

## **Fellowship Opportunities**

For each student who is accepted into our program, the department makes every effort to put together an attractive funding package. Since both the University and the Department of Sociology at Berkeley have limited resources for the support of incoming students, we encourage students to apply for outside fellowship support. This funding is usually very generous, supplements Berkeley fellowships and is a prestigious thing to note on your CV.

Applying for support monies requires advance thought and planning. First, applications must often be made a year or more in advance of when the money is needed; application deadlines are seasonal, the majority occurring in late fall and winter, with very few in spring or summer. Second, the application process takes some time, often with personal essays and documentation. Third, application materials must be gathered together, several recommendations must be secured, and all must arrive at the awarding agency's office before the deadline date. Finally, deadlines are firm. Students should allow at least two months for the application process.

The following list of fellowship opportunities is specifically for entering students, with or without previous graduate work.

This list is of major fellowships that our prospective students frequently apply for and are awarded:

### **1. National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships**

[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=6201&org=EHR&from=home](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=6201&org=EHR&from=home)

Anticipated deadline is early November, please check their web site for the exact date. Last year they paid \$30,000 plus fees per year for up to 3 years. We strongly encourage students to apply for

these fellowships if appropriate. Most years we have students that are awarded NSF's and it is a wonderful source of funding.

## **2. Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program**

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/index.html> .Anticipated deadline is November, please check their web site for exact date. Last year they paid up to \$30,000 plus fees/year for up to 4 years

## **3. Ford Foundation Pre-doctoral Fellowships for Minorities**

<http://www7.nationalacademies.org/FORDfellowships/fordpredoc.html>

Anticipated deadline is November, please check their web site for exact date. This year's amounts have not been announced in time for this printing. Last year they paid \$20,000 , plus an award to UCB in lieu of tuition and fees for \$2,000.

## **4. Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS)**

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsflasf/index.html> Entering students apply for FLAS fellowships by completing the required field in the online Graduate Application for Admission and Fellowships for UC Berkeley. You give a short description of the relevance of your language study to your chosen research and career.

Here are some other potential funding sources, depending on your background:

### **1. American Indian Graduate Center**

Fellowships for American Indian and Alaskan Native students from federally recognized tribes. <http://www.aigc.com> Award amount based on need.

### **2. American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship Program**

[http://www.asanet.org/cs/root/leftnav/funding/minority\\_fellowship](http://www.asanet.org/cs/root/leftnav/funding/minority_fellowship)

program. Anticipated deadline is January 31, please check their web site for exact date..

### **3. Japanese American Citizens League**

<http://www.jacl.org/> or call (415) 921-5225

Check their web site for deadlines. Various awards up to \$5,000.

### **4. The Japan Foundation**

<http://www.jpf.go.jp/index.html>

Check their web site for deadlines.

### **5. The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans**

<http://www.pdsoros.org/fullapp.pdf>

November deadline. \$20,000.

## **Financial Aid for Foreign Students**

Foreign students seeking financial aid counseling should contact Berkeley International Office <http://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/> These advisors are aware of the special needs of foreign students and can answer questions ranging from immigration regulations to financial aid. However, the Berkeley International Office has no financial aid available for entering foreign students. Students are eligible to apply for aid administered by that office after they have completed two semesters of study at Berkeley (one semester for grants-in-aid).

Foreign applicants for admission should begin their pursuit of financial aid with academic departments or scholarship organizations in their own countries.

Foreign students are especially encouraged to apply to:

**1. The Fulbright Graduate Student Program**

<http://www.iie.org/fulbright>

**2. Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program**

<http://www.fordfound.org/>