

## **Fellowships and Research Grants for SPH Students**

*This represents an extensive, but not exhaustive list of fellowships and grants available to SPH graduate students. Some awards are aimed at specific types of graduate students (e.g. PhD); others are available to all students in graduate study. Information provided is accurate as of its compilation date, but all funding availability, due dates, and requirements are subject to change according to the funding source. Always check the funding sources' websites for the most recent information prior to application.*

### **Berkeley Campus and UC-Affiliated Awards**

#### *Center for Race and Gender Graduate Grants*

The Center for Race and Gender (CRG) at the University of California Berkeley, announces the availability of grants of \$100 to \$2,000 to support graduate student research or creative projects that address issues of race and gender. Topics should be consonant with CRG's mandate to support critical research on race, gender, and their intersections in a wide variety of social, cultural, and institutional contexts, especially on the Berkeley campus and its neighboring communities, but also in California, the nation, or the world. *Proposals that address both race and gender will be strongly preferred, and proposals that do not address race at all will be de-prioritized.* Applications for Spring 2014 are due April 7th.

See: <http://crg.berkeley.edu/content/graduate-grants>.

#### *Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS):*

Enables students who are U.S. citizens and permanent residents to acquire a high level of competence in one or more foreign languages. Fellowships are awarded to students in modern foreign language and area studies, with priority given to students in the humanities, social sciences, and professional fields. Continuing students should pick up an application and apply directly to the Graduate Fellowships Office (318 Sproul). In 2011-12 these awards paid CA resident fees and stipends of \$15,000. Student Services and Admissions will pay the Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) for DrPH students on FLAS awards. FLAS Scholars are required to enroll in 4 units per semester (8 per year) of language or area study coursework so applicants must have room in their curriculum and schedule to accommodate them.

See: <http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/financial/deadlines.shtml>. Applications are due mid-January.

#### *Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship*

Liebmann Fellowships are awarded "to attract and support students with outstanding character and ability who hold promise for achievement and distinction in their chosen fields of study." Candidates must be U.S. citizens with outstanding undergraduate records and demonstrated need for financial assistance. Eligible students include not only those in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, but also those in professional programs like law, medicine, engineering, and architecture. Fellowships provide tuition and fees and a living stipend of \$18,000, and are renewable for up to three years of total support. To be considered for possible nomination, applications must be submitted to the Graduate Fellowships

office (318 Sproul) by the campus deadline of January 7th.

See: <http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/financial/deadlines.shtml>.

#### Summer FLAS:

Enables students who are U.S. citizens and permanent residents to acquire a high level of competence in one or more foreign languages by participating in summer language instruction. Fellowships are awarded to students in modern foreign language and area studies, with priority given to students in the humanities, social sciences, and professional fields. Continuing students should pick up an application and apply directly to the Graduate Fellowships Office (318 Sproul). Award amounts include registration fees up to \$5000 and a stipend of \$2500.

See: <http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/financial/deadlines.shtml>. Applications are due in late-January.

#### UC MEXUS Grants for Dissertation Research

For support of dissertation research by University of California graduate students in the areas of Mexico-Related Studies—All Disciplines, Latino Studies, United States-Mexican Relations, Critical U.S.-Mexico Issues, Mexican and Latino Topics in the Arts and Humanities. Grants for periods of up to two years will be provided to support research leading to the dissertation.

See: [http://ucmexus.ucr.edu/funding/grant\\_dissertation.html](http://ucmexus.ucr.edu/funding/grant_dissertation.html). Applications are due in mid-September.

### **Miscellaneous Awards**

#### Graduate Assembly Conference Travel Grants

Awards to allow graduate students to attend professional conferences. Applicants must be presenting a paper or poster on their dissertation research at the conference they are attending, and the conference must be outside the Bay Area. Awards are \$300 and students are eligible to apply every two years. Applications are due three times a year: mid-August, early-December, and mid-May.

See <https://ga.berkeley.edu/funding/types-of-funding/> for details.

#### Graduate Division Conference Travel Grants

Awards to allow Ph.D. students to attend professional conferences. Applicants must be presenting a paper or poster on their dissertation research at the conference they are attending. Awards are \$500 and students are eligible for one per academic career.

See: [grad.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/travel\\_grants.pdf](http://grad.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/travel_grants.pdf). Applications are approved on an on-going basis and should be submitted within at least three weeks before date of travel.

#### Graduate Division Student Parent Grant

Registered graduate student parents (single, married, or registered domestic partners) who live with dependent children and demonstrate financial need are eligible to apply for awards of up to \$8,000 per

academic year, funding permitting. Applications are due in early-July.

See: [grad.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/parent\\_grant\\_app.pdf](http://grad.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/parent_grant_app.pdf).

### *International Graduate Student and Graduate Student Family Grants*

The Berkeley International Office offers grants for international graduate students and graduate student families. To be eligible for financial support, international students must: 1) demonstrate financial need; 2) have completed two semesters at UC Berkeley; and 3) be registered full-time each semester. Awards include tuition awards and parent grants. Amounts vary.

