

Scholarships for Social Work Graduate & Doctoral Students

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For the Child Welfare Education Project

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American Association of University Women Educational Foundation	American Fellowship and Grant Recipient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - American Fellowships support women scholars completing doctoral dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research, or finishing research for publication. - Recipients must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. 	<p>http://www.aauw.org/learn/fellows_directory/american.cfm</p> <p>2201 N. Dodge Street, Dept. 98 Iowa City, IA 52243-4030 (319) 337-1716 ext. 98</p>
American Association of University Women Educational Foundation	Career Development Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Career Development Grants support women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance or change careers or re-enter the work force. - Special consideration is given to women of color, and women pursuing their first advanced degree or credentials in nontraditional fields. 	<p>http://www.aauw.org/learn/fellows_directory/cd.cfm</p> <p>2201 N. Dodge Street, Dept. 98 Iowa City, IA 52243-4030 (319) 337-1716 ext. 98</p>
American Association of University Women Educational Foundation	International Fellowships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International Fellowships are awarded for full-time study or research to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. - Fellowships support graduate or postgraduate studies at accredited institutions. - Recipients are selected for academic achievement and demonstrated commitment to women and girls. 	<p>http://www.aauw.org/learn/fellows_directory/international.cfm</p> <p>2201 N. Dodge Street, Dept. 98 Iowa City, IA 52243-4030 (319) 337-1716 ext. 98</p>
American Indian College Fund	Anthony A. Welmas Scholarship Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be enrolled full-time. - Pursuing a masters or Ph.D. - Must be an enrolled member of a Federally Recognized Tribe. - Have at least a 3.0 grade point average. 	<p>http://www.collegefund.org/scholarships/graduateprogram.html</p>
American Indian College Fund	Seven Stars Graduate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrated exceptional academic achievement by having a 3.0 or higher G.P.A. 	<p>http://www.collegefund.org/scholarships/graduateprogram.html</p>

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	Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pursuing a masters or Ph.D. - American Indian or Alaskan Native with proof of enrollment or descendancy - Preference is given to tribal college students, alumni, staff, or faculty 	ml
American Indian College Fund	Sovereign Nations Scholarship Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrated exceptional academic achievement by having a 3.0 or higher G.P.A. - Pursuing a masters or Ph.D. - Commit to working for your tribe or an Indian organization upon completion of your degree. - Be American Indian or Alaskan Native with proof of enrollment or descendancy. 	http://www.collegefund.org/scholarships/graduateprogram.html
American Indian College Fund	Vine Deloria Jr. Memorial Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pursuing a masters or Ph.D. - Able to demonstrate financial need. - Be American Indian or Alaskan Native with proof of enrollment or descendancy. 	http://www.collegefund.org/scholarships/graduateprogram.html
American Indian Graduate Center		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offers graduate fellowships for American Indian and Alaskan Native students. - Must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe, Alaskan Native group or 1/4 degree Indian blood who is in need of financial aid and has applied for federal financial and campus based aid. - The applicant must be a full-time student pursuing a PhD. 	www.aigc.com 4520 Montgomery Blvd., NE, Suite 1-B Albuquerque, NM 87109-1291 505-881-4584
American Society on Aging	Graduate Student Research Award	<p>The ASA Graduate Student Research Award is presented annually to a graduate student for research relevant to aging and applicable to practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only quality graduate-level research will be considered. • Applicants must either be currently enrolled in a graduate degree program or must have completed their studies no more than one year before the time of submission. • Findings must be from completed research; submission of 	http://www.asaging.org/asav2/awards/description_grad.cfm?submenu1=grad Nancy Decia Coordinator, Education & Training 71 Stevenson Street, Suite

