

FINANCIAL ASPECTS

Tuition and Fees Fall 2008

See <http://www.pdx.edu/registration/tuition.html>

FINANCIAL AID AND EMPLOYMENT

Financial aid in the form of grants, scholarships, fellowships, low interest loans and graduate assistantships are available through various programs of the state and federal government, public and private foundations, the University, and the School. Students are strongly encouraged to pursue external and University scholarships to obtain support for their doctoral education. PhD Students should note that there are a number of sources for funding for dissertation research. When opportunities are publicized, notice usually is made through the PhD listserv.

Graduate Research and Graduate Teaching Assistantships (GRAs and TAs), And Teaching

A number of graduate assistantships (GRAs) are available to PhD students. Graduate Research Assistantships and Teaching Assistantships pay stipends as well as a portion of tuition. Graduate Assistants must enroll and satisfactorily complete a minimum of 9 graduate credits for each term the Assistantship is in effect (except summer term). GRAs and TAs must also show satisfactory academic progress in fulfilling the requirements of the program. In making these appointments, the School of Social Work seeks the best possible match between the background, abilities, and academic program of the graduate student and the position offered. The selection process assesses such student characteristics as grade point average, year in the program, relevant experience, field of specialization, and faculty evaluations. Graduate assistants may be hired as Program or Research Assistants, or as Teaching Assistants (TAs). Responsibilities vary based on the needs of the School. Teaching and Teaching Assistant positions are usually assigned to students who have completed the Teaching Practicum. Assistantships require 10 to 20 hours of work per week. Graduate Assistantships may not be offered after the student's first few years in the program. Salary and tuition information are available at:
http://www.gsr.pdx.edu/ogs_gradassists.php. Guidelines for Tuition Remission are available at: the same web location.

Students are responsible for paying fees. Applications for Graduate Assistantships and Teaching Assistantships are disseminated in the winter or spring for the following year, through the PhD listserv.

Many students supplement their income through part time employment. Some students teach courses in MSW program or undergraduate program of the School. Applications for teaching are disseminated through the listserv in winter for the following academic year.

The Regional Research Institute, the Research and Training Center on Children's Mental Health, and the Center for the Improvement of Services to Children and Families hire students in a variety of capacities for support on current research projects. Position announcements from the community are posted in the Faculty/Staff/ Student lounge and on the listserv.

While the responsibility for financing graduate education falls to the individual student, the School of Social Work hopes to provide assistance in seeking and obtaining funding wherever possible. Successful pursuit of supplemental funding usually requires initiative and energy from the student and willingness to seek assistance from School and University personnel early in the educational process.

In the winter or spring, the Ph.D. Program Director and/or the Associate Dean send e-mails to the PhD listserv asking students who wish to obtain graduate assistantships, teaching assistantships, or teaching assignments for the following academic year to complete an application. The application includes information about their experience and the type of work they would prefer to do. From this material, lists of students seeking those assignments is compiled. Separate applications are sent to the listserv for graduate research assistantships (GRAs) and teaching assistantships (TAs), and teaching assignments.

GRAs involve work on RRI research projects as well as administrative work in the SSW. TAs and teaching opportunities are provided for some of the MSW and undergraduate classes offered by the School.

In order to do the best we can in assuring that students have opportunities to do work which interests them, to make a contribution to the research and teaching of the School, and to have their financial needs met to the extent possible, the Ph.D. Program Director works with the Directors of RRI, the Research and Training Center, the Center for the Improvement of Services to Children and Families, the Dean and Associate Dean, the principal investigators of research projects, and the Program Directors for the MSW and undergraduate programs in order to determine what opportunities are available. We consider both graduate research assistantships and graduate teaching assistantships.

Through a process of discussion of the needs of the various projects, and the interests of the students, a tentative match is made.

No graduate assistantships are assigned until the principal investigator or project director has met with the student, discussed the nature of the work, the student's interests and skills, the hours (and schedule) expected, and the pay. The "contract" for work to be performed and the conditions of work is between the student and the Principal Investigator or Project Director. Expectations regarding GRAs and TAs work time, etc., are available on the webpage of the PSU Office of Graduate Studies:
http://www.gsr.pdx.edu/ogs_gradassists.php

Evaluations of student performance are the responsibility of the Principal Investigator or Project Director, and should be developed with the participation of the student. Guidelines for evaluations of research assistants developed at RRI may be useful.

