Chapter 14: Research Funding

There are a number of organizations and foundations, both public and private, dedicated to financially supporting students in their professional development. Most of these target the funding of research projects, others indirectly support research through dissertation awards, while some support travel to conferences to present research results.

Listed below are a number of links to sites which themselves list funding opportunities. It is important to pay particular attention to submission deadlines.

Department

The Department of Psychology provides a limited number of Dissertation Research Awards (The Beryl Anderson Dissertation Research Award) for graduate students who are candidates for a PhD in Psychology (http://psychology.cua.edu/research/dissertationaward.cfm). Funds will be awarded to students to support non-personnel costs directly associated with their dissertation research project. The number of awards granted will depend upon the number of applications and available funds. More details are found in Chapter 14 of this handbook. The average award is roughly $500.

There are 3 deadlines each year for applications: March 1, July 1, and November 1.

To be eligible, students must:
1) Currently be enrolled in a PhD program.
2) Have had their 2 page dissertation topic proposal approved by the Department of Psychology faculty and submitted to the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.
3) Have submitted the project for CUA IRB approval if the project requires such approval.
4) Have already applied for dissertation research funding from at least 1 other organization (see the “Dissertation Funding Resources” link on the Research page of the Department of Psychology website).

The Department also offers travel awards for students presenting a poster or paper at the conference: http://psychology.cua.edu/research/travelaward.cfm.

The American Psychological Association (APA)

APA provides a number of awards each year.

A rather comprehensive list of awards and scholarships can be found at: http://www.apa.org/education/grad/funding.aspx and also http://www.apa.org/about/awards/index.aspx
For a comprehensive listing of the APAGS (APA of Graduate Students) Scholarships and Awards:  http://www.apa.org/apags/programs/scholarships/index.aspx
To find information about awards offered by each of the APA’s Divisions, use: http://www.apa.org/about/division.html


Directory of Selected Scholarships, Fellowships and Other Financial Aid Opportunities for Women and Ethnic Minorities in Psychology and Related Fields (PDF) http://forms.apa.org/pi/financialaid/

Early Graduate Student Researcher Award:  http://www.apa.org/about/awards/scistucoun-earlyre.aspx

Student Travel Awards:  http://www.apa.org/about/awards/scidir-stutrav.aspx

**Other sources of funding:**

NIMH links to funding:  http://www.nimh.nih.gov/funding/index.shtml

Over the years, a number of students in our department have had success in getting training grants from the National Institutes of Health:  http://grants2.nih.gov/training/nrsa.htm.

The Association for Psychological Science gives research awards and travel awards to its conference:  http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/members/grants-awards-and-symposia

American Psychological Foundation has an extensive list of funding opportunities:  http://www.apa.org/apf/

The Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies has dissertation awards as well as another for current graduate students:  http://www.abct.org/Awards/?m=mMembers&fa=main&nolm=1

The Society for the Exploration of Psychotherapy Integration (SEPI) has a dissertation award.  http://www.sepiweb.org/?page=awards

The District of Columbia Psychological Association gives student research awards:  http://dpa.onefireplace.com/
William T. Grant Foundation funds research to improve the lives of youth: [http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/](http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/)


Psi Chi Awards and Grants: [http://www.psichi.org/?page=2_graduate_main](http://www.psichi.org/?page=2_graduate_main)

Private foundations may be a source of funding for students. Consult with the CUA Office of Sponsored Programs, and explore The Foundation Center: [http://foundationcenter.org/washington/](http://foundationcenter.org/washington/)

The CUA office of the Vice-Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies maintains a list of funding opportunities for students: [http://graduatestudies.cua.edu/currentstudents/fundingresearch.cfm](http://graduatestudies.cua.edu/currentstudents/fundingresearch.cfm)

**Additional Tips:**