

## Graduate Research Opportunity Funds (GRO)

The School of Humanities and Sciences awards Graduate Research Opportunity (GRO) funding of up to \$5,000 to support doctoral student dissertation research. This funding does not replace other funding that the student may receive to support their dissertation research.

Thanks to a gift from a generous donor, GRO funds are also available to students pursuing dissertation research related to modern British history and culture (GRO-MBHC).

### ELIGIBILITY

Doctoral students (PhD or DMA) in the humanities, arts, and social sciences who:

- Have been admitted to candidacy
- Have an approved dissertation proposal
- Are making satisfactory academic progress
- Will be enrolled in the quarter in which GRO or GRO-MBHC funds will be disbursed

Questions about eligibility should be directed to [hsgusteam@lists.stanford.edu](mailto:hsgusteam@lists.stanford.edu).

### DEADLINES

There are two GRO and GRO-MBHC application cycles this year:

SUBMISSION DEADLINE	NOTIFICATION	FUNDS ISSUED BY
November 16, 2021	Early December	Mid-December
April 22, 2022*	Early-May	Mid May

\*Applications for summer research funding should be submitted in the Spring submission cycle.

### FUNDING

Funding is competitive and not all proposals will be funded. The maximum GRO or GRO-MBHC award is \$5,000. Applicants are encouraged to apply for other sources of funding, but may not accept multiple sources of funding to cover the same research expenses.

### GRO and GRO-MBHC Application Instructions

To apply for GRO or GRO-MBHC funds, complete the student profile and online application. To access the online application [here](#).

### Project Title and Summary

Briefly describe your research for a general audience, as members of the selection committee may not have subject-specific knowledge in your field. Your summary should:

- Provide an overview of your research problem or question
- Describe the research methods you are using
- Summarize how you plan to use the requested funds
- Indicate the status of your project (at what stage you are in your dissertation research?)
- **Not exceed 2 pages**

## **Budget**

Provide a line-item budget identifying:

- Expenses for which you are requesting funding
- Other funding for this project for which you have applied (e.g., VPGE DDRO, NSF, etc.)
- Other research funding that you have already obtained for this project

### *Eligible Expenses*

- Travel related to research data collection (e.g., transportation, accommodation, meals)
- Supplies, excluding computers or computer hardware
- Services (e.g., data entry or transcription)
- Payment to human subjects for participating in research (IRB approval required)
- Hiring a Stanford graduate or undergraduate student to assist with your research
  - **Before applying for GRO or GRO-MBHC funds, you must confirm with your home department/program that they agree to hire this student.**
  - For more detailed information on hiring, paying, and supervising graduate or undergraduate students, please refer to university policies at <https://adminguide.stanford.edu/chapter-10/subchapter-1/policy-10-1-1> or <https://adminguide.stanford.edu/chapter-10/subchapter-2/policy-10-2-2>.

### *Ineligible Expenses*

- Stanford cost of attendance (e.g., tuition, health insurance, etc.)
- Travel related to job interviews or conferences
- Non-travel living expenses
- Computer purchases

For an additional list of eligible and ineligible expenses, see [GRO FAQ](#)

### **Institutional Review Board (IRB)**

If applicable, indicate whether you have received IRB approval for your project and the IRB approval number.

### **Faculty Confirmation**

Your advisor will be asked to confirm that:

- You have been admitted to candidacy
- You are making satisfactory academic progress
- Your dissertation research project has been approved
- Your research project for this funding request is reasonable and can be completed as proposed