Graduate assistantships are usually for a one-year term. They may be renewed if there is mutual desire that a continuing piece of work be continued without change in personnel.

Questions about Graduate Assistantships should be directed to the Ph.D. Program Director.

FINANCIAL AID

PSU Financial Aid Office

This office processes all federal financial aid information which includes application for loans and work study. Most financial aid assistance will require appropriate federal and university forms to have been completed and processed by this office. Notebooks listing scholarships are available for review in the Financial Aid Office; some scholarships require a statement of need to be completed by the Financial Aid Office. Financial Aid Office, Lobby Neuberger Hall Portland State University, Portland OR 97207-0751, (503) 725-3461. e-mail: askfa@mail.pdx.edu

SSW Scholarships

Duncan and Cindy Campbell Scholarship

The purpose of the Duncan and Cindy Campbell Scholarship is to provide support for Portland State University graduate social work students who are employed by Friends of the Children, to change children's lives for the better. Applicants must have a demonstrated commitment to working directly with children, with an emphasis on those at risk for school failure, gang involvement, teenage pregnancy, drug and alcohol abuse, or criminal behavior. Scholarship recipients must be individuals who understand the importance of loving, caring, and nurturing long-term adult role-model relationships, and who demonstrate financial need. One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually.

Garrison Gibbons Fellowship

This scholarship is awarded to a student in the School of Social Work with an interest in gay and lesbian issues. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and outstanding academic qualifications. Preference will be given to students who have experience working with gay or lesbian clients. School of Social Work, 503-725-5021.

John F. Longres Endowed Dissertation Research Fund

Research fund for doctoral students who have completed all work except their dissertation. The fund provides some support to PhD students who are engaged in dissertation research related to class, ethnicity, or other intergroup relations.

Shireman Scholarship

Spike Wadsworth PhD Scholarship

Portland State University Scholarships

Information and applications are available on the University's website for the Office of Graduate Studies.

http://www.gsr.pdx.edu/ogs_funding_scholarships.html

Monroe M. Sweetland Endowed Community Leadership Scholarship

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents that have been regularly admitted into a PSU graduate degree program in the School of Social Work or the College of Urban and Public Affairs. Applicants must be in good academic standing and enrolled for at least six credit hours. Eligible students are those who demonstrate a commitment to improving the quality of services in the public sector. Preference is given to students who demonstrate financial need.

The Oregon Laurels Graduate Tuition Remission Program

Annual awards of tuition credit equivalent to the instructional portion of resident graduate fees for full- and part-time PSU graduate students. Awards are merit-based. Financial need is a consideration for some of these awards. Office of Graduate Studies, 117 Cramer Hall, 503-725-8410.

The Oregon Sports Lottery Graduate Scholarship

The Oregon Sports Lottery Graduate Scholarship is an annual award for **full-time** master's or doctoral students, with preference given to students in areas supported by PSU doctoral programs. All awards are merit-based; half of the awards are given to students who also demonstrate financial need. Amount and number of scholarships are dependent upon the funds available from the Sports Lottery in any given year. Nominations are accepted from the departments only. School of Social Work, 503-725-5021.

Robert and Rosemary Low Memorial Award

One award is given in years in which funds are available. Scholarship to give special recognition to academically qualified graduate students with Physical handicaps. Student must be admitted to PSU as a regular graduate student. Selection will be made on the basis of scholarship and academic potential. Financial need may be considered, but is not a requirement. Office of Graduate Studies, 117 Cramer Hall, 503725-8410

Judith Lynne Taylor Scholarship

The Judith Lynne Taylor Scholarship is a gift of the Estate of Judith Lynne Taylor, a resident of the state of Washington, to be used to benefit women graduate students. As of November 15, 2007, we anticipate that there will be one award of

OUS-SYLFF Graduate Fellowships for International Research See Graduate Studies website.

The Oregon Student Assistance Commission

Administers a small number of privately funded award programs for graduate students. Eligibility requirements and award amounts vary. Contact: Oregon Student Assistance

Commission, 1500 Valley River Drive, Ste 100, Eugene OR, 97401 or Portland State University Office of Financial Aid, Lobby Neuberger Hall. (503) 725-3461 E-mail askfa@mail.pdx.edu

Portland State University Office of Graduate Studies and Research.

