Graduate Research Opportunity Funds

Graduate Research Opportunity Funds for Research on Modern British History and/or Culture

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 is incremental and 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: gus_fellowships@lists.stanford.edu.

DEADLINES
There are two GRO and GRO-MBHC application cycles each year:

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<td>April 10, 2019*</td>
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*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 expenses.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
The application and additional information about the GRO and GRO-MBHC are available at: https://humsci.stanford.edu/current-students/fellowships-and-funding.
GRO and GRO-MBHC Application Instructions

To apply for GRO or GRO-MBHC funds, the following application materials must be submitted.

Student Information
Complete the student profile and online application. To access the online application at https://humsci.stanford.edu/current-students/fellowships-and-funding scroll down to GRO, click on button “Apply Now”.

Project Title and Summary
Describe your research for a broad 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
- Provide a status of the project (e.g., indicate at what stage you are in your dissertation)
- Not exceed 2 pages

Budget
Provide a line-item budget identifying:
- Expenses for which you are requesting funding
- Other research funding for which you have applied (e.g., VPGE DDRO, NSF, etc.)
- Other research funding that you have already obtained

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)
- Human subjects (IRB approval required)

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
- Payments to undergraduates

Letter of Support
A short letter of support from your faculty advisor is required and should confirm:
- You have been admitted to candidacy and are making satisfactory progress
- Your dissertation research project has been approved
- Your research plan is reasonable and can be completed as proposed

It is highly recommended that you notify your advisor well in advance of the application deadline to provide them with adequate time to write their letter. In the online application system, you can request a letter from your advisor before you submit your own application materials.
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When should I apply for funding?
- If you plan to use the research funds beginning in the Winter or Spring quarter, you should apply in Autumn quarter. If you plan to use the research funds beginning in Summer or Autumn quarters, you should apply in Spring quarter.

I am a PhD student, but my program is not within the School of Humanities and Sciences. Am I eligible to apply for the GRO or GRO-MBHC funding?
- No. Eligibility is restricted to doctoral (PhD or DMA) students in humanities, arts, and social sciences programs.

I am a graduate student in a master’s program. Am I eligible to apply for GRO or GRO-MBHC funding to support my research?
- No. GRO and GRO-MBHC funds are restricted to doctoral (PhD, DMA) students.

Am I eligible to apply to both the GRO or GRO-MBHC and the VPGE-DDRO?
- Yes. Applicants may simultaneously apply for other sources of funding, but may not accept multiple sources of funding for the same expenses.

I received GRO or GRO-MBHC funds in the past. Am I eligible to apply to the same award again?
- No. Prior recipients of GRO or GRO-MBHC funding may not reapply.

I just need funding to complete my dissertation. Can I use GRO or GRO-MBHC funds to support the writing process?
- No. The GRO and GRO-MBHC funds support doctoral student dissertation research, not the final writing stage.

Can I apply for GRO or GRO-MBHC funds to support exploratory research that might become part of my dissertation?
- No. These funds support research that is part of an approved dissertation proposal.

Are meals considered an eligible research expense?
- Yes. Meals are allowable as part of research travel expenses. When preparing your GRO or GRO-MBHC budget, use a reasonable figure representative for an average day of meals for the identified location.

When can I expect to be notified of the results of my GRO or GRO-MBHC application?
- Typically applicants are notified within 4-6 weeks after the application submission deadline.

If my GRO or GRO-MBHC application is successful, when will I receive my funding?
- GRO or GRO-MBHC research funds are typically issued as a fellowship stipend 2-3 weeks after notification of receiving the award.