



FACULTY FELLOWSHIP & CAREER AWARDS

Importance of securing funding –

- Young Scholars
- Mid Career
- Senior Scholars



"Give me liberty or give me a grant."



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Value of Faculty Fellowship & Career Awards-

- Highly competitive
- Early Career Awards – provide high visibility and demonstration of quality and merit of research. Facilitates future funding
- Release of some teaching to advance current scholarship – or develop new area of research



GRANTS VS FELLOWSHIP/CAREER AWARD – WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Faculty Fellowship Programs often provide:

- Salary
- Release from teaching.
- Funds for scholarship such as travel funds.
- Mentoring Opportunities

Applications usually competitive

Award is usually to a specific faculty member (can often take with them if change institutions)

Awards for specific types of scholarship activities or disciplinary disciplines

Programs can be for different career stages



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- Release from teaching.
- Funds for scholarship such as travel funds.
- Mentoring Opportunities

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Programs usually for early career faculty



Grants vs Fellowship/Career Award – What's the Difference?

External grants can provide:

- Only partial salary
- Funds for carrying out specific scholarship/research.

Programs are also competitive – often awarded for specific research area – career level not a criteria under consideration.

Projects have faculty Principal Investigator (PI) or multiple PI's but award is to the institution.



Fellowships & Career Awards by Disciplinary Area

Fellowships in the Arts and Humanities - Examples

1. **Stanford Humanities Center External Faculty Fellowships** – Faculty at academic institutions **across spectrum of academic ranks**. Goal of selection process is to create a diverse community of scholars: <http://shc.stanford.edu/fellowships/non-stanford-faculty>
2. **National Endowment for the Humanities** – Supports individuals pursuing advanced research. **Projects may be at any stage**. Support continuous full-time work for 6 – 12 months. Salary provided and release from teaching required during fellowship award. <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/fellowships.html>
3. **Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/ACLS Early Career Fellowship Program**. - provides support for **young scholars to complete their dissertation and, later, to advance their research after being awarded the Ph.D.** This program awards fellowships in two categories: [Dissertation Completion Fellowships](#) and [Recent Doctoral Recipients Fellowships](#). <http://www.acls.org/grants/Default.aspx?id=510&linkidentifier=id&itemid=510>
4. **National Humanities Center Fellowship** - The National Humanities Center offers 4 residential fellowships for advanced study in the humanities during the academic year. Applicants must hold doctorate or equivalent scholarly credentials. **Young scholars as well as senior scholars** are encouraged to apply, but they must have a record of publication, and new Ph.D.s should be aware that the Center does not support the revision of a doctoral dissertation. In addition to scholars from all fields of the humanities, the Center accepts individuals from the natural and social sciences, the arts, the professions, and public life who are engaged in humanistic projects. <http://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/fellowships/appltoc.htm>

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Fellowships in the Social Sciences - Examples

1. Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Supports research in the social sciences and humanities. Men and women from a wide variety of backgrounds are eligible for appointment. Through an international competition, it offers 9-month residential fellowships to academics, public officials, journalists, and business professionals. Fellows conduct research and write in their areas of interest, while interacting with policymakers in Washington and Wilson Center staff. The Center also hosts Public Policy Scholars and Senior Scholars who conduct research and write in a variety of disciplines. <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=sf.welcome>.

2. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows

The Health Policy Fellows program is a minimum of one-year residential experience in Washington, D.C. Exceptional mid-career health professionals and behavioral and social Scientists actively participate in health policy processes at federal level and gain exclusive hands-on Policy experience. <http://www.healthpolicyfellows.org/home.php>

3. AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships

The Science & Technology Policy Fellowships are opportunities for professional development and public service. They are operated by AAAS as part of its mandate to "advance science and serve society." The aim is to foster scientifically informed, evidence-based policy and practice by engaging scientists and engineers from a broad range of disciplines, backgrounds and career stages to directly contribute their knowledge and analytical skills to the federal government; to learn first-hand about policymaking and implementation at the federal level; and to build leadership for a strong S&T enterprise that benefits all people.

