Funding Opportunities

There are a lot of funding opportunities out there to help supplement (or replace) TA or RA funding. Below you’ll find a list to get you started. Make sure to check the eligibility requirements before you start your application.

Our advice to you? Apply early and often! **Note that many of these opportunities are only available to first and second year graduate students** Not only is it nice to be able to fund your own travel to a conference (or pay your own salary for that matter), but scholarships and grants can be a great way to start building out your CV. We are more than happy to help edit your application materials, just ask!

This is by no means a comprehensive list, but it should help get you started. We recommend you sign up for the grad funding newsletter through the UA Office of Fellowships and Community Engagement (https://grad.arizona.edu/ofce/) by sending an email to list@list.arizona.edu. Include "subscribe gradfunding Firstname Lastname" in the subject line.

**Fellowships**

Even if your advisor has some RA funding for you, we’d strongly encourage you to apply for at least one fellowship. Free up your advisor’s money for things like fieldwork, conference travel, and publication costs. Also, many of these fellowships provide salaries that are quite a bit higher than TA or RA funding.

- **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship:**
  This fellowship provides three years of funding (over a 5 year window), and includes a $34K stipend, tuition/fee/health insurance coverage, and a small amount for conference travel ($500/year). It’s competitive, but a great opportunity, and UA offers support for applicants through the Office of Fellowships and Community Engagement.
  Deadline: early November
  Website: (http://www.nsfgrfp.org/)

- **Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship:** The Ford Fellowship provides three years of funding ($24K per year) as well as expenses paid to attend at least one Conference of Ford Fellows. Keep the Ford Foundation on your radar. They also provide dissertation and post-doc fellowships!
  Deadline: mid November
  Website: http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/fordfellowships/index.htm

- **National Defense Science & Engineering Graduate Fellowship:**
  The NDSEG provides three years of funding and pays $30,500 the first year and $31,500 the second and third year as well as required fees. Funding comes from the DoD, but there is no military service requirement.
  Deadline: early December
  Website: https://ndseg.asee.org/
GEM Ph.D. Science Fellowship:
Includes a minimum of one paid summer internship with a GEM Employer Member
Deadline: mid November
Website: http://www.gemfellowship.org/students/gem-fellowship-program/

Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowship:
$32,000 for up to 5 years
Deadline: late October
Website: http://www.hertzfoundation.org/dx/fellowships/fellowshipaward.aspx

National Physical Science Consortium:
Up to six years of funding plus two summer internships at a national lab
Deadline: November
Website: https://www.npsc.org/index.html

Arizona Space Grant Consortium Graduate Fellowship Program:
The UA/NASA Space Grant Program and nominating departments provide six graduate fellowships per year to exceptional graduate students interested in promoting the understanding of space-related research to the public and who are studying in space sciences/engineering, public policy, earth sciences, science education, and global change-related fields. The fellowship, co-sponsored by UA/NASA Space Grant and the applicant’s nominating Department, includes a stipend of $16,000 for one or two years, both in- and out-of-state fee/tuition waivers, student health insurance, and $750/year for travel to professional meetings.
Deadline: varies
Website: https://spacegrant.arizona.edu/opportunities/fellowships

Peter W. Likins Graduate Fellowship Award:
Award recipients will be first or second year graduate students (international or domestic) who have, due to circumstances of whatever nature, overcome substantial adversity to be accepted for admission by a degree granting graduate program (masters or doctoral) at the University of Arizona (UA).
Deadline: late October
Website:
http://grad.arizona.edu/funding/opportunities/peter-w-likins-graduate-fellowship-award

University of Arizona/Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Indigenous Graduate Partnership:
$36,100 (masters) or $48,500 (phd). Support for Native American graduate students.
Deadline: contact Donna Treloar at dtreloar@grad.arizona.edu
Website: http://grad.arizona.edu/diversityprograms/uasigp
Conference Travel Grants
Travel to conferences is expensive, and it’s not guaranteed that your advisor will be able to cover the cost of your attendance. Travel grants can be a great way to supplement your advisor’s travel budget so you don’t have to pay out of pocket. Always check to see if the conference provides student travel grants too!

UA GPSC Travel Grants:
Up to $750
Deadline: multiple per year
Website: [http://www.gpsc.arizona.edu/travel-grants](http://www.gpsc.arizona.edu/travel-grants)

Graduate Interdisciplinary Programs Herbert E. Carter Travel Awards:
Up to $600
Deadline: multiple per year
Website: [http://gidp.arizona.edu/carter-award](http://gidp.arizona.edu/carter-award)

Seismological Society of America Travel Grant:
Deadline: late November
Website: [http://www.seismosoc.org/students.php#travel](http://www.seismosoc.org/students.php#travel)

EarthCube Early Career Travel Grant:
$500 or $1000
Deadline: rolling
Other Grants and Scholarships
Opportunities abound to provide supplemental funds to help cover the costs of being a grad student!

