Grants

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I. The ABC’s of Travel Grants

A. Don’t be intimidated!
   - You too can get a grant!
   - Seek help from advisors / peers

B. Identify appropriate grants
   - Make sure you qualify
   - Make sure they fit your needs

C. Look closely at dates / requirements
   - Begin well in advance
   - Prepare required materials
II. The Proposal

A. Selling you project

1) Start with a hook / Make us care
   - Introduce topic – and wider context

2) Outline significance
   - What has been done
   - What will you do that is NEW and IMPORTANT

B. Selling yourself

1) Research Plan
   - What have you done?
   - What will you do?
III. The Letters

A. Choose letter-writers wisely!
   - Professors who know your work
   - Can attest to language skills
   - Have big names in the field

B. Give them time / materials!
   - Give them proposal well in advance
   - Ask for comments!! Integrate changes
   - Ask to reference project in letters
IV. The Budget

A. Think of everything...

- Flights (overestimate)
- Ground transportation
- Materials, equipment,
- Rent / hotels
- Per diem
- Photocopies, books, etc.
V. Grants for Europe - Fulbright

A. Fulbright - U.S. Student Program

- Study/research
- English Teaching Assistantships (ETAs)
- Travel-only (Germany, Hungary, Italy)
- Critical Language Enhancement Awards (Russian)

http://fulbright.state.gov/grants/student-program/u-s-citizen.html

- Encouraging applicants for...
  - Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia
- Multi-country Application accepted for:
  Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Slovenia

- Language Proficiency is a bonus - not a requirement!

- Projects can be creative!
  - They can be after a degree program is finished

- Plan ahead!
  - Make yourself qualified...if you are not
B. FLAS - Foreign Language Area Studies
   - Language study here at UT
     - Academic year
   - Language Study Abroad
     - Summer
   - Apply through the Center for European Studies

C. SSRC - Social Science Research Council
   - Dissertation fellowships
VI. Eastern Europe / Russia

A. IREX- International Research and Exchanges Board
   - Short term travel grants
   - Long term Research Grants

B. ACLS – American Council of Learned Societies
   Dissertation research or writing

C. ACTR – American Council of Teachers of Russian
   - Advanced Russian Language/Area Studies Program
   - Eurasian Regional Language Program
   - Combined Research and Language Program
   - Southeast European Language Training Program
VII. Western Europe

A. DAAD – German Academic Exchange Service
   - Graduate, undergraduate, post-doctoral

B. Chateaubriand fellowship
   - Doctoral level

C. Norway semester grants

D. More – on these Websites / Search portals