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		<p>the conceptual framework alone is not sufficient.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must be sponsored by a faculty member. The sponsor may advise, but should not author the submission. • Applicants and faculty sponsors need not be ASA members. • Papers that have been published are not eligible for submission. 	<p>1450 San Francisco, CA 94105-2938 415-974-9610 e-mail: awards@asaging.org</p>
Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE)	AARP Andrus Foundation Graduate Scholarships	Offers the scholarship to Social Work students who are gearing their area of study to older adults or senior citizens.	<p>www.aghe.org</p> <p>1030 15th Street NW, Suite 240 Washington, DC 20005 202-289-9806</p>
Center for the Study of Social Work Practice	Social Work Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships are available to social work doctoral students nationwide who wish to conduct research aimed at improving the quality of evidence-based practice in social work. - Applications will be considered in any of the following priority areas: approaches to staff supervision; effects of staff training in cultural competence, diversity or racism; foster care and mental health; effects of removal/non-removal to foster care; implementation of evidence-based practices; advanced in the effectiveness of social work practice. 	<p>http://www.columbia.edu/cu/cs/swp/</p> <p>1255 Amsterdam Avenue New York, NY 10027 212-851-2266 Cbt1@columbia.edu</p>
Children's Bureau- National Quality Improvement Center on Differential Response in Child Protective	Doctoral Dissertation support Awards	Eligible applicants are doctoral-level graduate students enrolled in accredited public, State-controlled, and private institutions of higher education in the United States, including faith-based institutions of higher education, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Tribally Controlled Land Grant Colleges and Universities.	<p>http://www.qic-ec.org/images/uploads/RFA_for_Dissertation_Research_Support.pdf</p>

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Children's Bureau- National Quality Improvement Center in Infants and Young Children	Grant Program for Support of Dissertation Research in Prevention of Abuse and Neglect in Infants and Young Children	<p>The QIC-EC will support up to four 2-year dissertation research awards to advanced level doctoral students conducting research that focuses on preventing the abuse and neglect of infants and young children—including those impacted by HIV/AIDS, substance abuse or abandonment—and promoting child and family well-being.</p> <p>Eligible applicants are doctoral-level graduate students enrolled in accredited public, State controlled, and private institutions of higher education in the United States, including faith-based institutions of higher education, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Tribally Controlled Land Grant Colleges and Universities.</p> <p>Qualified applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have demonstrated academic excellence; - are currently enrolled in a doctoral program in social work, psychology, sociology, or other related programs; - have an approved dissertation proposal - are pursuing research in an area of interest consistent with the goals and interests of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families 	http://www.differentialrespons eqic.org/assets/docs/rfa-doctoral-dissertations.pdf
Council on Social Work Education	Minority Fellowship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be American citizens, non-citizen nationals, or have permanent residence status - Can include, but is not limited to, persons who are American Indian/Alaskan Native; Asian/Pacific Islander (e.g. Chinese, East Indian, South Asian, Filipino, Hawaiian, Japanese, Korean, Samoan); Black; and Hispanic (e.g. Mexican/Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central American, South American 	http://www.cswe.org/CentersInitiatives/ScholarshipsandFellowships/MFP.aspx

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must have a master's degree in social work and be starting full-time study leading to a doctoral degree in social work or be currently enrolled as full-time students in a doctoral social work program - Should demonstrate potential for assuming leadership roles; potential for success in doctoral studies; and commitment to a career providing mental health and substance abuse services to ethnic, racial, social, and cultural minority individuals and communities 	
The Educational Foundation, IOOF	Christine Smith Graduate Studies Scholarship in Children and Family Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be in good health and of good character. - Hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent and a superior record in previous academic work. - Have two or more years of recent professional experience in the field of social work or a related field. - Propose a program of study specializing in children or family issues at the master's or doctoral level. - The scholarship program gives priority to applicants from the United States and Canada. - The program doesn't support applicants for a masters program who already hold a graduate degree. - One of the scholarship program's basic objectives is to enable scholars to take on positions of leadership in dealing with issues that affect the quality of life for children and families through particularized social intervention. - The program does not support individuals whose professional experience has mostly been accrued abroad. 	<p>Get the application package from The Educational Foundation, IOOF P.O. Box 20455, Winston-Salem, NC 27101</p> <p>rkbabb1@bellsouth.net</p>
Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation	Doctoral Dissertation Grant Program (Fah-Beck	Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to help support dissertation expenses of doctoral students in the United States and Canada whose studies have the potential for adding significantly to knowledge about problems in the functioning or well being of children, adults, couples, families, or communities, or about	http://www.fahsbeckfund.org/grant_programs.html