Research Support:
GPSC Research and Project Grants:
Up to $2000
Deadline: multiple per year
Webiste: http://www.gpsc.arizona.edu/research-grants

GSA Graduate Student Research Grants:
~$2500
Deadline: late January/ early February
Website: http://www.geosociety.org/grants/gradgrants.htm

AAPG Graduate Student Research Grants:
~$3000 for research projects of interest to the petroleum industry.
Deadline: late January/early February.
Website: http://foundation.aapg.org/students/graduate/grantlist.cfm

USINDO Travel Grant:
Up to $2000 for travel to Indonesia
Deadline: Multiple
Website: http://www.usindo.org/grants-fellowships/travel-grants

The Jonathan O. Davis Scholarship in Quaternary Sciences:
$5,000 Research Grant, for Quaternary geology in the US Great Basin only
Deadline: mid February
Website: http://www.dri.edu/education-and-outreach/student-programs/graduate-scholarships/189-jod-scholarship

William G. McGinnies Scholarship, UA SNRE Department:
$2,500 for study of arid lands (broad topic, but generally goes to those studying drought)
Deadline: December 1st
Website: http://snre.arizona.edu/academics/mcginnies
Lewis and Clark Fund For Exploration and Field Research:
$5000 for fieldwork
Deadline: late January
Website: http://www.amphilsoc.org/grants/lewisandclark

National Geographic Young Explorer:
$5,000. Funding for 'exploratory work.' Must be younger than 25 years old.
Deadline: rolling
Website: http://www.nationalgeographic.com/explorers/grants-programs/yeg-application/

Sigma Xi:
Up to $1000
Deadline: October 15th and March 15 annually
Website: https://www.sigmaxi.org/programs/grants-in-aid

Salary Support:
UA Geosciences Summer Research support
Up to $1500. Multiple general and specific research area-focused grants. APPLY FOR THIS EVERY YEAR THAT YOU ARE ELIGIBLE!
Deadline: Anne Chase will send an email in the spring.

Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) Phoenix Chapter:
$7,000, plus tuition remission, plus $2,000 from Grad College. Renewable up to 3 yrs.
Deadline: Anne Chase will send an email. You must apply to the department to be nominated.

UA Carson Scholarships:
One-time $5,000 scholarship to students in environmental sciences interested in communicating science to a broad audience.
Deadline: mid September
Website: http://carson.arizona.edu/content/scholarship

Arizona Geological Society Scholarship:
$3,000
Deadline: late October
Website: http://www.arizonageologicalsoc.org/Students

AGS J. Harold Courtright Scholarship:
$3,000 for students working on a field-related project in the North or South American Cordillera.
Deadline: late October
Website: http://www.arizonageologicalsoc.org/Students

**AZ Association of Environmental Professionals Scholarship & Grant:**
$1,500
Deadline: late February
Website: http://www.azaep.org/scholarship-application.html

**EPAZ Environmental Scholarship Program**
Up to $2500. For students in graduate and undergraduate environmental programs in Arizona.
http://www.epaz.org/epazportal/scholarships.html
Deadline: November 30

**SAEMS Environmental Scholarships**
Awards scholarships to students pursuing a career in an environmental field.
http://www.saems.org/scholarships_frameset.htm
Deadline: March

**Society of Exploration Geophysicists Foundation Scholarships:**
$500-$14,000
Deadline: March 1st
Website: http://www.seg.org/web/foundation/programs/scholarship

**Funding Opportunities for Female Scientists**

**AWG Takken Travel Grant:**
$500 for travel to conferences other than the GSA annual meeting
Deadline: twice a year
Website: http://www.awg.org/eas/awards/takken.htm

**AWG Sand Travel Award:**
$500 for travel to GSA annual meeting
Deadline: twice a year
Website: http://www.awg.org/eas/awards/sand.htm

**Harriet Evelyn Wallace Scholarship:**
$5,000 with opportunity to renew for a second year
Deadline: January
Website: https://www.agiweb.org/scholarships/wallace/

**AAUW Summer/Short-term Research Publication Grants:**
$6,000
Deadline: mid November
Website: http://aauw-ampub.scholarsapply.org/
American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowship:
$20,000
Deadline: mid November
Website: http://aauw-amdissert.scholarsapply.org/

P.E.O. Scholar Award:
$15,000. A local chapter sponsors you in a national competition for award. Talk with Georgia Ehlers in Office for Fellowships and Community Engagement if interested. Kat Compton and Shaunna Morrison can also provide some guidance.
Deadline: October
Website: http://www.peointernational.org/about-peo-scholar-awards-psa