

Grant and fellowship opportunities for Slavic graduate students

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The following list of funding sources is not meant to be comprehensive, so you should also search for appropriate funding sources on your own.

When looking for appropriate funding sources, think broadly. How does your narrowly focused research link to broader fields of study? Look for grants in those fields. (This kind of thinking is also useful when looking for jobs.)

Also think narrowly. If your research relates to a particular country or social group, look for grants that are specific to that country/group. If your research will take advantage of particular resources (Smithsonian archives, Library of Congress, etc.), look for funding specific to those resources. If you yourself belong to a minority group, an honors society, a fraternity, or any other recognized social group, look for funding that might be available to members of that group. If you are going to a major conference, check whether the organization running the conference offers travel grants. And so on.

1. FUNDING FROM OUTSIDE OSU -- WHERE TO START?

grants.gov -- The U.S. government's clearinghouse for information about federally funded grants.

[OSU Office of Sponsored Programs \(osp.osu.edu\)](http://osp.osu.edu) -- OSU's own clearinghouse for grants (federal, state, local, private). Partially overlapping with grants.gov, but I find this interface easier to use. OSP is set up primarily to assist faculty and staff, rather than graduate students, but the staff are still a good resource for graduate students.

2. MAJOR FUNDING (full support)

2.1. Early graduate study

[American Association of University Women, International Fellowships Program](#) -- 12 months of support (\$18,000 at M.A. level, \$20,000 at dissertation level) for full-time study or research in the United States to women who are NOT U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Study must be at a U.S. institution. All fields of study are eligible. Deadline: December 1

[Department of Defense, National Defense Science & Engineering Graduate \(NDSEG\) Fellowship](#) -- 3 years of full support for graduate students who are at or near the beginning of their doctoral studies in science or engineering, including cognitive and behavioral sciences. Undergraduate students in their final year of study or graduate students who have completed less than two years of graduate study are eligible. Must be in one of the supported disciplines. Must be U.S. citizen. Deadline: mid-December

[National Science Foundation \(NSF\), Graduate Research Fellowship Program](#) -- 3 years of full support for the graduate students who have demonstrated their potential for significant achievements in scientific and engineering research, including linguistics. Eligibility: Undergraduate students in their final year of study and graduate students who have completed less than three semesters (1.5 years) of graduate study are eligible. Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Deadline: mid-November

[The Ohio State University, University Fellowship](#) -- The basic fellowship offers 12 months of support for new graduate students at OSU. The Distinguished University Fellowship supports the first and last (dissertation) year

of study, and the Dean's Distinguished University Fellowship supports the first two years and the last (dissertation) year of study. All fields of study are eligible. U.S. citizenship NOT required. Applicants must be nominated by their departments as part of the graduate admissions process; direct applications are not accepted.

U.S. Department of Education, Jacob K. Javits Fellowships Program -- Up to 48 months of support (\$30,000 per year + institutional support) for doctoral-level study in selected fields of study in the arts, humanities, and social sciences, incl. foreign languages and literature, less commonly taught languages (incl. Russian), and linguistics. Individuals who have not yet completed their first full year of graduate study, or not started graduate school, are eligible. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Deadline: late-September

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship -- 2 years of support for students who enroll in two-year master's degree programs in public policy, international affairs, public administration, or academic fields such as business, economics, political science, sociology, or foreign languages and who have an interest in pursuing a Foreign Service career in the U.S. Department of State. Individuals who are seeking admission to graduate school (but who have not yet enrolled) are eligible. Must be U.S. citizen.

See also (below): Ford Foundation, Predoctoral Fellowships

2.2. The middle years of graduate school

Also see the list of programs for research abroad (below), some of which can be used at the pre-dissertation stage.

Department of Education, Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Program -- 9 months of full support for programs of study that require advanced foreign language and area studies training. Apply through the Slavic Center at OSU: Czech, Georgian, Modern Greek, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, Russian (advanced level only), Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Turkish, Uzbek, Yiddish. Deadline: February 1.

