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Scholarships and fellowships are designed to support graduate students who have exceptional academic record and research potential. These awards generally cover all or partial tuition and often include a graduate stipend, and are intended to let the student concentrate on

coursework and/or research.

Please note that recipients are still responsible for school fees.

Below you will find just a partial list of the many scholarships and fellowships that may be available to help fund your graduate education.

National Awards

+ Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships

The Ford Foundation Predoctoral and Dissertation Fellowships for Minorities Program was initiated in 1985, with the first awards announced in 1986. The program is designed to increase the presence of underrepresented minorities on the nation's college and university faculties. Awards are made to individuals who have demonstrated exceptional scholarship and show greatest promise for future achievement as scholars, researchers, and teachers in institutions of higher education. The Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowships for Minorities Program, initiated in 1979, is designed to help scholars either preparing for or engaged in college or university teaching and research to achieve professional recognition in their respective fields and to acquire the professional associations that will make them more effective and productive in their employment. Awards are made to those individuals who show greatest promise of future achievement in academic research and scholarship in higher education.

+ Fulbright US Student Program: Grants for Graduate Study, Research, or English Teaching Assistantships Abroad

Created by the US Congress, this program provides various grants to study abroad and interact with other cultures while completing coursework, research projects. Institutional nomination is required, and the internal UB deadline is early September. For more information visit the [UB Fulbright website](http://www.fulbright.buffalo.edu/) [http://www.fulbright.buffalo.edu/] and the [Institute of International Education website](http://www.iie.org/en/Fulbright) [http://www.iie.org/en/Fulbright].

+ The National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF)

The National Science Foundation (NSF) awards three-year scholarships for graduate study in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and math. The NSF welcomes applications from all qualified students and strongly encourages under-represented populations, including women, under-represented minorities, and persons with disabilities, to apply for this fellowship. Applications are available online and the deadlines vary by discipline but are generally November. For more information visit the NSF GRFP website [\[http://www.nsfgrfp.org/\]](http://www.nsfgrfp.org/), or the NSF website [\http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pi

University Awards

+ Arthur A. Schomburg Fellowship Program

UB's Arthur A. Schomburg Fellowship Program is sponsored by the SUNY office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion [\[http://www.suny.edu/diversity/\]](http://www.suny.edu/diversity/), and offers in doctoral and master's level programs across the university who can demonstrate that they would contribute to the diversity of the student body, especially demonstrate that they have overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education. Students in the Schomburg Fellowship Program have academic credentials that contribute to an impressive graduation and retention rate of close to eighty percent. Since its inception in 1987, over 500 academic students have received support through this Fellowship program.

Beginning in the Fall 2017, students will be awarded a Schomburg Fellowship by their college or school during the admissions process. For more information, contact your academic department.

Academic Practicum Policy

Recipients of support through the Arthur Alfonso Schomburg Graduate Fellowship who are not appointed to a teaching, research or graduate assistantship must complete an academic, research, or service practicum during the period in which they receive funding. Master's level fellowship recipients must complete a practicum, while doctoral level fellows are required to complete two semesters.

The academic department that nominated the Schomburg Fellow will implement this policy. All activities that fellows plan to pursue must be pre-approved by the academic department, and if applicable, the outside agency that will benefit from the project. Practicum activities may include, but are not limited to, teaching course level; academic tutoring; career or personal counseling; theoretical or applied research; and technical assistance either on campus or in the Western New York area. When consistent with the individual Fellow's academic and career objectives, teaching at the undergraduate or graduate levels (while appropriately enrolled in a "teaching" or "independent study" course) is permitted with the approval of the academic department and unit as a means of fulfilling the practicum requirement. Instances where, for example, a fellow may already be required to teach, or perform research or service as a part of his/her degree program, this experience may satisfy the Fellowship practicum requirement.

Summer Support Policy

Funding provided by the State of New York for the Arthur A. Schomburg Fellowship Program is limited, and requests from Schomburg Fellows for support during the summer term are considered only if funds are available. Awards are generally limited to one summer over the period of an individual Fellow's academic program, and circumstances are presented.

If sufficient funds exist, summer support may be requested only by Schomburg Fellows who meet at least one of the following criteria:

- The Fellow's academic program requires all students (whether Schomburg Fellows or not) to undertake specified coursework during the initial or concluding semester of the program consistent with the approved/registered curriculum; or
- The Fellow needs summer support in order to complete his/her degree program by the end of that summer term. The expectation is that the student will complete the degree by the end of the summer in question (September 1 degree conferral). Note that Fellows receiving summer support under this criterion will NOT be eligible for Schomburg Fellowship funding beyond the "concluding" summer in which such support is received; or
- Completion of required clinical component(s) of the program during the summer will enable the student to finish the degree program a semester early.

If awarded, summer tuition scholarship support covers tuition only (not fees or other charges). Such tuition support is limited to the general graduate tuition for the summer term.

If awarded, summer stipend support will be \$250 for each week of the required summer enrollment period (e.g. a total of \$1,500 for a 6-week course period or 10-week course period), regardless of the number of courses taken during that period.