Financial information available at http://www.gsr.pdx.edu/ogs_funding_scholarships.php

EXTERNAL FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Students are strongly encouraged to consult this website for information about many scholarships that are available to doctoral students in social work: (<http://www.iaswresearch.org/>). At that website, students may also sign up for a listserv that disseminates social work research announcements.

Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowships in Women's Studies

<http://www.woodrow.org/womens-studies>

Charlotte Newcomb Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships are designed to encourage original and significant study or ethical or religious values in all fields of the humanities or social sciences, and particularly to help PhD. Candidates in these fields complete their dissertation work in a timely manner. <http://woodrow.org/newcombe>

American Indian Graduate Center

For American Indian or Alaskan Native graduate students in full time study at an accredited university graduate or professional programs. Must be US citizens and enrolled members in a federally recognized tribe. Preference given to family counseling and substance abuse counseling. Awards from \$259 to \$10,000 based on financial need. Request forms.

American Indian and Alaska Native graduate students are eligible for financial assistance based on need. Requirements include full time study at an accredited university, application for campus based financial aid, and membership in a federally recognized tribe. [Application deadline](#)

Executive Director, American Indian Graduate Center, 4520 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Suite 1-B, Albuquerque NM 87109. (505) 881-4584 Fax (505) 884-0427 www.aigc.com

Association of American Indian Affairs Van Pelt Scholarships

Scholarships are for tuition, books, and other academic-related expenses (\$500-\$800). Must be enrolled members. Request forms. [Application deadline is June 1.](#) For more information contact the Association on American Indian Affairs, Box 268, Sisseton SD 57262 (605) 698-3998 or (605) 698-3787 Fax (605) 698-3316

Portland Indian Health Service Scholarship

Contact: Portland Indian Health Service Scholarship, Federal Building, Room 476, 1200 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland OR 97204

American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship Program

Beginning and continuing Ph.D. students who are American citizens and who document an interest in teaching, research, and service careers concerning the sociological aspects of mental health issues are eligible. Annual stipend is \$8,800.

Application deadline is December 31. For more information contact Frances M. Foster, Minority Affairs Manager, American Sociological Association, 1722 N Street NW, Washington DC 20036, (202) 833-3410.

Asian American Scholarship and Award Program

For Japanese American Citizens League Members, their dependents or any person of Japanese descent. Awards vary. Request forms available in November. Application deadline April 1. Scholarship and Award Program, National JAACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco CA 94115. (415) 921-5225

Asian Reporter Scholarships

The Asian Reporter in conjunction with The Oregon Lottery and the New Phoenix Casino, is offering three scholarships of up to \$1000 each. To be eligible, applicants must be of Asian descent; be a college student working toward degree; and attend or plan to attend an Oregon or Washington school of higher education.

Call (503) 283-4440; Fax (503) 283-4445; E-mail asianreporter@juno.com

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Minority Fellowship Program

The Council on Social Work Education maintains NIMH and SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) funded research fellowship program focused on enhancing opportunity for minority PH.D. students. The primary goal of this program is to educate mental health and substance abuse researchers. The specific purpose of the Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) is to ensure that minority investigators assume a prominent position among these researchers. Monthly stipend, partial tuition for full-time students. A clinical fellowship is also available for those interested in teaching, policy, and administration. Applicant must be a US citizen or permanent resident and have an MSW. Council on Social Work Education, Minority Fellowship Program, 1725 Duke Street, Suite 500, Alexandria VA 22314. (703) 683-8080, Fax (703) 683-8099. www.cswe.org

Influencing State Policy

An annual \$2000 award to a social work PhD student whose dissertation-in-process is focused on social policy research at the state (non-Federal) level.

http://www.statepolicy.org/what's_new/phd-flier.html

NASW Foundation Doctoral Fellowships and Scholarships (see www.naswfoundation.org)

The National Association of Social Workers Foundation, a newly established charitable organization created to enhance the well being of individuals, families and communities through the advancement of social work practice.

The Jane B. Aron Doctoral Fellowship is awarded to a social work doctoral candidate whose dissertation focuses on health policy and practice. Dissertations that address diversity issues are encouraged.

The Eileen Blackey Doctoral Fellowships is awarded to a social work doctoral candidate whose dissertation focuses on welfare policy and practice. Dissertations that address diversity issues are encouraged.