Ford Foundation, Predoctoral Fellowships -- 3 years of full support for Ph.D. study in any eligible field, incl. language, linguistics, cultural studies, and literature. Current graduate students at U.S. institutions who are planning a career in teaching and research, and who require a minimum of three years to complete the Ph.D., are eligible. Must be U.S. citizen. Deadline: mid-November

Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Student Program -- The program offers dissertation proposal development under the leadership of pairs of tenured senior faculty in the U.S. and abroad who define emerging or reinvigorated multidisciplinary research fields. These research field directors lead groups of 12 graduate students through two funded workshops during the fellowship cycle. Students may also apply for up to \$5,000 to cover summer research costs. Doctoral students in social science or humanities disciplines who have completed their major course requirements and are beginning to design research proposals are eligible. Research fields change from year to year. Must be enrolled full-time in a Ph.D. program in the United States.

2.3. The dissertation stage

The following fellowships support Ph.D. candidates during the dissertation writing stage at their home institutions. Fellowships for the dissertation work outside of the U.S. are listed under a separate heading below. (Of course, programs differ, so read the fellowship guidelines carefully.)

American Association of University Women, American Fellowship Program -- 12 months (\$20,000) of support for women scholars completing doctoral dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research, or finishing research for

publication. All fields of study are eligible. Ph.D. candidates (ABD) are eligible. Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Deadline: mid-November

American Council for Learned Societies (ACLS), Dissertation Fellowships in East European Studies (Writing Fellowship Category) -- 12 months of support (\$18,000) to enable completion of the writing of the dissertation, after data collection is complete. The dissertation must be on a topic within East European studies, defined as being related to the following countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Kosovo/a, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia. (NO RUSSIA.) Study can be in any area of the humanities or social sciences. Ph.D. candidates (ABD) are eligible. U.S. CITIZENSHIP NOT REQUIRED.

Ford Foundation, Dissertation Fellowships -- 12 months of support for students working to complete a dissertation in any eligible field, incl. language, linguistics, cultural studies, and literature. Ph.D. candidates at U.S. institutions who are planning a career in teaching and research are eligible. Must be U.S. citizen. Deadline: mid-November

Mellon Foundation & American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), Early Career Fellowship Program, Dissertation Completion Fellowships -- 12 months of support (\$25,000 + some university fees and up to \$3000 of research costs) for research and writing to help advanced graduate students in the humanities and related social sciences in the last year of Ph.D. dissertation writing. Ph.D. candidates (ABD) who have progressed no further than their sixth year of graduate study are eligible. U.S. CITIZENSHIP NOT REQUIRED. Deadline: mid-October.

Mellon Foundation & Council for European Studies (CES), Dissertation Completion Fellowships in European Studies -- 12 months of support (\$25,000 + some university fees) to facilitate the timely completion of the doctoral degree by late-stage graduate students focused on topics in European Studies. Ph.D. candidates who will have no more than one year remaining at the time the fellowship would start and who are enrolled at U.S. institutions are eligible. U.S. CITIZENSHIP NOT REQUIRED. Deadline: early February

Mellon Foundation & Council on Library and Information Resources, Mellon Fellowships for Dissertation Research in Original Sources -- 9-12 months of support (\$2000 per month) for dissertation research in the humanities and related social sciences that develop knowledge from original sources, in order to encourage more extensive and innovative use of libraries, archives, museums, historical societies, and related repositories in the U.S. and abroad. Ph.D. candidates (ABD) are eligible. U.S. CITIZENSHIP NOT REQUIRED.

National Science Foundation (NSF), SBE Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants -- Up to \$12,000 in direct cost support (plus added indirect costs) for up to 24 months of dissertation research. Students doing international research may qualify for additional support. Linguistics is one of the funded areas. Graduate students at the dissertation stage are eligible. U.S. CITIZENSHIP NOT REQUIRED. Deadline: January 15 and July 15

The Ohio State University, Presidential Fellowship -- 12 months of support (\$1800 per month) to OSU graduate students for completion of the Ph.D. thesis. Applicants must be nominated by their departments; direct applications are not accepted. All fields of study are eligible. Deadline: mid-October and mid-April

P.E.O. International, P.E.O. Scholar Awards -- 12 months of support for women who are either pursuing a doctoral degree or engaged in postdoctoral research, and will have one year remaining in their project at the time the fellowship would start. Applicants must be nominated by a local P.E.O. chapter. Must be a U.S. or Canadian citizen. Deadline: mid-November.

