

## OGFA Request for Funding Support: Summer 2022 Writing Workshop

The Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards (OGFA) in partnership with the Reading-Writing Center (RWC) is hosting a new virtual Fellowship Writing Workshop Series in Summer 2022 designed to help graduate students prepare high-quality applications for nationally competitive fellowships.

**Benefit:** Students often struggle to begin fellowship applications early enough to produce strong essays, which require multiple rounds of review and revision. The workshop will provide skill-based instruction and structured time to facilitate the process of preparing high-quality fellowship and award application materials, equipping students with the writing and time management skills necessary to complete an application for a nationally competitive fellowship.

Over the course of four days (July 19, 21, 26, and 28) students will learn:

- how to research an award agency’s mission and use this information to craft application materials to address the specific funding opportunity and their “fit” for the award
- techniques for getting started with application drafting
- guidelines for effectively writing an application essay, and
- strategies for revising and finalizing applications

Capped at fifteen participants, the workshop will include individual feedback sessions with staff from OGFA and consultants from the RWC. Graduate students will leave the workshop equipped with the skills necessary to complete and submit their fellowship application with ongoing support and feedback from OGFA and the RWC throughout the application process.

**Audience:** While capped at 15, the workshop is open to all FSU graduate students and will be advertised widely using Canvas, social media, and OGFA’s Summer 2022 newsletter.

**COGS Funding:** OGFA is requesting \$7,500 to support this workshop. 15 participants will receive a \$200 stipend for the two weeks of the workshop. Aiming to broaden access to the workshop, this stipend could be used to purchase meals, pay for childcare, or allow a student to prioritize participating in the workshop instead of having to do paid work.

Participants will receive an additional \$150 bonus if they submit the application they begin during the workshop. This bonus will incentivize students to follow through on the completion schedule they devise during the workshop, helping maintain momentum toward submitting a high-quality application. Workshop participants will receive a Swag Bag of functional supplies to aid their graduate studies and professional development activities, including notebooks, pens, USB drives, and other general supplies.

### Budget breakdown:

Workshop Stipends (\$200 x 15 participants) .....	\$3,000
Award Application Submission Incentives (\$150 x 15 participants) .....	\$2,250
Supplies/“SWAG” .....	\$1500
Honorariums for guest facilitators .....	\$750
<b>Total Request</b> .....	<b>\$7,500</b>