Grant Opportunities for Students
October/November 2013

Microsoft Corporation - Microsoft Research PhD Fellowship

The Microsoft Research PhD Fellowship is a two-year fellowship program for outstanding PhD students nominated by their universities. To be eligible for this fellowship, you must apply during your second or third year of PhD studies. Fellowships are granted by Microsoft Research at the discretion of Microsoft. Applicants for the Microsoft Research PhD Fellowship Program must be nominated by their universities, and their nominations must be confirmed by the office of the chair of the eligible department. Direct applications from students are not accepted. Student must attend a United States or Canadian university and be enrolled in the Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, or Mathematics department (if your department is within the scope of these areas, but is titled differently, you are eligible).


October 9, 2013

George Washington University - The Richard & Diane Cummings Legal History Research Grant for 2013

The Cummings Grant provides a stipend of $10,000 to support short-term historical research using Special Collections at GW’s Jacob Burns Law Library, which is noted for its continental historical legal collections, especially its French collection. Special Collections also is distinguished by its holdings in Roman and canon law, church-state relations, international law, and its many incunabula. The grant is awarded to one doctoral, LL.M., or S.J.D. candidate; postdoctoral researcher; faculty member; or independent scholar. The successful candidate may come from a variety of disciplines including, but not limited to, law, history, religion, philosophy, or bibliography. Potential grant candidates residing more than 100 miles from Washington, DC, whose projects require onsite consultation of materials in Special Collections, are eligible.

Website: http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Special_Collections/Pages/CumminsGrant.aspx

October 15, 2013

University of Notre Dame - Institute for Advanced Study (NDIAS) – Fellowships

The Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study (NDIAS) is dedicated to fostering and supporting integrative scholarship addressing ultimate questions at the intersection of the arts, engineering, humanities, law, and natural, physical, and social sciences, especially those which transcend disciplinary boundaries. The NDIAS encourages graduate student applicants to include questions of values in their analyses, to integrate diverse disciplines, and to ask how their findings advance civilization. The NDIAS offers fellowships to advanced graduate students for a full academic year (fall and spring semesters, August through May). The Institute welcomes applications from graduate students in all disciplines, including the arts, engineering, the humanities, law, and the social and physical sciences with projects that are creative, innovative, or align with the intellectual orientation of the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study.

Website: http://ndias.nd.edu/fellowships/graduate-student/

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Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Dissertation Fellowships in American Art

ACLS invites applications for the Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Dissertation Fellowships in American Art designated for graduate students in any stage of Ph.D. dissertation research or writing. Ten fellowships are available for a non-renewable, one-year term beginning between June and September 2014 for the 2014-2015 academic year. The fellowships may be carried out in residence at the fellow’s home institution, abroad, or at another appropriate site for the research. The fellowships, however, may not be used to defray tuition costs or be held concurrently with any other major fellowship or grant. A student with an appropriate project whose degree will be granted by another department is eligible only if the principal dissertation advisor is in a department of art history.

Website: http://www.acls.org/programs/american-art/

October 23, 2013

NSF - Physics of Living Systems

The program "Physics of Living Systems" (PoLS) in the Physics Division at the National Science Foundation targets theoretical and experimental research exploring the most fundamental physical processes that living systems utilize to perform their functions in dynamic and diverse environments. The focus should be on understanding basic physical principles that underlie biological function. Proposals that use physics only as a tool to study biological questions are of VERY low priority. PoLS encourages research that emphasizes the physical principles of organization and function of living systems, including the exploration of artificial life forms. Awards will cover a broad spectrum of physics approaches in biology, ranging from the physical principles and mechanisms at the single cell level such as cellular organization (e.g. cytoskeleton), energy metabolism, gene regulation and intracellular and intercellular communication, to collective behavior and evolution of complexity in life forms and living populations of organisms. The program funds individual investigators, although collaborative proposals between physicists and biological researchers are welcome. Proposals with potential societal impact such as renewable energy and human health are good examples of strong broader impact and are of interest to the program.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pms_id=6873

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Stanford University - Center on Poverty and Inequality (CPI) – New Scholars Grant Competition

The Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality (CPI), a National Poverty Research Center funded by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, seeks to support research that will expand our knowledge of key trends in poverty and inequality. The CPI anticipates funding 5 proposals with a maximum award of $20,000 each. The awards will be made to “New Scholars” (i.e., scholars who have received their Ph.D. no earlier than 2006) who will then work collaboratively with one of the CPI’s Research Groups to carry out the proposed research project. In its third year, this research will be carried out by ten research groups (RGs) examining (a) poverty, (b) income inequality, (c) social mobility, (d) educational access and achievement, (e) the safety net, (f) the effects of the economic downturn and possible recovery, (g) residential segregation, (h) racial and ethnic inequality, (i) discrimination in the labor market, and (j) poverty, inequality and mobility among Hispanics. The proposed research should use new or existing data to analyze key trends related to one of the ten domains listed above.

Website: http://www.stanford.edu/group/sgcp/new_scholars_rfp.html

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which provides universities for graduate work leading to award of the PhD degree in applications of the physical sciences. Duke University is a tenable school for the Hertz Fellowships. Hertz Foundation, Fannie and John - Graduate Fellowships in Applied Physical Sciences

November
The Fannie and John Hertz Foundation is a tax exempt, not-for-profit organization that is committed to technical talent, the PhD-directed effort of the young men and women who can be expected to have the greatest impact on the application of the physical sciences to human problems during the next half-century. The Graduate Fellowships of the Hertz Foundation are widely considered to be among the most prestigious offered anywhere. Of those who apply, only about one quarter will be interviewed. Of those who are interviewed, approximately one in ten will be awarded a Hertz Fellowship. Website: http://www.hertzfoundation.org/dx/fellowships/application.aspx

November 15, 2013
Counsel on Library and Information Resources - Mellon Fellowships for Dissertation Research in Original Sources

November 15, 2013
US Science Support Program - Schlanger Ocean Drilling Fellowship

November 25, 2013
NSF - East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes for U.S. Graduate Students

The purpose of the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) is to help ensure the vitality and diversity of the scientific and engineering workforce in the United States. The program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students who are pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees in fields within NSF's mission. The GRFP provides three years of support for the graduate education of individuals who have demonstrated their potential for significant achievements in science and engineering research.

November 13, 2012
Engineering; Computer and Information Sciences and Engineering; Materials Research
November 14, 2012
Mathematical Sciences; Chemistry; Physics and Astronomy
November 16, 2012
Social Sciences; Psychology; STEM Education and Learning
November 19, 2012
Life Sciences; Geosciences
Website: http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2013/nsf13593/nsf13593.htm

The Schlanger Ocean Drilling Fellowship Program offers merit-based awards for outstanding graduate students to conduct research related to the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program. The $30,000 per year award is to be used for stipend, tuition, benefits, research costs, and travel. Research may be directed toward the objectives of specific expeditions or may address broader themes. The Fellowship year will begin in either June or August (summer or fall semester) 2014. During the summer of 2015, at the conclusion of the fellowship, Schlanger Fellows travel to Ocean Leadership headquarters in Washington, D.C., to present the initial results of their research and take part in U.S. Science Support Program related activities.

Website: http://iodp-usspp.org/research/schlanger-fellowships/