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Ford Foundation	Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All citizens or nationals of the United States regardless of race, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, or sexual orientation (must have become a U.S. citizen by November 8, 2010) - Individuals with evidence of superior academic achievement (such as grade point average, class rank, honors or other designations) - Individuals committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level - Ph.D. or Sc.D. degree candidates studying in an eligible research-based discipline at a U.S. educational institution - Individuals who have not earned a doctoral degree at any time, in any field. 	http://www.ncsu.edu/grad/financial-support/ford-dissertation.html
Ford Foundation	Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All citizens or nationals of the United States regardless of race, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, or sexual orientation (must have become a U.S. citizen by November 1, 2010) - Individuals with evidence of superior academic achievement (such as grade point average, class rank, honors or other designations) - Individuals committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level - Individuals enrolled in or planning to enroll in an eligible research-based program leading to a Ph.D. or Sc.D. degree at a U.S. educational institution - Individuals who have not earned a doctoral degree at any time, in any field. 	http://www.ncsu.edu/grad/financial-support/ford-predoc.html
General Board of	The United	Applicant must be born of Hispanic, Asian, Native American,	http://www.gbhem.org/site/c.ls

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Higher Education & Ministry	Methodist General Scholarship	or Pacific Island parentage (at least one parent); doctoral student; full and active member of the UMC for at least 3 years; GPA of 2.85+; with plans to prepare for leadership in the UMC and in their HANA community.	KSL3POLvF/b.3538791/k.18E6/Scholarships_for_Undergraduate_andor_Graduate_Students.htm Board of Higher Education and Ministry Division of Higher Education United Methodist Church PO Box 871 Nashville, TN 37202
General Board of Higher Education & Ministry	The United Methodist General Scholarship	May be awarded to doctoral students; are full active members of the UMC for at least 1 year; have a minimum GPA of 2.5+, and are attending any accredited institution within the U.S.	http://www.gbhem.org/site/c.lsksl3polvf/b.3538791/k.18E6/Scholarships_for_Undergraduate_andor_Graduate_Students.htm Board of Higher Education and Ministry Division of Higher Education United Methodist Church PO Box 871 Nashville, TN 37202
Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation	Dissertation Fellowships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The foundation welcomes proposals from any of the natural and social sciences and the humanities that promise to increase understanding of the causes, manifestations, and control of violence, aggression, and dominance. - Highest priority is given to research that can increase understanding and amelioration of urgent problems of violence, aggression, and dominance in the modern world. Applicants may be citizens of any country and studying at	http://www.hfg.org/df/guidelines.htm

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		<p>colleges or universities in any country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Particular questions that interest the foundation concern violence, aggression, and dominance in relation to social change, the socialization of children, intergroup conflict, interstate warfare, crime, family relationships, and investigations of the control of aggression and violence. - Research with no useful relevance to understanding and attempting to cope with problems of human violence and aggression will not be supported, nor will proposals to investigate urgent social problems where the foundation cannot be assured that useful, sound research can be done. - Priority will also be given to areas and methodologies not receiving adequate attention and support from other funding sources. 	
The John A. Hartford Foundation	Hartford Geriatric Social Work Doctoral Fellows Program	The Hartford Geriatric Social Work Doctoral Fellows Program, administered by the Gerontological Society of America, offers fellowships as a remedy for recruiting, sustaining, and training a cadre of talented doctoral students in geriatric social work.	http://www.jhartfound.org/fellowships.htm
The John A. Hartford Foundation	Hartford Geriatric Social Work Pre-Dissertation Awards Program	The Hartford Geriatric Social Work pre-dissertation awards program, operated jointly by GSA and the Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work, serves to expand the number of social work doctoral dissertations that identify and examine a set of research questions that seek to improve the health and well-being of older persons and their families.	http://www.jhartfound.org/fellowships.htm
Hispanic Scholarship Fund	HSF/Atrisco Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be of Hispanic heritage. - Be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident with a permanent resident card or passport with valid stamped I- 	http://www.hsf.net/atrisco.aspx