Social Science Research Council, Abe Fellowship -- 3-12 months of support for research in the social sciences and related disciplines relevant to any one of three themes: (i) security and diplomacy; (ii) global and regional

economic issues; (iii) social and cultural issues. Eligibility: Must hold a Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree. This competition is open to citizens of the United States and Japan as well as to nationals of other countries who can demonstrate strong and serious long-term affiliations with research communities in Japan or the United States. Deadline: September 1

Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Eurasia Program Fellowships, Dissertation Development Awards -- One year of support (stipends up to \$20,000) to enable the prompt completion of a dissertation in the social sciences and related humanities. Dissertation must be on a topic related to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine or Uzbekistan. Applicants should pay serious attention to the policy-relevant aspects of their research. Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Deadline: December 1

See also (above): American Association of University Women, International Fellowships Program (specifically for non-U.S. citizens!)

2.4. Up to 12 months of research in a foreign country

Most of the following programs are for the dissertation stage, but some can be used for pre-dissertation work.

American Councils for International Education, Title VIII Research Scholar Program -- Full support for graduate students, faculty, and independent scholars seeking to conduct in-country, independent research for 3-9 months in Central Asia, Moldova, Russia, the South Caucasus, Southeast Europe, and Ukraine. Graduate students, faculty, postdoctoral scholars, and independent scholars are eligible. Must be U.S. citizen. Deadline: October 1

American Council for Learned Societies (ACLS), Dissertation Fellowships in East European Studies (Research Fellowship Category) -- 12 months of support (\$18,000) for conducting dissertation-level fieldwork or archival studies in an Eastern European country, defined as: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Kosovo/a, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia. (NO RUSSIA.) The dissertation must be on a topic within East European studies, in any area of the humanities or social sciences. Ph.D. candidates (ABD) are eligible. U.S. CITIZENSHIP NOT REQUIRED.

Council for European Studies (CES), Pre-dissertation Fellowships -- 2 months' travel expenses to Europe (\$4,000) to conduct the exploratory phase of a projected dissertation project in the social sciences or humanities which will require a subsequent stay in Europe. The program is intended to facilitate the transition from coursework to fieldwork, and to enable students to make rapid progress in refining their initial ideas into a feasible, interesting, and fundable doctoral project. Applicants must be enrolled at an institution that is a member of the CES Academic Consortium (includes Ohio State) and have completed the majority of doctoral coursework, but not yet begun substantial dissertation research. U.S. CITIZENSHIP NOT REQUIRED. Deadline: February 1.

Fulbright, U.S. Student Program -- 9-12 months of support for research or study programs in a foreign country. Programs differ from country to country. Recent B.A. graduates, M.A. students, Ph.D. students, and young professionals are eligible. Current students must apply through their home institutions. Must be U.S. citizen. Deadline: mid-October, but the OSU-internal submission deadline is at least one month earlier.

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad -- 6-12 months of support for dissertation research in a foreign country. The dissertation must be on a topic related to modern foreign languages or area studies. Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Must be a Ph.D. candidate in a modern foreign language or areas studies program.

International Research Exchange Board (IREX), Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Program -- 2-9 months of policy-relevant research support in Central Europe, the Balkans, former Soviet countries, and other nearby countries. Current graduate students and holders of Ph.D. are eligible. Must be U.S. citizen. Deadline: mid-November

National Security Education Program (NSEP), David L. Boren Graduate Fellowships -- Up to \$30,000 to support 12 weeks to 2 years of overseas study in a country outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia or New Zealand. The program focuses on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. national security. It draws on a broad definition of national security. *The fellowship comes with a NSEP Service Requirement of up to one year*, which must be completed within two years of completion of the Ph.D. Must be a U.S. citizen.

Social Science Research Council (SSRC) & Mellon Foundation, International Dissertation Research Fellowship -- 9-12 months of support to graduate students in the humanities and humanistic social sciences who are enrolled in PhD programs in the United States and conducting dissertation research on non-US topics. Research must be conducted, in whole or in part, outside the United States. The minimum amount of time required to be spent abroad varies by field; for linguistics, it is 6 months. U.S. CITIZENSHIP NOT REQUIRED. Must be enrolled in a Ph.D. program in the U.S. Deadline: November 7

3. SMALL GRANTS

3.1. Short-term language training

The following American Councils language programs do not automatically come with funding, but grant money can be applied for

- Advanced Russian Language and Area Studies Program
- Balkan Language Initiative
- Eurasian Regional Language Program
- Russian Overseas Flagship Program
- Summer Russian Language Teachers Program -- Advanced-level courses on teaching methodology, Russian language, literature and culture led by distinguished faculty from Moscow State University's Department of Philology. The program is six-weeks long, from mid-June to early-August. Current Russian teachers in the U.S. or graduate students who are training to be Russian teachers are eligible. Must be U.S. citizen. Deadline: March 1

Department of Education, Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Program -- 3 months of full summer support for programs of study that require advanced foreign language and area studies training. Apply through the Slavic Center at OSU: Czech, Georgian, Modern Greek, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, Russian (advanced level only), Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Turkish, Uzbek, Yiddish. Deadline: February 1.

