

Graduate Scholarship and Fellowship Opportunities (updated March 2015)

AAG International Geographic Information Fund Student Travel Grants (up to \$500)

The Association of American Geographers will award one or more small grants of up to \$500 for the support of student travel to national and international symposia or specialized conferences sponsored by recognized professional organizations supporting activities associated with specific aspects of geographic data analysis and handling and geographic information systems. The term, "support of student travel," means reimbursement for the cost of transportation, accommodations, meals, and any other cost or expense reasonable related to travel for attendance at such events.

Application due date: December 31, 2015

Paul Vouras Fund (up to \$500)

Robert D. Hodgson Memorial Ph.D. Dissertation Fund (up to \$500)

The AAG provides support for doctoral dissertation research in the form of small grants to Ph.D. candidates of any geographic specialty. The fund supports doctoral dissertation research in geography.

Applicants must have been AAG members for at least one year by time of application. Applicants may not have a doctorate at time of award and must have completed all Ph.D. requirements except the dissertation by the end of the semester or term following approval of the award. The applicant's dissertation supervisor must certify the applicant's eligibility. Preference will be given to minority student applications.

<http://www.aag.org/cs/grants/dissertation>

Application due date: December 31, 2015

Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research (up to \$5,000)

The fund encourages exploratory field studies for the collection of specimens and data and to provide the imaginative stimulus that accompanies direct observation. Applications are invited from disciplines with a large dependence on field studies, such as archeology, anthropology, biology, ecology, geography, geology, linguistics, paleontology, and population genetics, but grants will not be restricted to these fields.

Grants will be available to doctoral students. Postdoctoral fellows, master's degree candidates, and undergraduates are not eligible. Applicants who have previously received a Lewis and Clark Fund

grant may reapply after an interval of two years. Preference is given to applicants who have not yet been granted an award from the Fund.

The competition is open to U.S. citizens and residents wishing to carry out research anywhere in the world. Foreign applicants must either be based at a U.S. institution or plan to carry out their work in the United States

<http://www.amphilsoc.org/grants/lewisandclark>

Application due date: January 30, 2016

NSF Geography and Spatial Sciences Program Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement (DDRI) Award

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503621

The Geography and Spatial Sciences Program sponsors research on the geographic distributions and interactions of human, physical, and biotic systems on Earth. Investigators are encouraged to propose plans for research about the nature, causes, and consequences of human activity and natural environmental processes across a range of scales. Projects on a variety of topics qualify for support if they offer promise of contributing to scholarship by enhancing geographical knowledge, concepts, theories, methods, and their application to societal problems and concerns.

As part of its effort to encourage and support projects that explicitly integrate education and basic research, GSS provides support to improve the conduct of doctoral dissertation projects undertaken by doctoral students enrolled in U.S. universities when the dissertation research is conducted in a scientifically sound manner and it offers strong potential for enhancing more general scientific knowledge.

Application due date: [Second Thursday in February and August each year](#)

[Next due date: August 13, 2015](#)

Regional Science Association International Awards and Fellowships

This site lists numerous awards and fellowships, including the Stan Czamanski Prize (\$1,000)

http://www.regionalscience.org/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&layout=item&id=1262&Itemid=858

The annual prize is awarded to author of the best Ph.D. dissertation proposal judged to exemplify the philosophy and approach of Professor Czamansk. Professor Czamanski's research exemplified the analysis of social and economic problems with regional and spatial dimensions. In doing so, he chose judiciously the right combination of analytical and empirical research methods from his tool box to address the specific issue at hand.

Application due date: June 30, 2015 (dissertation proposal defended and approved during past 12 months)

Regional Science Association International Dissertation Award (750 euros)

http://www.regionalscience.org/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&layout=item&id=365&Itemid=602

The Regional Science Association International (RSAI) invites submissions for the annual competition for the best doctoral dissertation in regional science. Regional science is an interdisciplinary field concerned with theory, method, and application of regional, urban and rural, geographic and spatial investigations and analyses.

Application due date: July 31, 2015

NSF Graduate Research Program Scholarships (up to \$44,000)

<https://colleges.niche.com/scholarships/major/geological-and-earth-sciences-geosciences/>

Applicants must be full-time students who have completed no more than 12 months of graduate study and be U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals or permanent residents. The fields of study are interdisciplinary, computer and information science and engineering, mathematical sciences, geosciences, psychology, social sciences, life sciences, chemistry, physics and astronomy and engineering.