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		551. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. - Must be a verified heir of the Atrisco Land Grant. - Have plans to enroll FULL-TIME in a degree seeking program at a two or four year U.S. accredited institution in the U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands or Guam during the award academic year. - Must apply for federal financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). - Be pursuing first graduate degree. 	
Hispanic Scholarship Fund	HSF/General College Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be of Hispanic heritage - Be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident with a permanent resident card or valid passport stamped I-551. - Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. - Have plans to enroll FULL-TIME in a degree seeking program at a two or four year U.S. accredited institution in the U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands or Guam during the 2011-2012 academic year. - Must apply for federal financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). - Be pursuing first graduate degree. 	http://www.hsf.net/innercontent.aspx?id=460
Leopold Schepp Foundation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offers scholarships to U.S. citizens enrolled on a full-time basis. - Awards are given to those under forty pursuing a graduate degree. - Applicants must demonstrate academic excellence and financial need. 	551 Fifth Avenue, Suite 3000 New York, NY 10176 212-986-3078

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interview is required. 	
National Association of Black Social Workers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recipients of these scholarships must have a 2.5 grade point average on a 4 scale. - Students must also have demonstrated service to the community and express a research interest in the black community. - Eligible students must be enrolled for full-time study at an accredited United States social work program in the semester the award will be granted. 	www.nabsw.org/mserver/Forms.aspx
NASW Foundation	Jane B. Aron Doctoral Fellowship	The Jane Baerwald Aron Doctoral Fellowship Program provides partial support to social work doctoral students who are engaged in dissertation research in health care policy and practice.	http://www.naswfoundation.org/aron.asp
NASW Foundation	Eileen Blackey Doctoral Fellowship	The Eileen Blackey Doctoral Fellowship Program provides partial support to social work doctoral students who are engaged in dissertation research in welfare policy and practice.	http://www.naswfoundation.org/blackey.asp
National Federation of the Blind	Charles and Melva T. Owen Memorial Scholarship	There shall be no limitation as to field of study, except that it shall be directed towards attaining financial independence and shall exclude religion and those seeking only to further general or cultural education.	http://www.nfb.org/nfb/Scholarship_List.asp?SnID=2 805 Fifth Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112 (515) 236-3366
National Federation of the Blind	Hank LeBonne Scholarship	Candidates must be blind. No other restrictions.	http://www.nfb.org/nfb/Scholarship_List.asp?SnID=2 805 Fifth Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112 (515) 236-3366
National	Hermione	The winner must be a woman.	http://www.nfb.org/nfb/Scholar

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National Federation of the Blind	Jeannette C. Eyerly Memorial Scholarship	This scholarship may be awarded to an individual studying in any field. No additional restrictions.	http://www.nfb.org/nfb/Scholarship_List.asp?SnID=2 805 Fifth Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112 (515) 236-3366
National Federation of the Blind	Kenneth Jernigan Scholarship	Candidate must desire to work to assist blind people. No other restrictions.	http://www.nfb.org/nfb/Scholarship_List.asp?SnID=2 805 Fifth Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112 (515) 236-3366
National Federation of the Blind	Kuchler-Killian Memorial Scholarship	No additional restrictions.	http://www.nfb.org/nfb/Scholarship_List.asp?SnID=2 805 Fifth Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112 (515) 236-3366
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National Hispanic		- Provides scholarship assistance to applicants who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, of Hispanic background and	1 Sansome Street, Suite 1000 San Francisco, CA 94104

