



Fellowship Guide

What is a fellowship?

Fellowships are competitive domestic and international programs for undergraduates, graduate students, and alumni that can **fund a range of activities and interests**. The funding can be used for education, research, community based initiatives, or professional development training. Members may have **access to a broad network of people** involved in the program to help support career goals.

What is the application process?

The applications can be extensive and often include a **resume, transcript, letter of recommendations, and several essays**, including a personal statement and statement of grant purpose. Typically, 3-4 recommendations are required. Some fellowships may require up to 8 recommendations or an **internal endorsement**. Including the interview process, many applications will last for months.

How do I become a strong candidate?

Eligibility requirements vary by fellowship, but most programs look for students exhibiting **motivation, passion, personal integrity, academic achievement, and demonstrated leadership**. Participation in activities that showcase service/civic responsibility, excellence in academics, and leadership skills can elevate your application.

How do I find fellowships?

There are national, regional, and school specific fellowship opportunities. Searching online for fellowships applicable to your field of research can feel overwhelming due to the mass amount of information. It may be helpful to connect with **CAPD's or OGE's Fellowships teams** in order to acquire guidance and narrow the scope of search that fits your eligibility.



Finding Fellowships

MIT-Specific Fellowships

[PRESIDENTIAL GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP](#)

[HUGH HAMPTON YOUNG FELLOWSHIP](#)

[OGE FELLOWSHIPS](#)

These fellowships are available specifically for MIT undergraduate and graduate students.

Distinguished Fellowships

[CAPD DISTINGUISHED FELLOWSHIP PAGE](#)

For distinguished fellowships, reach out to the Distinguished Fellowship staff in CAPD at fellowships@mit.edu for guidance at the beginning of the application process.

Office of Graduate Education

[OGE.MIT.EDU/FINANCES/FELLOWSHIPS/](#)

The MIT Office of Graduate Education assists students with finding and applying for fellowships beyond the ones listed above. The website provides additional tips as well as contact information that is applicable for fellowships that require nomination.

Fellowship Databases

[UCLA FELLOWSHIP DATABASE](#)

[COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP LISTINGS](#)

[CORNELL UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP DATABASE](#)

The databases serve as a centralized area to find fellowships.