



## WELCOME, DR. ADRIENNE STEPHENSON



**Dr. Adrienne P.  
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Assistant Dean of the  
Graduate School  
& Director of the  
Office of Graduate  
Fellowships and  
Awards

Dr. Adrienne P. Stephenson was recently named an Assistant Dean of the Graduate School at FSU, where she serves as the Director of the Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards (OGFA). Prior to working at Florida State University, Dr. Stephenson served as the STEM Center Coordinator at Tallahassee Community College where she managed the FAMU-TCC Bridges to the Baccalaureate in the Bio-medical Sciences, FGLSAMP and STEM Star/Council Scholars Programs. She also served as a Science Specialist/STEM Coordinator at the Florida Department of Education for several years.

Adrienne received a bachelor's degree from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, where she majored in Chemistry and was a LASER DOE/NASA Scholar. She then earned a master's degree in Pharmacology/Toxicology (2005) and a Ph.D. in Pharmacology/Toxicology (2014) from Florida A&M University. While a graduate student at Florida A&M University, she was a Harriet Jenkins NASA Fellow, McKnight Doctoral Fellow and the Delores Auzenne Fellow. She also served as an adjunct instructor in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Stephenson has a passion for service and remains active in the community by participating in several service-based organizations, volunteering regularly and mentoring K-12, undergraduate and graduate students.

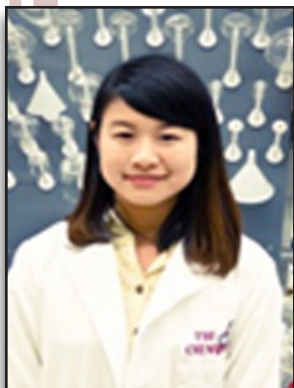
*Are you looking for external fellowships and awards to support your graduate education?*

Contact the Office of Graduate Fellowships & Awards to get the process started. Use our link below to fill out our survey and to schedule an initial meeting!

**GET STARTED**



## ADVICE FROM EXTERNAL AWARD RECIPIENTS



*"I am extremely thankful for all the help provided by OGFA. The professional advice I received really strengthened my application and I learned so much during the process. I recommend applicants take advantage of the great resources they have in OGFA"*

**Jamie Wang**  
NSF GRFP  
Chemistry



*"Be willing to spend the time it takes to search for awards that you are eligible to apply for. Tailor your application towards what they are looking for. You will particularly find the assistance of OGFA invaluable in this regard."*

**Omotola Ogunsolu**  
PEO International Peace Scholarship  
Materials Science and Engineering



*"Be sure to visit OGFA. My advice is to look early in the semester before classwork starts piling up. Find a few scholarships for which you might qualify, then dedicate time to applying. The potential pay-off is worth the time!"*

**Aaron Brooks**  
Golden Key Graduate Scholar Award  
Philosophy



*"Think of your applications not as a frustrating process, but as a learning process that helps refine your project for a broad range of audiences outside of your field. Ultimately this makes your application, and your project, stronger."*

**Carolina Alarcon**  
Fulbright Full Grant to Spain  
Art History



*"Apply often to what you can, as applying is its own reward. You will often be surprised at how the application process will help structure your thinking about your research and career."*

**Kevin Eady**  
McKnight Dissertation Fellowship  
Neuroscience



*"The OGFA is a huge asset for anyone who is serious about getting placed in a fellowship or internship. Being able to sit down one on one with a professional who can give you objective and productive advice about your application is incredibly valuable to students. It's like having a partner throughout the entire process."*

**Spence Purnel**  
Gubernatorial Fellowship  
Public Health



# PLAN TO ATTEND OGFA FALL 2015 WORKSHOPS

## **General Guide to External Funding**

Thursday, August 27th  
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
HSF 3009

This introductory presentation is designed for first time applicants who want to learn more about external awards. Content includes an overview of external funding as well as advice on how to conduct a successful funding search. Participants will also learn about OGFA and the services that we provide during your application process.

