

COVID-19 Update Spring Quarter 2021

GRO and GRO-MBHC will not award funding to support any travel, domestic or international in the Spring quarter 2021 application cycle. Stanford has suspended all university-sponsored travel, both domestic and international “through at least the end of Spring Quarter 2021”. For detailed up to date travel information, refer to the [Health Alerts](#) website.

To minimize research disruption, the following changes have been made:

- Students may apply for living expenses if the research that would have required travel can be performed remotely. For example, instead of requesting a per diem to support research elsewhere, students may now request reasonable costs to support living expenses such as food.
- If a student is awarded funding this quarter yet continues to require travel to complete their research, an exception has been made to permit the student to apply for a second GRO/GRO-MBHC award in a future quarter to support travel-related research. The maximum combined awards are \$5,000 and not all applications will be fully funded as there are limited funds available.

Graduate Research Opportunity Funds (GRO)

Graduate Research Opportunity Funds for Modern British History and Culture (GRO-MBHC)

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 gus_fellowships@lists.stanford.edu.

DEADLINES

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

SUBMISSION DEADLINE	NOTIFICATION	FUNDS ISSUED BY
October 21, 2020	Early November	Mid-November
April 30, 2021*	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 at <https://humsci.stanford.edu/current-students/fellowships-and-funding>, scroll down to GRO, and click on the button "Apply Now."

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 FAQ's (<https://stanford.box.com/s/rorqwzt7l25oogw8kx1on3tuhq01qvw5>).

Institutional Review Board (IRB)

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

Reference

Your advisor will need to complete a required reference form that confirms 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

It is highly recommended that you notify your advisor well in advance of the application deadline to provide them with adequate time to complete the reference form. In the online application system, you can request that your advisor fill out the reference form before you submit your application.