Application due date: November 18, 2015

William A. Fisher Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)

www.asprs.org

Applicants must be prospective or current graduate students and submit letters of recommendation, a two-page statement detailing educational and career plans for continuing studies in remote sensing

applications and transcripts. It is also recommended that applicants submit technical papers, research reports or other items that indicate their capabilities. Recipients must submit a report of their work during the award period.

Application due date: October 18, 2015

AAG Hoffman Award (\$350-\$500)

<http://www.aag.org/>

Applicants must research toward a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation on a geographical subject in Eastern Europe which includes the countries of East Central and Southeast Europe from Poland south to Romania, Bulgaria and the successor states of the former Yugoslavia. The research topics may be historical or contemporary, systematic or regional, limited to a small area or comparative. Applicants must submit applications including a statement of the research topic, research methods, field of study, schedule and bibliography. Applicants should also submit a letter describing professional achievements and the goals and a letter of support from a sponsoring faculty member.

Application due date: December 31, 2015

AAG Dissertation Research Grants (up to \$1,000)

The AAG provides support for doctoral dissertation research in the form of small grants of up to \$1000 to PhD candidates of any geographic specialty.

Eligibility: An AAG member for at least one year at the time you submit your application and will have completed all Ph.D. requirements except the dissertation by the end of the semester or term following approval of your award (i.e., you will have all requirements except the dissertation completed in the spring or summer term immediately following the Dec. 31 application submission).

In addition to the information you will provide on our [online application form](#), your dissertation supervisor must certify your eligibility by sending an email to grantsawards@aag.org prior to December 31 with "AAG Dissertation Grant – Eligibility Verification for NAME OF APPLICANT" in the subject of the email.

For full details see <http://www.aag.org/cs/grants/dissertation>

Application Due Date: December 31, yearly

American Council of Learned Societies

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships

<http://www.acls.org/programs/comps/>

These awards are designed for one year grant (most recently stipend of \$30,000 plus funds for research costs up to \$3,000 and for university fees of up to \$5,000.

They fellowships support a year of research and writing for advanced graduate students in the humanities and related social sciences in the last year of dissertation writing. In 2014, ACLS supported 65 fellowships in this competition, and may be held while in residency at the fellow's home institution, abroad, or at an appropriate research site for the research. They may not be held concurrently with any other fellowship or grant.

Applicants must have completed all requirements for the PhD except the dissertation by the application deadline.

Details of application requirements and evaluation criteria are available on the website. Note: Listings of previous recipients indicate that a high proportion of awards are made to candidates in elite private institutions or high ranking public institutions. While most successful applicants are in the humanities disciplines, some awarded are made to candidates in other fields. University of Arizona SGD alum Jeff Garmany was successful in obtaining this award. (see his website <http://www.kcl.ac.uk/aboutkings/worldwide/initiatives/global/brazilinstitute/people/Dr-Jeff-Garmany.aspx>)

Application due date: Check web site. Annual competition. Last due date was October 14, 2014 for awards for academic year beginning Summer 2015.

Society of Woman Geographers (SWG)

SWG's [Pruitt](#) Fellowship Program offers fellowships of between \$8,000 and \$12,000 to women doctoral candidates in the United States and Canada. These fellowships support dissertation research in geography and geographical aspects of related fields.

<http://www.iswg.org/fellowships/>

Application due date: Applications from woman Ph.D. candidates for the Pruitt National Fellowship for Dissertation Research are due February 1 of each year.

Eligibility Women students in PhD programs in geography or in geographical

aspects of allied fields. The competition is open to Ph.D. candidates in all geographical specialties. Women are eligible to apply who are enrolled in Ph.D. programs in the United States and Canada. Preference will be given those Association of American Geographers

Note: Several U of Arizona SGD doctoral candidates have been successful in this program: Sarah Smith, Erika Wise, Brittany Young and Marissa Isaak.

Philanthropic Educational Organization (up to \$12,000 all programs; up to \$20,000 for PhD work)

The P.E.O sisterhood proudly makes a difference in women's lives with six philanthropies that include ownership of a women's college, Cottey College, and five projects that provide higher educational assistance.

<http://www.peointernational.org/peo-projects-and-philanthropies>