<http://fellowships.aaas.org/>



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Fellowships in the Sciences and Engineering - Examples

- 1. Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers** - from abroad to sponsor a **6 to 18 month research stay at a research institution in Germany**. The fellowship is flexible and can be divided up into as many as three stays within three years. <http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/humboldt-fellowship-experienced.html>
- 2. Burroughs Wellcome Fund - Career Awards at the Scientific Interface**
BWF's Career Awards at the Scientific Interface provide \$500,000 to **bridge advanced postdoctoral training and the first three years of faculty service**. These awards are intended to foster the early career development of researchers with backgrounds in the physical/mathematical/computational sciences and engineers whose work addresses biological questions. These awards are open to U.S. and Canadian citizens or permanent residents as well as to U.S. temporary residents.
<http://www.bwfund.org/page.php?mode=privateview&pageID=129>
- 3. Howard Hughes Medical Institute Early Career Scientists**
HHMI identifies the nation's most promising scientists to receive support at a critical early stage in their careers. **A six-year nonrenewable appointment to the Institute provides them with the freedom to explore their most creative-** and potentially transformative-ideas without having to worry about obtaining grants to fund those experiments.
<http://www.hhmi.org/research/ecs/>
- 4. NSF Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program**
The **Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER)** Program is a Foundation-wide activity that offers the National Science Foundation's most prestigious awards in support of junior faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars through outstanding research, excellent education and the integration of education and research within the context of the mission of their organizations. Such activities should build a firm foundation for a lifetime of leadership in integrating education and research.
<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11690/nsf11690.htm>



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Fellowships in Other Disciplinary Areas

1. Education: **National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship**

Supports early career scholars working in critical areas of education research. This nonresidential postdoctoral fellowship funds proposals that make significant scholarly contributions to the field of education. The program also develops the careers of its recipients through **professional development activities** involving National Academy of Education members.

http://www.naeducation.org/NAEd_Spencer_Postdoctoral_Fellowship.html

2. Multidisciplinary: **Fulbright Programs** – **Provides for international exchange for faculty, administrators and professionals** – for conducting research, to lecture or to participate in seminars. Different programs vary in length. http://www.cies.org/us_scholars/ and <http://www.cies.org/Institutions/>

3. Multidisciplinary: **MacArthur Fellows Program** - **unrestricted fellowships** to talented individuals who have shown extraordinary originality and dedication in their creative pursuits and a marked capacity for self-direction. There are three **criteria** for selection of Fellows: exceptional creativity, promise for important future advances based on a track record of significant accomplishment, and potential for the fellowship to facilitate subsequent creative work.

http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.4536879/k.9B87/About_the_Program.htm

FINDING FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS AND CAREER AWARD OPPORTUNITIES



MSU Limited Submission Program Web Site:

[http://resfacil.msu.edu/groups/ILP/wiki/12f10/Career Awards and Fellowship Programs.htm](http://resfacil.msu.edu/groups/ILP/wiki/12f10/Career_Awards_and_Fellowship_Programs.htm)

Some but not all Career Awards are institutionally limited

Site provides listing of Faculty Fellowship and Career Funding opportunities with deadlines within the next 3 – 4 months

Includes a summary of the program and a link to the program website for additional information.

COS Search Features



Community of Science new system initiated January 18, 2012 – **Pivot**

<http://pivot.cos.com/>

What is COS Pivot?

Based on faculty profile – developed from external sources and information provided by faculty:

- Provides access to funding matching expertise
- Identifies researcher expertise from within or outside of MSU from other research organizations worldwide
- Fosters collaboration by cultivating essential partnerships and alliances
- Allows communication, monitoring, and tracking amongst individual faculty, teams, or researchers and the Research Development office
- Allows the focus to be awards and grants related to expertise
- Defines network connections for future opportunities

COS Search Features



Advance Search can select opportunities by -

- Dates
- Key Words
- Limited Submission
- Amount
- Requirements
- Citizenship/Residence
- Funding Type
- Sponsor type

Can *exclude opportunities* using many of the same parameters



A Second Source for Finding Career and Fellowship Opportunities

SciVal Funding

<http://www.funding.scival.com>

Similar to COS, can select opportunities by

- Terms (key words)
- Sponsor
- Sponsor type
- Subject Area
- Eligibility (rank, degree)
- Funding type
- Location
- Citizenship/residency/restrictions
- Amount
- Dates
- Limited submission
- New Investigator



Preparing a Successful Faculty Career/Scholars Program Application

Career and Fellowship Programs vary widely! Can provide only general guidelines -

1. Check that you are eligible and meet all the qualifications for the program.
2. Check that your project fits within the scope of the program.
3. Check that the funding level is sufficient to carry out the work or activities proposed and that the proposed use of funds is allowed by the program.
4. Draft the application to address the evaluation and selection criteria.
5. Check that you have provided all of the required information.
6. Check that the required formatting is used (font, margins, spacing) and that the document is within any specified page limits.
7. Check that, if you are funded by another program, that does not exclude you from securing an award from this program.
8. Have several colleagues read the guidelines and your draft application to provide feedback.
9. Talk with someone who has received the award or review the projects funded in the past



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QUESTIONS ???

