

# Graduate Student External Funding

[Learn more about the numerous external awards and funds available to graduate students.](#) A selection of externally funded fellowships is also included below.

## External Funding Sources

**Note:** These external fellowship opportunities fund supplemental experiences (research, institutes) or graduate studies or research. They are typically not intended to cover UD's tuition and fees.

The [American Association of University Women](#) awards grants and fellowships to students performing research in a wide range of disciplines and working to improve their schools and communities.

[Ford Fellowships](#) seek to increase the diversity of the nation's college and university faculties. Predoctoral, dissertation and postdoctoral fellowships are awarded.

## Fellowship Databases and Other Resources

The [AAAS Fellowships Resources](#) lists professional associations that often offer awards, scholarships or funding opportunities in that discipline.

The [Cornell Fellowships Database](#) is a searchable database for graduate students.

Through [GRAPES at UCLA](#), you can search for awards from more than 600 fellowships, grants, postdoctoral awards and scholarships for applicants to graduate programs, current graduate students working on master's theses or doctoral dissertations, and postdoctoral scholars.

The [Rutgers GradFund](#) is a searchable database for graduate students.

# Federal Financial Aid

## Federal Stafford Loans

Applying for federal Stafford loans requires completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). At the University of Delaware, unsubsidized Stafford loans are available to full-time graduate students up to a maximum amount of \$20,500 annually.

## Federal Work-Study

Eligibility for the Federal Work-Study Program is based on the applicant's need as determined by the information on the applicant's FAFSA. In addition, students must be enrolled at least half time and maintain satisfactory academic progress. Students are paid biweekly for hours worked.