Graduate Fellowships

If you are a graduate student applying for external funding, please get in touch with the Pre-Award group (scipre-award@brandeis.edu). We can help you navigate the application process, and make sure that the appropriate institutional support is there when you need it! A final copy of your application and a signed Project Approval Form will be required before your application can be submitted. The PAF will require the signatures of yourself, your advisor/sponsor and the department chair (or their representative). Please plan ahead.

Federal Fellowships

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards for Individual Predoctoral Fellows (Parent F31)


NIH Deadlines: December 8, April 8, August 8, annually

Internal Deadlines: The first internal deadline is typically 3 weeks before the NIH deadline, the final internal deadline is 4 business days before the final deadline.

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) for Individual Predoctoral Fellowships to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (Parent F31 - Diversity)


NIH Deadlines: December 8, April 8, August 8, annually (the deadline has changed to be the same as the other F31 deadline: see https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-17-029.html)

Internal Deadlines: The first internal deadline is typically 3 weeks before the NIH deadline, the final internal deadline is 4 business days before the final deadline.

If you are applying for an NIH NRSA F31 fellowship, the Office of Research Administration offers review sessions several times a year to familiarize graduate students with the process.

National Science Foundation’s Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)*

- http://www.nsfgrfp.org/
- deadline late October, depends on division
- lots of good application tips on NSF website
- students with less than 12 months of post-baccalaureate education as of August of the application year

Non-federal fellowships

Fellowships previously obtained by one or more Brandeis students:

- American Heart Association - http://my.americanheart.org/professional/ResearchPrograms/ApplicationInformation/UCM_443316_Predoctoral-Fellowship.jsp
- HHMI International Student Research Fellowship (must be nominated) - http://www.hhmi.org/programs/international-student-research-fellowships (program suspended after 2016)
- Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans - http://www.pdsoros.org/

External Resources to search for funding opportunities:

- https://research.jhu.edu/rdt/funding-opportunities/postdoctoral/ - Johns Hopkins downloadable Excel list of postdoc funding opportunities (NEW!!)
- https://grad.ucla.edu/funding/
- https://grad.ucla.edu/asis/stusup/fundingop.htm