Funding: Fellowships/Grants

Outside funding (funding you receive outside of your initial award letter) is an important part of your graduate education and professional development. As part of your AADS doctoral milestones, you must submit two fellowship applications during your time in the AADS grad program. Outside funding can increase your time to degree and give you additional semesters to write, research, and/or defend your dissertation.

(Note: update from 10/6/14 meeting)
If an AADS PhD student receives any outside (non-UT) funding award that covers a total of 2 or more years, then the equivalent number of years of that student’s funding package from AADS/UT will be replaced by those outside funds and one additional year of funding will be available from AADS after all outside funds are used. That final year of funding will be in the form of a TAship, to be taken during the final (dissertation writing) year in a PhD program. AADS will honor this graduate funding package for as long as the student makes reasonable progress towards the degree within the established 6-year period.

Finding Grants
The process of searching for grants is also a part of professionalization around fellowships. However, attached is a list of the most prominent opportunities.

Editing Process
Ford Foundation Fellowship applications are due in mid-November (Dissertation: 11/14 at 5 pm, Predoctoral: 11/19 at 5 pm). All AADS grad students who are eligible are required to apply and participate for this season. The Ford application materials (statement of previous research, essay for proposed plan of graduate study, personal statement) can serve as templates for fellowship applications in the future, so producing a strong draft is important.

Note: International students should apply to their home countries and to fellowships that allow non-U.S. citizens to apply (e.g. Wenner Gren).
To support your efforts, we will structure a series of fellowship workshop and draft sessions:
October 13th, 330-5 pm: Workshop. Bring a draft of the Ford application materials and workshop them with your peers. Facilitated by Celeste Henery. Work on your draft.

Week of October 20th: Bring a corrected draft to your advisor for review, then edit according to their recommendations.

November 3rd. Email Nia your most recent edited draft. We will then forward your materials to an AADS Faculty Panel who will read and comment on your drafts by November 10th.

November 10th. Receive your panel edits, complete your draft, and send in by the deadline.