

Graduate Scholarships in the Life Sciences

If you do a PhD by research it is always a great plus (for yourself and for your CV) if you can obtain **independent funding** (from a funding agency, not from your host university or the laboratory you will work in). Sometimes, if your host institution cannot fund you completely, it is the only way to survive. Funding sources will depend on the country you are aiming to go to, and the country of your citizenship.

Sources of information:

- In principle, [CSC](#) at Jacobs should be able to advise you, and individual faculty members may have additional information.
- The GrantsNet website maintained by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS): <http://www.grantsnet.org/>.
- More career and grants advice is found at Science's NextWave: (<http://nextwave.sciencemag.org/>).

Graduate scholarships in Germany:

In Germany, Masters programs at public universities are usually free but the university provides no salary. PhD students pay no tuition fee, either, and they are paid a salary from the investigator's grant.

DAAD Research Grants for Doctoral Candidates	(DAAD, German Academic Exchange Service)
Country:	Germany
Covers:	maintenance
Remarks:	different programs depending on your exact status, your citizenship, the place where you wish to work, and the type of degree you are aiming for.
Website:	http://www.daad.de/deutschland/en/2.4.2.html provides a searchable database.

Graduate scholarships in the US:

As a general matter, in the USA, you pay to attend a Masters degree program or a professional secondary program (medical school, law school, business school) but you are paid tuition and salary for the entire duration of a PhD program.

Graduate scholarships in the UK:

In the UK, researchers often have little funding for graduate students, and students who apply for their own funding from an independent agency are highly welcome. Universities have tuition fees for graduate programs which are often vastly different for British, European, and other citizens. The British Council offers a scholarship database for students wishing to study in Great Britain. More general information about the financial aspects of living and studying in the UK, as well as links to scholarship possibilities such as Fulbright can be found at the site, <http://prospects.ac.uk>.

ORS studentships	(Overseas Research Students Award Scheme)
Country:	UK
Covers:	the difference between the international and the home fees
Remarks:	
Website:	http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/ors/

Dorothy Hodgkin Postgraduate Awards	
Country:	UK
Covers:	Fees and Maintenance
Remarks:	Students from India, China, Hong Kong, South Africa, Brazil, Russia and the developing world only.
Website:	http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/hodgkin/uni_list.asp

Marshall Scholarships	
Country:	UK
Covers:	Fees and Maintenance
Remarks:	American citizens only.
Website:	http://www.marshallscholarship.org/

CSFP scholarships	(Commonwealth Scholarship & Fellowship Plan)
Country:	UK
Covers:	Fees and Maintenance
Remarks:	Commonwealth citizens only.
Website:	http://www.csfonline.org/

British Chevening Scholarships	
Country:	UK
Covers:	Fees and Maintenance full or partial
Remarks:	Usually for Masters degrees only
Website:	http://www.chevening.com/

Gates Cambridge Scholarships	
Country:	UK
Covers:	Fees and Maintenance
Remarks:	Cambridge University only
Website:	http://www.gates.scholarships.cam.ac.uk/

Graduate scholarships in Canada:

For resources look at:

- Canadian Bureau for International Education: http://www.destineducation.ca/resource/annex-g4_e.htm
- Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada: http://www.aucc.ca/scholarships/open_e.html

Graduate scholarships in the Netherlands:

Look under the following links:

- <http://www.nuffic.nl/international-students/scholarships/grantfinder>
- <http://www.nuffic.nl/>
- <http://www.nuffic.nl/international-students/living-in-holland/working-while-studying>
- http://www.ib-groep.nl/International_visitors/EU_EEA_students/Loan_tuition_fees.asp

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Other countries:

CSFP scholarships	(Commonwealth Scholarship & Fellowship Plan)
Country:	See http://www.csfonline.org/countries.html
Covers:	Fees and Maintenance
Remarks:	Conditions vary between originating countries. Commonwealth citizens only.
Website:	http://www.csfonline.org/

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