Requests for special summer support should be in the form of a letter from the Fellow addressed to the Graduate School (408 Capen Hall), and should include a description of the specific coursework to be completed and how that coursework relates to the eligibility criteria listed above. Requests must be accompanied by a letter from the Fellow's academic department that includes confirmation that the summer coursework in question is required of all students under the program, that the Fellow will complete his/her academic program by the end of the summer term, and/or that the Fellow's completion of required clinical component(s) during the summer will enable the student to finish the degree program a semester early.

The deadline for receipt of written requests for summer support under the Schomburg Fellowship program is the last day of scheduled classes during the

➤ [Learn More About Arthur A. Schomburg \[/apply/funding/schomburg.html\]](#)

+ Graduate Opportunity Program (GOP)

The Graduate Opportunity Program (GOP; formerly GEOP) provides tuition scholarships to students who graduated from one of the following programs in New York State:

- Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
- Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP)
- CUNY Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge (SEEK) programs



Application Deadline

The completed GOP Application Form (89 KB) [\[/content/dam/grad/apply/gop-application.pdf\]](#) must be submitted to The Graduate School by **June 1** for the following academic year. Incomplete forms will be returned to the student.

Eligibility

- Only New York State residents who participated as undergraduates in certified EOP, HEOP or SEEK programs within New York State and completed degrees are eligible to seek support through the GOP
- All disciplines are eligible
- Tuition scholarships are not awarded for multiple degrees at the same level (e.g., two Master's degrees) or for stand-alone certificate programs
- Tuition scholarships are not awarded to part-time students
- Only students intending to enroll full-time (12 credits each term) should apply for the program
- The Graduate Opportunity Program receives a limited amount of funding each year; tuition scholarships are not guaranteed to all students who apply

Application Process

- Ensure that you meet all GOP requirements and eligibility standards
- Apply to an academic department [\[/Academics/academic_programs.html\]](#) at the University at Buffalo
- After you are admitted to a UB graduate program, print the [GOP Application Form](#) (89 KB) [\[/content/dam/grad/apply/gop-application.pdf\]](#)
- Complete section 1 of the GOP Application Form
- Obtain the required signature from your undergraduate EOP/HEOP/SEEK office in section 2 of the GOP Application Form
- Submit your **completed** application form to The Graduate School, making sure you retain a copy for your records; **please note that incomplete forms will be returned to the student**

Applications are reviewed by committee, and tuition scholarships are awarded based on a combination of distribution of awards across disciplines at UB and academic merit.

Awards are determined once the level of budget support for the program is confirmed by New York State. The Graduate School will send you a notification regarding the outcome of your application as soon as circumstances permit.

+ Graduate Tuition Scholarship

Graduate tuition scholarships are awarded by an academic department/program, a college/school, or a university administrative office. Master's students as many as four semesters of tuition scholarship support. Doctoral students may receive as many as eight semesters of tuition scholarship support, including scholarships received while enrolled in a master's program. Read more about policies regarding the award and use of graduate tuition scholarships in the [for Graduate Tuition Scholarships](#) (75 KB) [\[/content/dam/grad/apply/tuition-scholarship-policy.pdf\]](#). All graduate tuition scholarship recipients are subject to contact the [academic or administrative unit](#) [\[/explore/academics/programs.html\]](#) providing your tuition scholarship for more information, and for assistance in forms.

⊖ Presidential Fellowships

The UB Presidential Fellowship Program is aimed at enhancing UB's competitiveness in recruiting outstanding graduate students. To be eligible, a nominant must be an incoming applicant to a PhD program and must be appointed as a full teaching, graduate or research assistant. Nominees must also meet at least one of the following upon admission:

- A cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.40 or higher; OR
- A combined score of 1,270 or higher on the Verbal and Quantitative sections of the "old" GRE General Test (the version offered prior to August 1, 2011) and a score of 4.5 or higher on the Analytical Writing component of that test; OR
- A combined score of 313 or higher on the Verbal and Quantitative sections of the revised/new version of the GRE General Test (that was introduced August 1, 2011) and a score of 4.5 or higher on the Analytical Writing component of that test; OR
- A score on the relevant GRE Subject Test that is at, or above, 75th percentile for that test's administration

For more information about the Presidential Fellowship, please [contact your academic department \[explore/academics/programs.html\]](#).

Departmental Awards

Many degree programs have their own scholarship funds to award to graduate and professional students at their discretion. These awards, which often come from the Graduate School makes available to the deans, vary in amount and eligibility. Please contact your [academic department \[explore/academics/programs.html\]](#) for more information on academic requirements and more information.

+ College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Scholarship

Each year, the [College of Arts and Sciences \(CAS\)](#) [\[http://www.cas.buffalo.edu/\]](http://www.cas.buffalo.edu/) offers 25 Dean's Scholarships to outstanding graduate students pursuing a degree in the College. The scholarship carries a generous stipend, and will be renewable for up to three additional years. Please visit the [CAS Dean's Scholarship web page \[http://www.cas.buffalo.edu/graduate/current-graduate/fellowships-awards/\]](#) or contact your [department \[explore/academics/programs.html\]](#) for more information.