

# Funding Opportunities Guide

Master of Arts in Applied Child & Adolescent Psychology: Prevention & Treatment

## Disclaimer

Before you read this document, read over the Financial Aid section of our [Costs & Financial Aid website](#).

This guide is meant to be an informal resource for prospective students to help identify and apply for funding outside of the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#). It is not exhaustive, and it excludes scholarships and awards that are valued at less than \$1,000. The awards included have not been individually researched or vetted by program staff.

This document includes funding opportunities for individuals from identified minority and marginalized demographics. It is not our intention to exclude individuals from groups not listed. If you are aware of funding opportunities not listed for individuals like you or from other backgrounds, please email [psychma@uw.edu](mailto:psychma@uw.edu) so that it can be reviewed for inclusion in this guide.

This guide is not updated on a regular basis and may include outdated information and broken links, but we hope that it will still provide a good starting point in your funding search.

## General Information

Before you pursue any funding option, you'll want to make sure it is coming from a legitimate source. The [Federal Trade Commission](#) has a useful website with tips on spotting scams.

Make a note of application deadlines. Many deadlines occur before our program's application due date. It is acceptable and expected that you will apply for funding before you receive an offer of admission.

You'll also want to be certain that the funding option applies to programs like ours (a fee-based Master of Arts program without a research element or a thesis/dissertation). The organization may require the applicant to be in a program with a specific type of accreditation. There may also be terms about full- vs. part-time, and definitions of full- and part-time enrollment that differ from ours.

Lastly, you want to be sure you understand the terms of the award. Does it require any follow-up action for the recipient? How does the money get dispersed—to the individual or to the school? Are there rules for how the money can be spent? Is all or part of the award a loan? If so, what are the loan's terms?

## Your Collaboration

We hope to update this resource based on the experiences and achievements of our students. If there is a specific funding source you believe we should identify here, please email [psychma@uw.edu](mailto:psychma@uw.edu).

In addition, we hope to list awards and scholarships granted to our students. If you receive any funding outside of Federal Student Aid, please email [psychma@uw.edu](mailto:psychma@uw.edu) so that your award can be added to this document as a funding option for future students to consider. Your personal information will be kept anonymous. Your email should include:

- The name of the award, scholarship, or fellowship
- Whether it is an award or a loan (meaning that at least a portion of it must be paid back in the future)
- The funding organization's website
- The dollar amount of its value
- Potential drawbacks
- Other general information you feel it would benefit applicants to know

## Databases

[TheWashBoard.org](http://TheWashBoard.org) helps connect Washington state students with in-state scholarship opportunities.

Some colleges and universities offer a graduate funding resource or have a funding expert on staff. If you are a current or admitted graduate student of the University of Washington, this resource is the [Graduate Funding Information Service \(GFIS\)](#). Some sections of the GFIS website and linked resources are available only to currently enrolled students, including the large [GrantForward](#) database. However, GFIS also connects users to publicly accessible funding databases, such as the [UCLA Graduate and Postdoctoral Extramural Support \(GRAPES\)](#) database and the [MSU Grants to Individuals](#) site (you do not need to be affiliated with these schools in order to access these resources and they contain opportunities relevant to all graduate students).

GFIS also maintains a [funding blog](#) that posts both UW-specific and external funding opportunities appropriate to new or continuing graduate students, including tuition, travel, conference, and research funding options. Opportunities are posted on a rolling basis, approximately 4-6 weeks before the relevant deadlines, so keeping up with the blog will ensure you are aware of major graduate funding sources.

If you are outside of the UW system, you may want to check with your own undergraduate institution to see if they have a graduate funding resource you can consult with.

## Funding by Demographic

### General

- Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation Scholarships:  
<http://www.mortarboardtolo.org/scholarships/>
- Helen Dyrdal Scholarship:  
<http://www.washboard.org/ScholarshipDetails/Renton+Community+Foundation/2018-2019/Helen+Dyrdal+Fund+Graduate+Scholarship>

- Meyer-White Scholarship:  
<http://www.washboard.org/ScholarshipDetails/Seattle+Foundation/2018-2019/Walter+H+Meyer+-+Garry+L+White+Memorial+Scholarship>
- Bill Raskob Foundation Interest-Free Loan Program:  
<http://www.billraskob.org/index.html>
- UW Multicultural Alumni Partnership Scholarship:  
<https://www.washington.edu/alumni/map-scholarship-information-and-application/>

## LGBTQ

- The [Greater Seattle Business Association \(GSBA\) Scholarship Fund](#) awards scholarships to LGBTQ and allied students who exhibit leadership potential, demonstrate strong academic abilities, and are actively involved in school and community organizations. Founded in 1991, the GSBA Scholarship Fund has awarded over 650 scholarships totaling over \$3 million.
- The [J.C./Lady Graytop Memorial Scholarship Fund](#) has awarded over \$60,000 in various scholarships to deserving students who are residents of Washington state. Preference is given to students who self-identify as LGBT, members of LGBT families, or straight allies who have been strongly supportive of the LGBT community.
- The [Point Foundation Scholars Program](#) offers funding to promising lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer students in financial need so that they can achieve their full academic and leadership potential.
- The [Pride Foundation](#) offers over 50 different types of scholarships to students who are residents of a Northwest state through a single application. All funds promote leadership and diversity in the LGBTQ community.

## Diversity

- Hispanic Scholarship Fund: [https://www.hsf.net/en\\_US/scholarship](https://www.hsf.net/en_US/scholarship)
- UW Latino/a Scholars Graduate School Fellowship: <http://grad.uw.edu/graduate-student-funding/for-students/fellowships/list-of-fellowships/latino-scholars-graduate-school-fellowship/>
- La Unidad Latina Foundation Scholarships: <https://www.lulf.org/apply/>
- Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans: <http://www.pdsoros.org/>

## Native American/American Indian

The resources and scholarships below were recommended by the University of Washington's Tribal Liaison and Director of the wəłəbʔaltx<sup>w</sup> - Intellectual House, Iisaaksiichaa Ross Braine ([dabraine@uw.edu](mailto:dabraine@uw.edu)). These funding sources require proof of lineage or tribal membership.

- American Indian College Fund: [collegefund.org](http://collegefund.org)
- American Indian Graduate Center: [www.aigcs.org](http://www.aigcs.org)
- American Indian Higher Education Consortium: [aihec.org](http://aihec.org)
- Cobell Scholarship: [cobellscholar.org](http://cobellscholar.org)

## Women

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc.:  
[http://www.akaef.org/graduate\\_scholarships.htm](http://www.akaef.org/graduate_scholarships.htm)
- American Association of University Women Career Development Grants:  
<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/career-development-grants/>
- Soroptimist International of Seattle Avys Hathaway Scholarship Endowment Award:  
<http://soroptimistseattlemet.org/educationawards/>
- Patsy Mink Foundation Education Support Award:  
<http://www.patsyminkfoundation.org/edsupport.html>
- Washington State Business and Professional Women's Foundation Scholarships:  
<http://bpwwafoundation.org/scholarships/>