U.S. Department of State, Critical Language Scholarship Program -- Intensive summer language institutes in 13 critical foreign languages (incl. Russian at the intermediate and advanced levels). All program costs are covered by the scholarship, including travel, visa fee, room and board, instruction fees, and cultural enhancement activities. Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible. Must be U.S. citizen.

See also (above): National Security Education Program (NSEP), David L. Boren Graduate Fellowships

3.2. Other, OSU-internal

Alumni Grants for Graduate Research and Scholarship -- Up to \$2000 to support research and scholarship by doctoral candidates. Deadline: October and March

Arts & Humanities Graduate Research Small Grants -- Up to \$500 to support research or conference travel or research-related materials. Deadline: Rolling, but competition opens July 1 and ends whenever the money runs out (often around April).

Career Development Grant -- \$250 to defray costs associated with graduate students' career development activities. Four competitions per year.

Complexity in Human, Natural, and Engineered Systems Travel Grant Competition -- Travel grants up to \$1000 for undergraduate and graduate students at OSU presenting research related to complex systems and complexity theory (presumably incl. as applied within linguistics) at national and international conferences. Two competitions per year.

Dr. Gordon P.K. Chu Memorial Scholarship -- \$1000 for study abroad or an independent study program. Deadline: February

Global Gateway Student Research Abroad Grant -- Up to \$1000 for travel-related expenses associated with international research. Deadline: February

Mershon Center Graduate Student Grants -- Supports travel and research on topics related to international security.

G. Micheal Riley International Academic Fund -- \$1000 to a graduate student in the Humanities to offset the costs of international research and/or study abroad expenses.

Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Education Abroad Scholarship -- Up to \$2000 awarded to graduate or professional students conducting research on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

OIA International Affairs Grant -- \$2000-\$4500 (+ a required \$500 match from home department) for research projects that explore the languages, cultures, arts, politics, economy, or socio-demographic aspects of a foreign region. Preference will be given to proposals concerning regions represented by OSU's Area Studies centers. Conference travel is not eligible for support. Deadline: March

Phyllis Krum Scholarship -- For research or study in a European country or China. Preference is given to U.S. citizens pursuing a career in diplomatic or other governmental international service. Deadline: April

Ray Travel Award for Scholarship and Service -- Up to \$750 for conference-travel expenses. Four competitions per year.

3.3. Other, Outside of OSU

Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Davis Graduate Student Travel Grant -- Subsidization of travel costs for graduate students presenting papers at the annual ASEEES Convention. Approximately 15 awards of up to \$500 each per year. It is "... especially committed to subsidizing those graduate students who are attending the convention for the first time or who have no local institutional resources for travel support. Students may only receive ONE Davis Graduate Student Travel Grant over the course of their graduate studies." Deadline: April

International Research Exchange Board (IREX) Short-term Travel Grants -- Support of policy-relevant research on current regional issues of importance to the United States. Up to 8 weeks of research support in Central

Europe, the Balkans, former Soviet countries, and other nearby countries. Eligibility: Must have a graduate degree and *not currently be pursuing a graduate degree*. Must be U.S. citizen. Deadline: February

Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Linguistic Institute Fellowships -- Fellowships to subsidize the cost of enrolling in the Linguistic Institute (held in the summer of odd-numbered years). Fellowships generally cover only the cost of tuition (although the Bloch and McCawley fellowships provide some additional support). Students must be LSA members in order to apply. Deadline: Appx. February, but can vary

Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Eurasia Program Fellowships, Pre-dissertation Awards -- Up to 4 weeks of support for archival exploration, preliminary interviews, and other forms of feasibility studies related to dissertations in the social sciences and related humanities. Dissertation must be on a topic related to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine or Uzbekistan. (Travel can be outside of the U.S., but need not be.) Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Deadline: December 1