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Graduate Fellowship Bulletin

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Welcome to the Office of Graduate Education's (OGE) introductory Fellowships Newsletter! We hope that this periodical will be another avenue for us to disseminate helpful fellowship information and reiterate the OGE's commitment to helping students find, apply, and keep fellowship opportunities!

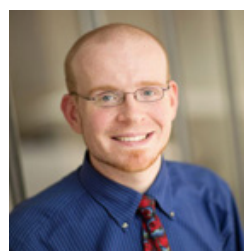
Since joining the OGE in 2013, I've seen the fellowship world grow and develop! Back then, our office and the Institute as a whole saw a need for a centralized fellowship node on a very decentralized campus in order to help administer cross-discipline opportunities and provide student support in keeping with the OGE's goals. Currently, our website includes comprehensive lists of fellowships and plenty of guidance on the fellowship world. We provide large-scale outreach and advice through workshops and presentations and offer in-person consultations to help guide students through the search for, application to, and upkeep of their fellowship opportunities. We recently gained a new member, Charlie Turner, who will help me develop a more robust collection of communication avenues (this newsletter is one) and generate exciting fellowship-related programming.

MIT is one of the top recipients of external fellowships nationally, and we want to keep it that way. In my time in this office, I've seen the number of opportunities we administer jump a whopping 50%! But, more importantly, we want your fellowship experience at the Institute to be something more than just a financial source. We want to develop a community of fellows that promotes our office's mission of making graduate education at MIT empowering, exciting, holistic, and transformative. Until now, the word fellowship at the Institute was a somewhat cold financial term. We hope to resonate more with the other uses of the word, namely, a friendly community with shared interests who work toward common goals!

We plan to distribute this newsletter on a recurring basis (during the academic year). If you are interested in receiving this resource, please sign up for our fellowship distribution list by clicking [here](#). And as always, if you find yourself lost in the fellowship weeds, reach out, and we will be happy to help!

Cheers!

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Events

Scott Tirrell is hosting a workshop series focused on applying for graduate fellowships. If you are interested in attending this virtual workshop, please see the information below:

- Click [here](#) to RSVP to the next workshop
- Tuesday, Oct. 13 — 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

The Presidential Fellowship Reception is one of MIT's most notable fellowship events. This year, to ensure the safety and well-being of our fellows, staff, and faculty, the 2020 Presidential Fellowship Reception will be happening virtually. The event will feature several MIT staff and faculty speakers, break out room discussions, and other opportunities to connect and network. We look forward to welcoming this year's cohort of Presidential Fellows!

- Wednesday, Oct. 14 — 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Recent Awardees

Congratulations to our 2020 Hugh Hampton Young Fellowship awardees! Click [here](#) to read more.

The OGE Competitive Fellowships were awarded amid the early months of COVID-19. Click [here](#) to read about our unique yet effective process for reviewing applications this year.

Highlights

What exactly is a fellowship?

Our most frequently asked question, and our favorite one to answer. Generally speaking, a fellowship provides flexibility and financial support to graduate students so that they may pursue their studies and/or research with reduced teaching or research assistantship responsibilities. Fellowships are generally merit-based internal or external awards that support a student in a full-time course of study. Most fellowships are geared toward graduate students, whereas scholarships, which are generally tuition-only opportunities, are more often geared toward undergraduates. In addition, fellowships often open a wide variety of doors, allowing access to unique networks and events.

So, where does the OGE fellowship team come in? We manage the vast catalogue of available opportunities, assist in the application process, and work to get you connected with the best fellowships available. It may be a complicated process finding the support you need, but we are dedicated to helping guide you on your fellowship journey!

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Deadlines

NSF GRFP

- Click [here](#) for upcoming fall deadlines

The Hertz Foundation

- Oct. 23, 2020.
- Click [here](#) for more information

Soros Fellowship

- Oct. 29, 2020
- Click [here](#) for more information

NDSEG Fellowship

- Nov. 2, 2020
- Click [here](#) for more information