## **Funding your Research Abroad**

Monday, August 31st  
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
HSF 3009

There are many funding avenues for students who need to conduct research abroad. This presentation will discuss several of the most common opportunities including Fulbright, Boren, IDRF and DAAD.

## **Humanities and Social Sciences Dissertation Research and Completion Fellowships**

Tuesday, September 1st  
11:00 am - Noon  
HSF 3009

Have you already advanced to candidacy or are within a year of preparing your prospectus and concerned about where you will receive the funding to complete your degree? Attend this workshop to learn about various dissertation funding opportunities and resources at FSU to help you create a competitive application

## **Opportunities for Women and Minorities**

Thursday, September 3rd  
11:00 am - Noon  
HSF 3009

This workshop will feature prestigious awards that support women and minority graduate students. We will highlight the Ford Foundation, AAUW, and PEO awards among many others.

## **Preparing your Application (3 part Series) –**

### **Part One**

#### **CV and Resume:**

Thursday, September 3rd  
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
HSF 3009

The first in the fellowship application preparation series. Learn what to include and what not to include in your fellowship application resume or CV ensuring that you match the needs of the sponsoring agency.

### **Part Two**

#### **Personal Statement:**

Thursday, September 10th  
2:00pm - 3:00 pm  
HSF 3009

Writing about yourself can be difficult, but we are here to help. In this session, you will receive more than the generic dos and don'ts list and leave with an outline for your personal statement

### **Part Three**

#### **Research Statements and Proposals:**

Thursday, September 17th  
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
HSF 3009

Participants will experience being a member of a review committee. In addition, the following topics will be covered: Essential points to address in the application and Writing strategies for the interdisciplinary review committee.

*All OGFA workshops will be held in room 3009 of the Honors, Scholars, Fellows House (also known as the Johnston Annex).*

## **Contact Information for The Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards:**

### **Website:**

<http://www.ogfa.fsu.edu>

Email: [ogfa-info@fsu.edu](mailto:ogfa-info@fsu.edu)

Phone: 850-645-0850



## UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP DEADLINES

*A list of external awards with upcoming deadlines. This list is a sample of opportunities and is not a comprehensive list.*

**Title: Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships**

Sponsor: ACLS

Website: <http://www.acls.org/programs/dcf/>

Description: Support a year of research and writing to help advance graduate students in the humanities and related social sciences in the last year of Ph.D. dissertation writing. The program encourages timely completion of the Ph.D.

Fields: Humanities and Social Sciences

**Title: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)**

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Website: <http://www.nsfgrfp.org/>

Deadline: October/November

Description: Recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students who are pursuing research-based masters and doctoral degrees in the fields within NSF's mission. Provides three years of support, only students in their first or second year of graduate school may apply.

Fields: STEM and Social Sciences

**Title: Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans**

Sponsor: Paul and Daisy Soros Foundation

Website: <http://www.pdsoros.org/>

Deadline: November 1, 2015

Description: To be eligible you must be a new American, not yet 31 years old, and not beyond your second year in the graduate degree program for which you request support.

Fields: Any

**Title: Predoctoral and Dissertation Fellowships**

Sponsor: Ford Foundation Fellowship Program

Website: <http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/fordfellowships/>

Deadline: November

Description: The awards will be made to individuals who, in the judgement of the review panels, have demonstrated superior academic achievement, are committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level, show promise of future achievement as scholars and teachers, and are well prepared to use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students

Fields: See website for full list

**Title: National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship**

Sponsor: Department of Defense

Website: <http://ndseg.asee.org/>

Description: Intends to increase the number of U.S. citizens and nationals trained in science and engineering disciplines of military importance. Three year graduate fellowships to individuals who have demonstrated the ability and special aptitude for advanced training in science and engineering.

