

Graduate School Funding Opportunities

These are brief summaries of funding available from the graduate school. Please read specific details for each opportunity to understand application processes. [Information for students is on the graduate school webpage](#). You may share this document.

Graduate Research Fellowship (\$5,000/year; 10-15 given per year)

A competitive award sponsored by the Graduate School and Financial Aid given to outstanding students from any graduate program. Students must be engaged in research/scholarship with a faculty member. These can be for incoming graduate students or returning graduate students. International students are eligible. *Students are nominated by the program*. Nomination packets are **due February 24** to graduate school and awards made by March 20 for the following academic year. Awardees are part of the Graduate Research Academy and also receive a travel award.

Graduate Opportunity Scholarship (\$5,000-\$25,000/year; 1-6 given per year)

A competitive need-based scholarship given to incoming graduate students who bring diverse perspectives to UCCS. Students must have a minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA and demonstrate financial need by completing the FAFSA no later than **March 1**. *Students apply directly through the UCCS scholarship webpage and must complete an essay as part of the application*. Students must have been admitted to the program to be able to access the UCCS Scholarship page (contact the Graduate School if there are issues). International students are not eligible. Awards will be announced in early April for the following academic year.

Graduate Out-of-State Scholarship (for recruitment of new students) (\$6,000/year; 20 given per year)

This is a merit-based scholarship for first year out-of-state graduate students. Students must be paying full nonresident tuition, have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.33, and be enrolled full time. International students are eligible. *These are recruitment scholarships and are given to programs directly to award to students*. Qualified students are considered by their program and there is no separate application process (except if department sets additional criteria or process). Colleges/departments/programs select and notify to students about awards as part of the recruitment/retention process. The program must inform the graduate school of their awardees by the **second Friday in May**. Funds not awarded return to the graduate school to be dispersed.

Graduate School Mentored Doctoral Fellowship (\$20,000-\$25,000/year awards; 4-5 given yearly)

A competitive award sponsored by the Graduate School that supports the professional development of doctoral students. Awards are for outstanding advanced doctoral students who are engaged in mentored professional development activities beyond coursework and dissertation research (e.g., additional research, teaching, clinic work; practicum, etc.). International students are eligible. *Students apply directly through the UCCS scholarship webpage*. Applications are due by **March 1** for awards in the following academic year.

Graduate School Tuition Matching Grant (up to \$8,000 per year; number depends on requests—approximately 50-100)

Program must provide matching funds (i.e., teaching assistantship, research assistantship, or funding for service/internship directly related to educational program). Colleges/departments/programs will be told how many awards they can give. Colleges/departments/programs select and notify to students about awards as part of the recruitment/retention process. The program must inform the graduate school of their awardees by the **first Monday in May**. Tuition matching grants are awarded through financial aid; departmental matching funds are paid through normal departmental processes. Students must have GPA of 3.0 or higher and be enrolled in 6 or more credit hours.

Research and Professional Development Award (previously Travel Award) (\$400/student; 40-50 given yearly)

These are allocated to help support research and professional development activities of graduate students. Such costs may include but are not limited to travel to professional conferences, registration for online conferences, research costs for materials or participants (but not personnel pay), publication costs. Only currently enrolled graduate students in degree seeking programs are eligible to apply. [Students submit application electronically, see graduate school website for deadlines and other information.](#) **Award application opens twice a year.**

The Cesar E. Chavez Graduate Scholarship Competition is specifically designed to give graduate students the opportunity to submit critical scholarly work that focuses on a wide range of issues that pertain to equity, diversity, social justice, and human rights. We welcome graduate research papers and critical essays from all disciplines that shed new light on the topic(s) under consideration. We encourage, when possible, original work. The minimum award is \$500.00. The competition is open to all currently enrolled graduate students, except for previous Cesar Chavez winners. [For full details please see the website.](#) All entries must be submitted by 12:00pm on Tuesday, 23 February 2021 and will only be accepted via email: graddocs@uccs.edu

Other awards offered through financial aid or units:

[Available institutional awards for graduate students can be found on the graduate school webpage](#)

Colorado Graduate Grant: need based, Colorado residents in STEM fields. Must complete FAFSA by March 1. Awards made by financial aid in Fall.

UCCS Tuition Grant: need based, Colorado residents in STEM fields. Must complete FAFSA by March 1. Awards made by financial aid in Fall.

[Lind Scholarship:](#) need based; all US domestic graduate students eligible. Must complete FAFSA by March 1 and student completes and application with an essay through UCCS Scholarship application by March 1.

[UCCS Family Development Center Scholarship:](#) Childcare scholarships may be available. Students can call (719) 255-3483 to learn more.

Scholarship portal opens December 1. Students must be admitted to review and apply for scholarships. Most institutional aid requires that students are admitted by March 1 or they cannot complete applications or money is gone by the time late admit students are admitted.

Updated January 7, 2022