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Scholarship Fund		<p>are enrolled as full-time graduate students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requirements include (a) completion of 15 or more credits; (b) completed application form; (c) official grade transcript (minimum GPA 3.0 is required); (d) evidence of financial need; (e) letter of recommendation (preferably from a school official); and (f) a detailed typed personal statement. 	(415) 445-9930
The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Candidates must be either holders of green cards, naturalized citizens, or children of two naturalized citizen parents. - Students already in graduate study are eligible. - Must not be older than thirty years of age. 	<p>www.pdsoros.org</p> <p>400 West 59th Street New York, NY 10019 212-547-6926 pdsoros_fellows@sorosny.org</p>
Pearson Higher Education	2010 Touch the World Scholarship Contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Write how you plan to touch the world with your social work degree and qualify to win: one of five \$600 scholarships and Pearson books for your courses and professional library. - Open to legal U.S. residents, who are undergraduate or graduate students at an accredited BSW or MSW program, and who comply with these Official Rules. Employees of Pearson Education, Inc. (“Sponsor”) and its parent companies, affiliates, advertising and promotional agencies, manufacturers and their immediate families (parents, children, siblings, spouse) in the same household are not eligible. 	<p>http://www.pearsonhighered.com/catalog/uploads/SW_Scholarship_Rules.pdf</p>
PEO Sisterhood	PEO International Peace Scholarship Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provides scholarships to women who are citizens of all countries except the US and/or Canada. Recipients must promise to carry out graduate studies in US and/or Canada, and to return to their own country to pursue a career. - A maximum award of \$5,000 can only be renewed twice. 	<p>PEO Executive Office 3700 Grand Avenue Des Moines, IA 50312</p>
Point Foundation	Point Scholarship	Scholarships provide financial support through multi-year scholarships, leadership training, mentoring, and hope to LGBT	<p>www.pointfoundation.org/scholarships.html</p>

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		<p>students who are marginalized because of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open to all fields. - Prospective/Current Graduate Student. - No citizenship requirements. - Scholars must maintain a 3.3 GPA, attend regional leadership programs held twice a year, and complete a service project in the LGBT community annually. 	<p>Point Foundation 5757 Wilshire Blvd Suite #370 Los Angeles, CA 90036 (323) 933-1234 info@pointfoundation.org</p>
Social Science Research Council	Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship	<p>The DPDF program is open to doctoral students in social science or humanities disciplines who have completed their major course requirements and are beginning to design research proposals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students who have completed their comprehensive, general, or qualifying exams are eligible to apply as long as their dissertation proposals will be formally approved by their department after the fall DPDF workshop. Typically such students will be second and third year graduate students, but first and fourth year student may, under exceptional circumstances, be eligible. - Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a Ph.D. program within an accredited university in the United States, unless indicated otherwise for a particular field. In the current application cycle French students and foreign students enrolled in a French institution are also invited to apply to participate in the field of "Multiculturalism, Immigration, and Identity in Western Europe and the United States." 	<p>http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/dpdf-fellowship/</p>
The Society for Social Work and Research	Doctoral Fellows Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants must be members of the Society for Social Work Research and must have an approved dissertation proposal. The SSWR Board has set a policy that no sitting member of the Board may apply for this award. - The Doctoral Fellows Award recognizes doctoral students 	<p>http://www.sswr.org/Doctoral%20Fellows%20Call%20for%20Nominations%202009.pdf</p>

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The Spencer Foundation	Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowships	Awarded each year to support doctoral candidates in a variety of fields whose dissertations promise to contribute fresh perspectives to the history, theory, or practice of education.	http://www.spencer.org 875 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3930 Chicago, IL 60611-1542 (312) 337-7000
The University of Houston Alumni Association	Asian Alumni Association Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full time UH graduate student of Asian origin with a minimum 3.25 GPA or higher with at least 18 hrs remaining to complete for the current year when fund is available - Student must enroll in at least 9 hrs at UH. - Recipient must attend the scholarship reception to accept the award. 	http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/UHU/alumni_programs/programs_4.html
The University of Houston Alumni Association	Black Alumni Association “Pathway to Excellence” Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently enrolled, African-American, part-time (6 hrs min) graduate students. - Must be registered as a student at the UH main campus in the year of award. - Minimum cumulative UH GPA of 2.8. 	http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/UHU/alumni_programs/programs_4.html
The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation	Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants must be doctoral candidates at the writing stage of their dissertation for Ph.D. or Th.D. degrees in any field of study at graduate schools in the United States. - Candidates must have completed all pre-dissertation requirements, including approval of the dissertation proposal, and expect to complete their dissertation between April and August 2012. 	http://www.woodrow.org/higher-education-fellowships/religion_ethics/eligibility.php