

# The Funding Digest

## Baylor's External Grant Funding Newsletter

### Upcoming Deadline!

#### BLOOMBERG DATA SCIENCE PH.D. FELLOWSHIP

**Eligibility:** Graduate students working in data science, especially Data Science for Social Good, Human Computation Annotation, Information Retrieval/Extraction, Knowledge Graph, Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Quantitative Finance, Recommender Systems, and Speech

**Award:** Tuition coverage, \$35,000 stipend, and travel funding

**Deadline:** April 30, 2021

### Looking Ahead

#### AERA GRANT PROGRAM

**Eligibility:** Advanced Ph.D. students in education research fields and other fields and disciplines engaged in education-related research, including economics, political science, psychology, sociology, demography, statistics, public policy, and psychometrics.

**Award:** \$25,000

**Deadline:** May 12, 2021

#### HISPANIC ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES NATIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

**Eligibility:** All graduate students but especially those in STEM fields, psychology, social work, and agriculture.

**Award:** Varies, internships

**Deadline:** June 1, 2021



### Upcoming Workshops

#### Funding in the Humanities

March 26, 12pm CST

#### Grant Writing Workshop

April 23, 12pm CST

## WHY APPLY FOR EXTERNAL FUNDING?

Amid all the other tasks and responsibilities clamoring for our every hour, finding time to write grant applications can seem a herculean task. Still, it's a task worth taking up for several reasons.

First, and most obviously, grants provide money for research. Sometimes external funding is the difference between attending that conference or researching in that library—or not. External funding can offer otherwise inaccessible opportunities to enrich your research and study. And sometimes, these are precisely the opportunities we need to achieve our goals.

Second, grants offer you recognition. Grants, fellowships, and other awards stand testament to both the significance of your research and your potential as a scholar. One foundation, agency, or organization seeing enough merit in your work to fund it is excellent encourage for others to do the same. Grants demonstrate that you are at the top of your field and make you more competitive as you progress in your career.

Thirdly, writing grants can advance your research. The process of applying for grants—writing research proposals, purpose statements, abstracts—can often crystallize and solidify your research as you seek to clarify it for a committee of reviewers. In addition, it provides an opportunity to further develop working relationships with mentors and PI's.

Finally, grant writing is excellent career preparation. As you ready yourself to enter the job market, the ability to write competitive grants and demonstrate that you are capable of funding your own projects is a valuable skill. Indeed, if you anticipate a career in academia, it is likely one you will have to master eventually. Why not gain experience and confidence in writing grant applications as a graduate student, rather than having to do so while establishing yourself in a tenure-track position?

If you're considering applying for a grant but aren't sure where to begin, visit our website where we have compiled resources for finding and applying for grants. Or if you would prefer, reach out to us directly (see sidebar for contact information). We offer individual consulting for any part of the grant application process, from identifying the right types of grants for you to polishing a final draft of your research proposal.

## Need Help?

Contact an External Grant  
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## Funding Classifieds

Interested in connecting with other  
graduate students to collaborate  
with for funding applications?  
Let us know!

## Visit Our Website for More Resources

- Recordings of past workshops
- Funding search engines
- Writing resources
- Grant-specific toolkits