Hartford Doctoral Fellows Program and Pre-Dissertation Award Program in Geriatric Social Work

Funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation of New York City. Administered by the Gerontological Society of America. The purpose of these fellowships is to recruit, sustain, and train a cadre of talented doctoral students in geriatric social work.
<http://www.geron.org/Hartford/docfellows.htm>

National Hispanic Scholarship Fund (www.hsf.net/scholarship/programs/college.php)

The purpose of National Hispanic Scholarship Fund (NHSF) scholarships is to assist Hispanic American students in completing their higher education. NHSF scholarships are available on a competitive basis to undergraduate and graduate students of Hispanic background who are US citizens or residents and have completed 12 hours of study. Awards normally range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per academic year. Request forms from National Hispanic Scholarship Fund, Selection Committee, PO Box 728, Novato CA 94948. (415) 892-9971

International Trade and Development Graduate Fellowship Program

Based on an endowment provided by the Nippon Foundation of Japan, given to students who demonstrate sustained commitment to international concerns and pursuits, exemplify broad vision but focus on specific issues and problems, and exhibit leadership in cooperating with others in cross-cultural contexts. The fellowship award is given for a year of full-time study in any Oregon University System institution. Fellowship monies may be applied to tuition and fees, living expenses, research costs and travel associated with the conduct of research, and other expenses related to graduate study. Contact: Oregon University System, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Chair, Fellowship Program, PO Box 3175, Eugene OR, 97403-0175, (541) 346-5721, e-mail: Helen_Stampe@sch.ous.edu

American Cancer Society. Doctoral Training Grants in Oncology Social Work.

Center for the Study of Social Work Practice. Social Work Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships. For social work doctoral students nationwide who wish to conduct research aimed at improving the quality of evidence-based practice in social work. Center for the Study of SW Practice, 1255 Amsterdam Ave., Room 1115, New York, N.Y., 10027.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

National Institute of Health

NIH may offer repayment of student loans to health professionals engaged in qualifying research. Contact NIH. www.lrp.nih.gov

Aging Research Dissertation Awards to Increase Diversity: R36 awards through National Institute on Aging.

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (DHHS), R36 awards for Health Services Research Dissertations.

DHHS, R36 Mental Health Dissertation Research Grant to Increase Diversity,
<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode:VIEW&oppID=8322>

Predissertation doctoral awards: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-002.html>

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowship Program
CFDA 84.022A . Contact: julius.cottonted.gov

Ruth Kirschstein National Research Service Awards for Individual Predoctoral Fellowships (F31) to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research. DHHS.
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm>

Graduate & Professional Opportunities Fellowship

The graduate program branch lists information on fellowships that are available at various colleges, universities, etc.

Contact: Graduate & Professional Opportunities Fellowship, Graduate Program Branch, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue S.W., Washington D.C. 20202

National Research Service Awards for Individual Fellows

The Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration funds this grant to provide support to individuals for research training in specified areas of biomedical and behavioral research to meet the nation's alcohol, drug abuse, and mental health research needs. Applicants must be United States citizens, have completed two or more years of graduate study, and be enrolled in a doctoral program by the start of the fellowship. Awards average \$6,000 and are issued for two or three years.

For more information contact the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration, Grants Management Branch, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville Maryland, 20857.

United States Department of Education

Administers a number of graduate fellowships and student loan programs. Contact: United States Department of Education, Office of Higher or Continuing Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington DC, 20202 or Portland State University, Office of Financial Aid, Lobby Neuberger Hall, <http://www.pdx.edu/finaid/>

Department of Veterans Affairs Social Work Pre-doctoral Fellowship Program.Contact VA or email:RobertZeiss@va.gov

Other Financial Aid Information (Books and Data Bases)

Portland State University Resources

Library

Branford P. Millar Library

The Branford P. Millar Library has a college information table including books and announcement of scholarships, fellowships, grants, etc., that are available from national, state, city, and from Portland State University funding sources. Branford P. Millar Library, Portland State University. Social science librarian: Robin Paynter (paynter@pdx.edu).

Data Bases

Paradox Data Base

This data base has a listing of nation-wide, state-wide, and city-wide scholarships, fellowships, grant, etc., information. Paradox Data Base. Branford P. Millar Library, 2nd Floor (College Information Table), Portland State University. (503) 725-4617

Fund Finder

Fund Finder, Portland State University, Information and Academic Support Center, Smith Memorial Student Union (SMST), Room 425. (503) 725-4005

Directory of Financial Aid for Women by Gail Ann Schlachter

Located in most public, college, and university libraries.