See: <http://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/aid>. Application period opens on January 15 and closes on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Extramural Awards**

### *Association for Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH)*

As a member of the Association for Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH), our graduate students have access to funding resources such as "Tips and Tricks to Obtaining Scholarships" and external sources that are based on specific qualifying criteria (e.g. race, gender, state of residency, etc.). Don't let these opportunities go to waste!

See: *Tips and Tricks to Obtaining Scholarships* (<http://www.aspph.org/study/financing-your-degree>)

See: *How to Finance Your Public Health Degree* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMRiom7Elmg>)

### *American Association of American Women*

Dissertation and career development grants for women in graduate programs who have achieved distinction or show the promise of distinction in their fields. See [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). Deadlines vary.

### *Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans*

A two-year grant for graduate students: applicants must be *New Americans* (resident alien, naturalized as a U.S. citizen, or the child of two parents who are both naturalized citizens); have a bachelor's degree, be enrolled in the first or second year of a graduate program; and may not be older than 31 years of age as of the application date. Awards are up to \$25,000 stipend (maintenance grants) and up to \$20,000 in tuition support for up to two years.

See: <https://www.pdsoros.org/>. Applications are due in early-November.

### *Soroptomist International Founder Region Women's Fellowships*

Founder Region Fellowship offers grants to women enrolled in graduate schools within the boundary of Founder Region who have advanced to candidacy and are entering into the last year of their doctoral programs. These grants-in-aid are proffered to assist women in the completion of their doctoral degrees.

Award amounts are unspecified. Applications are due early-February.

See: <http://www.founderregionfellowship.org/founderregionfellowship/FellowshipApplication.html>

### **School of Public Health Fellowships and Grants**

#### *Donor awards*

There are a variety of scholarship funds for smaller grants to students at SPH, most with strict eligibility criteria according to the donor's wishes. Donor awards are granted at admission to new students or in the spring for students continuing to the following year. Applications for continuing students are available in December. Most awards are approximately \$1500. Allocations are made by the Public Health Alumni Association.

Other donor awards are offered as funding becomes available. For those awards, the Student Services Office notifies relevant faculty of the subject- or degree-related award opportunities and accepts nominations. In the case of multiple nominations, the Fellowships Committee makes allocations.

#### *Block Grants*

Most Block Grant funds are disbursed at the admissions stage, but some are reserved for continuing students. Students must have at least a 3.5 GPA and financial need (i.e. not receiving significant support from another source for the same academic year). Awards are made late in the spring semester for use in the following academic year. Students apply directly for Block Grant funding and the School's Fellowships Committee makes final allocations.

#### *Roselyn Lindheim Award*

This award supports the work-in-progress of a graduate student that best exemplifies and furthers Professor Lindheim's unique vision and innovative work in shaping community, architectural and/or public health environments that promote quality of life and wellness. The work in progress should reflect an interdisciplinary approach in which professionals and clients participate to create an environment that best serves the needs of the real users. The award is intended to assist students in furthering work-in-progress and in disseminating the results to a wide audience. The work can be research or service-oriented and must be completed within one year of receiving the award. One or two awardees are selected by a committee comprised of faculty from the School of Public Health, the department of City and Regional Planning, and members of the Lindheim family. Awards are \$8000 or \$16000 for one or two students. A call for Lindheim applications is disseminated to SPH students and other campus departments in the spring semester for support in the following academic year.

### **Funding Databases and Resource Lists**

<http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/> The Foundation Center posts RFPs organized by subject area (e.g. aging, children and youth, community development, etc.) Most are for large research grants, not necessarily student fellowship awards, but site can be browsed by subject and that may lead to research grant opportunities not found in other sources.

<http://www.library.illinois.edu/iris/> Contains a keyword thesaurus to narrow results to specific area of interest. Searchable by activities supported, academic qualifications, sponsor type (e.g. Federal Government or Other), restrictions, etc.

<http://scholarships.berkeley.edu> Previously searched for undergraduate awards only; now contains references to graduate awards. Searchable by discipline, deadline, underrepresented group, or scholarship name.

<https://www.fatomei.com/public-health-scholarships.html>. Resource containing college and graduate study fellowships and grants by subject area. Link above goes directly to public health resources but others available that may apply to specific research topics.

<http://www.spo.berkeley.edu/funding.html> UC Berkeley's Sponsored Projects Office list of funding opportunities categorized by types of grants, eligible applicants, and disciplines; links to funding databases such as COS and IRIS (above) and to federal, state, non-profit and UC agencies.

<http://www.gdnet.ucla.edu/grpinst.htm> UCLA's Fellowships and Financial Services Office sponsors a database that catalogs and stores funding opportunities of interest to graduate students. It contains information on over 500 private and publically funded awards, fellowships, and internships. Advanced search options allow users to refine their search by field, academic level, award type, award amount, and other criteria.