Fields: STEM

**Title: Critical Language Scholarship Program**

Sponsor: U.S. Department of State

Website: <http://clscholarship.org/>

Description: Fully funded overseas language and cultural im-

mersion program for American undergraduate and graduate students. With the goal of broadening the base of Americans studying and mastering critical languages and building relationships between the people of the US and other countries.

Fields: All

**Title: PEO Scholar Award**

Sponsor: PEO International

Website: <http://www.peointernational.org/about-peo-scholar-awards-psa>

Deadline: September 21, 2015 (Internal Deadline)

Description: One-time, competitive, merit-based awards for women of the US and Canada who are pursuing a doctoral level degree at an accredited college or university. In addition to recognizing and encouraging excellence in higher education, these awards provide partial support for study and research for women who will make significant contributions in their varied fields of endeavor. Please contact OGFA if you are interested in applying for this award.

Fields: All

**Title: AERA Minority Dissertation Fellowship in Education Research**

Sponsor: AERA

Website: <http://www.aera.net/ProfessionalOpportunitiesFunding/AERAFundingOpportunities/MinorityDissertationFellowshipProgram/tabid/10243/Default.aspx>

Deadline: November 2, 2015

Description: The dissertation study should focus on an education research topic such as high stakes testing; ethnic studies/curriculum; tracking; STEM development; measurement of achievement and opportunity gaps; English language learners; or bullying and restorative justice.

Fields: Education, Humanities, and Social Sciences

**Title: Dennis Weatherstone Predoctoral Fellowship Program**

Sponsor: Autism Speaks

Website: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/science/grants-program>

Deadline: October 1, 2015

Description: Predoctoral students interested in pursuing careers in autism research. This program supports the growth of a promising cadre of young scientists who will make autism research their chosen field.

Field: Any

**Title: Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship**

Sponsor: SSRC

Website: <http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/dpdf-fellowship/>

Deadline: October 15, 2015

Description: Helps early-stage doctoral students formulate innovative dissertation research proposals through workshops, exploratory summer research, and writing guided by peer review and faculty mentorship. The program seeks young scholars who are interested in strengthening their dissertation research plans through exposure to the theories, literatures, methods, and intellectual traditions of disciplines outside their own.

Field: Humanities and Social Sciences



## REASONS TO APPLY AND SUGGESTED DEADLINES

<b>Top Ten Reasons to Apply for External Funding</b>	
10. They told me to	Your advisor suggested that you should apply for external funding.
9. Feedback	The reviewers may provide feedback regarding your research proposal.
8. Recognition	Here at FSU, nationally, and in and out of your field, you will receive recognition for your accomplishments..
7. Knowledge	Gain a deeper understanding of a field that interests you.
6. Experience	Gain valuable experience in grant/proposal writing
5. They are looking for you	There are Sponsors with multiple fellowships that match your demographics and research interests.
4. Freedom	You will have more freedom to choose projects, advisors, etcetera...
3. Time	Complete your degree in less time.
2. Money!	Complete Graduate School with less debt.
1. We are here to help	OGFA is free and available to all FSU graduate students.

<b>Time Prior to Deadline</b>	<b>Task to Complete</b>
Anytime	Preliminary Meeting with OGFA to Discuss Options and Strategy
3 Months	Application Components Outline
3 Months	Contact Sponsored Research Services (SRS) For IDs (If Necessary)
2 Months	Submit Initial Draft of Documents to OGFA for Structure and Content Review
1.5 Months	Submit Draft of Documents to Writing Center for Additional Audience Review
1 Month	Submit Draft of Documents to Major Professor
3 Weeks	Submit Revised Drafts of Documents to OGFA/Writing Center
2 Weeks	Proposal Transmittal Form Signed by Major Professor, Dean, and Chair (If Necessary)
10 Days	Upload Documents and Submit to SRS (If Necessary)
2 Days	Submit Final Draft to Fellowship/Award Sponsor