
When it comes to paying for school, you’re not alone. Grants, work-study, and low-interest loans help make college affordable.

Financial aid is available from a variety of sources for college, career school, graduate school, and professional school.

Financial aid is money to help pay for college or career school. Aid can come from

- the U.S. Federal government,
- the state where you live,
- the college you attend, or
- a nonprofit or private organization.

Besides financial aid, you also should think about what you can do to lower your costs when you go to college.

“Types of Federal Student Aid” Video

Check out this video to learn about grants, loans, and work-study jobs and how they can help fund your education. (Captioning available in English and Spanish; just start the video and click on the CC symbol at the bottom.)
Foundation Center: [http://foundationcenter.org](http://foundationcenter.org)

Strengthening the social sector by advancing knowledge about philanthropy.

**TRYING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR NONPROFIT? FOUNDATION DIRECTORY ONLINE**
Will Show You The Way

*Start searching*

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Advancing Human Rights: Knowledge Tools for Funders

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Foundation Finder

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Select State

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New database: FOUNDATION DIRECTORY ONLINE

Search Tutorials and Help

Need a refresher or some help getting started with your searches? The FDO Help section includes brief search tutorials to get you oriented with index menus, Boolean searches, and more. Check these out along with the basic and advanced search guides and video guided tours.

Eye on FDO

Eye on FDO is the official blog of Foundation Directory Online. Visit often to stay current on everything FDO.

Visit Eye on FDO »

Newsletter

The monthly FDO newsletter keeps you up to date on new FDO features, fundraising tips, nonprofit news, and more.

Coming soon!
Best uses for FOUNDATION DIRECTORY ONLINE:

- Access 120,000+ foundations and corporate donors, 3 million recent grants and more than half a million key decision makers
- General research on philanthropic activity
- Discover donor fields of interest, geographic focus, amounts and kinds of grants they give
- Get hard-to-find information on corporate donors, not just philanthropic organizations
Grant Forward is:
• Best option for finding individual grant opportunities
• A subscription database (OSU subscribes!)
• Updated daily
• Pulls information from multiple sources (grants and other funding opportunities)

Grants from:
• Federal agencies
• Private foundations
• Universities
• Not-for-profits (e.g. associations, libraries, museums)
Funding Opportunities in

Supported Research Activities

• Doctoral
• Fellowship and Scholarship
• Internship
• Research
• Training

Also for Awards & Prizes, Travel, Workshops and Conferences
How to search in *Grant Forward*

- Search with or without signing in
- Enter keywords *or*
- Search categories — enter or browse a list
Advanced search
shows all the options on one page

**Advanced Search**

- **Sponsor**: enter sponsor names, e.g., "NSF" [Select from list]
- **Deadline**: Anytime to Anytime
- **Sponsor Type**: Federal/State, Foundation, Corporate, Academic, International, Other
- **Type**: Awards/Prizes, Doctoral, Fellowship/Scholarship, Internship, Research, Training, Travel, Workshop/Conference, Other
- **Status**: Open, Continuous, Closed [Clear status conditions]
- **Submission**: Is Limited, Is Not Limited
- **Applicant Type**: Undergraduate, Graduate, International, Early Career Investigator
Search Results

- Displays as list
- Click title for complete info
- Hover cursor for quick info
Example of search results record
For more information on searching for grant money on your own see the OSU Libraries *Grants* page:

http://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/subject-guide/416-Grants
Financial Aid for Graduate Students

brought to you by the
Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships
Applying for Financial Aid

• The FAFSA IS your application
  • Students that meet the Federal criteria are eligible for Financial Aid
  • Visit studentaid.ed.gov for a list of eligibility criteria

• To receive Federal Aid you must:
  • Complete a FAFSA (available Jan. 1st)
  • Be degree-seeking
  • Be least part-time (5 credits)
Types of Aid

- Types of Aid
  - Unsubsidized Direct Loan
    - 5.84% Interest
  - Graduate PLUS loan
    - 6.84% interest

- Enrollment Requirements
  - You must enroll at least part-time to receive any federal aid
  - 5 credits as a Graduate
Prior Federal Student Loans

- Loan payments can be deferred if a student is:
  - Degree seeking
  - Enrolled at least half-time (5 credits)

- Enrollment is submitted each term
  - Registrar certifies with National Clearinghouse
  - Servicers can access information and apply deferment

- Unsubsidized Loans continue to accrue interest in deferment
Reporting Assistantships

• Assistantships impact financial aid
  • Reduces Cost of Attendance allowance for tuition & fees
  • May reduces loan eligibility

• Assistantship stipends do not need to be reported as they are considered income as paid by payroll

• If we are notified after aid has disbursed we will reduce your financial aid award
Reporting Other Resources

• You need to report any grant or departmental assistance you may receive at any time during the year.

• Grant stipends for living allowances paid directly to you are considered a resource and will impact your aid eligibility.
Billing and Charges

• Billing and charges are handled by Business Affairs
  • They are available to explain charges and credits to your student account
  • Email: Student.Accounts@oregonstate.edu
    • refund@oregonstate.edu
  • Phone: (541) 737-3775
  • In person: Kerr Admin Building, 1st Floor, windows 13 - 16

Website oregonstate.edu/fa/businessaffairs/studentfinance/
Staying Informed

• Manage your Financial Aid Experience!
  • Financial Aid Website: financialaid@oregonstate.edu
  • Check Online Services through MyOSU

• Contact us
  • Telephone: 541-737-2241/Fax: 541-737-4494
  • Email: financial.aid@oregonstate.edu
  • Available: Mon-Fri 8am to 5pm
A primer on funding opportunities for graduate student research

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Who funds graduate research?

Funding is available from many sources

– government agencies

– OSU: colleges, departments, programs

– professional societies

– private foundations

– private companies
A key benefit of writing a proposal

Laying the foundation for your research

– writing gets you down to the critical details
– provides an outline for your thesis chapter/article

“Proposal writing is clear thinking, plain and simple.”
Benefits from getting funded

Strengthens your curriculum vitae (CV)
  – shows you can get funding within your peer group

Develops confidence in your work
  – funded grant = a bet your research is successful

Can free up your time
  – time/space to broaden your project
Case study: funding graduate research

Brown-headed Cowbird
(avian brood parasite)

Despicable Species
On Cowbirds, Kudzu, Hornworms, and Other Scourges

Fall 2016
Case study: funding graduate research

Phase 1 research
– 5 of 10 proposals for $8,925

Phase 2 research
– 8 of 20 proposals for $29,700

Travel grants
– 6 of 6 proposals for $3,890

>$42,000 towards my Ph.D. research!!
Some final suggestions

Follow proposal guidelines carefully
  – outlines what is (and is not) needed in application
  – call/email primary contact with questions

Construct a complete project budget
  – first outline total cost of project, then outline costs covered by focal proposal
  – be clear and detailed in budget justification
Some final suggestions

Focus on benefits gained from writing proposal

– a deeper understanding of your research
– framework for a chapter/paper/proposal
– reviewer feedback that improves the science

Good luck!
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