Financial Support for Students Presenting at Conferences and for Special Software, etc.

PhD students are encouraged to present papers and posters at conferences. There is some financial support available for travel to professional conferences when the student has had a paper accepted for presentation. PSU provides some support through the Marie Brown Travel Award (see http://www.gsr.pdx.edu/ogs_funding_scholarships.html), and the SSW may provide some additional support by petition to the Dean's office. After applying for and being notified of support through the Marie Brown fund, the student may submit a request to the Dean for additional funds. The request should include a letter explaining the purpose and need for the funds, and should include a copy of the forms and notification from the Marie Brown Award. These awards may not cover all the costs associated with travel and conference registration.

Policy about SSW Support for PhD Students for Conferences, Trainings, Software, and Data Base Access

All decisions are subject to availability of funds.

Requests that meet the highest number of “Most likely to be funded” criteria are most likely to receive funding.

A. For travel to conferences:

1. Students are expected to apply for funding to any possible other source before approaching the SSW Dean: The Marie Brown Fund http://www.gsr.pdx.edu/ogs_funding_scholarships.php , grant funding, etc.
2. After the conference, the student will return to the SSW and figure out with the PhD Director how best to share some of what was learned at the conference. This may involve a presentation by the student to PhD students and faculty.
3. Depending on funding availability, priority will be given to support travel, hotel, conference registration and meals based on these criteria:

Most Likely to Be Funded

The student is presenting a paper or poster at conference.

The student plans to turn the paper into a publication.

The conference is a national conference.

The student is on the job market and the conference is CSWE or SSWR and the student is scheduling interviews for the conference.

The student has advanced to candidacy.

The student has not received prior support from the SSW.

May Be Funded

The conference is regional.

The student is on the job market but is not presenting at the conference.

The student has not received other support during that particular year.

Unlikely to Be Funded

Local or state conferences.

The student is not presenting nor on the job market.

The student has obtained support for another conference during the current year.

The student has not completed both parts of the comprehensive exams.

B. For trainings:

1. Students are expected to apply for funding to any possible other source before approaching the SSW Dean: grant funding, etc.
2. Students may not be able to obtain SSW funding for trainings unless they are GRAs or TAs or otherwise employed by PSU.

3. Students requesting support for training will include with their request a letter of support from their advisor about the student's suitability and ability to benefit from the training.
4. After the training, the student will return to the SSW and figure out with the PhD Director how best to share some of what was learned at the training. This may involve a presentation by the student to PhD students and faculty.
5. Depending on funding availability, priority will be given to support trainings based on these criteria:

Most Likely to Be Funded

The training is for advanced research skills, and the content is not available at PSU.

The training is recognized as high quality.

The training is necessary for the student to complete her or his dissertation or is otherwise important to the student's development. The student plans to turn the dissertation into a publication.

The student has completed both parts of the comprehensive exam.

The student has not received prior support from the SSW.

May Be Funded

The training would be useful but is not necessary.

The student has not received other support during that particular year.

Unlikely to Be Funded

The student has not completed both parts of the comprehensive exams.

The quality of the training is not clear.

The training is of unclear value to the student's development.

C. For software, access to data bases, etc:

1. Students are expected to apply for funding to any possible other source before approaching the SSW Dean: grant funding, etc.
2. Students requesting support for software or access to data bases will include with their request a letter of support from their advisor about the student's need for the software or access.
3. The student will figure out with the PhD Director how best to share the software with others, if possible.
4. Depending on funding availability, priority will be given to support trainings based on these criteria:

Most Likely to Be Funded

The software is not available on PSU or SSW computers.

The software is recognized as high quality.

The software or data base access is necessary for the student to complete her or his dissertation or is otherwise important to the student's development. The student plans to turn the dissertation into a publication.

The student has advanced to candidacy.

The student has not received prior support from the SSW.

May Be Funded

The software is available on PSU or SSW computers, but due to distance or other accessibility barriers, the student needs it for dissertation research at home.

The student has not received other support during that particular year.

The student has completed both parts of the comprehensive exams.

Unlikely to Be Funded

The software or data base access would be useful but is not necessary.

The student has not completed both parts of the comprehensive exams.

The quality of the software is not clear.

The software is of unclear value to the student's development.