

PRE-PROFESSIONAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

	NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION		WENNER-GREN				LEAKEY FOUNDATION	
	GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (GRFP)	DOCTORAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH IMPROVEMENT GRANT (DDRIG)	DISSERTATION FIELDWORK GRANT	ENGAGED ANTHROPOLOGY GRANT	WADSWORTH INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP (WIF)	WADSWORTH AFRICAN FELLOWSHIP (WAF)	LEAKEY FOUNDATION RESEARCH GRANT	BALDWIN FELLOWSHIP
DUE DATE	late October annually; specific date varies by NSF Directorate; strict deadlines.	BA: target dates : January 20, July 20 Arch: rolling submission CA: target dates : January 16, August 15	May 1, November 1	February 1, August 1	March 1	December 15	January 10, July 15	15-Feb
NAME OF GRANTOR	Federal - NSF	Federal - NSF	Wenner-Gren Foundation	Wenner-Gren Foundation	Wenner-Gren Foundation	Wenner-Gren Foundation	The Leakey Foundation	The Leakey Foundation
GRANTEE	Student applicant	Institution	Student applicant	Student applicant	Student applicant	Student applicant	Student applicant	Student applicant
WHO CAN APPLY	U.S. Citizen or perm. res.; final undergrad year, post-bacc., or first 2 years of grad program. 2-time limit, with 1-time limit in grad school. <12 months of grad school as of Aug 1 of year of submission. Must name grad school, planned or current. Must supply 2+ ref. letters.	Doctoral degree granting U.S. institution for: dissertation advisor (PI) at U.S. Institution, and doctoral student (co-PI) enrolled at same. No citizenship requirement. Student preparing or having begun dissertation research. 2-submission limit/student.	No citizenship requirement. Applicants must be prepared to go into the field within six months of the receipt of the award and be ABD. All applicants must be enrolled in a doctoral program, but may take leave of absence during the fieldwork period.	Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grantees at the end of their funded research. They must have also received their doctorate at the time of application, which must be within 6 years of receipt of the grant.	Students from the developing world (bottom two tiers of the World Bank Country Classification list) to study for a doctorate at any world-class university internationally.	Students from Sub-Saharan Africa to study in South Africa at either University of Cape Town or Wits.	No citizenship requirement. All applicants must be enrolled in a doctoral program and advanced to candidacy.	Citizens from any country w/out programs/facilities to fulfill the students' human origins research goals. Must be accepted, or have provisional acceptance, or be enrolled in a MA, MS, PhD or equiv program related to study of human origins or evolution at host instit.
SUBFIELDS FUNDED	All fields across NSF Directorates.	Basic (as opposed to applied) research in each field: BA, Arch, CA. Other programs at NSF (some but not all) also have dissertation improvement grants. Co-review across programs is sometimes possible after consult with Program Directors.	Any sub-field of anthropology	Any sub-field of anthropology	Any sub-field of anthropology	Any sub-field of anthropology	Paleoanthropology of the Miocene, Pliocene, and Pleistocene. Primates (OW and NW): Evolution, behavior, morphology, ecology, genetics, endocrinology, isotope studies, and modern hunter-gatherer groups. Must demonstrate relevance to human origins and evolution.	Paleoanthropology of the Miocene, Pliocene, and Pleistocene. Primates (Old and New World): Evolution, behavior, morphology, ecology, endocrinology, genetics, isotope studies, and modern hunter-gatherer groups.
REVIEWING								
WHO does the reviewing?	Virtual panel with expertise across disciplines	BA: assembled panel with expertise across BA; Arch: ad hoc review by experts on proposal topic; CA: assembled panel with expertise across CA	Mailed to a selection of reviewers from a panel	Assembled panel	Assembled panel	Assembled panel	Mail requests to reviewers in expertise of applicant. Final review & decision by Scientific Executive Committee (SEC).	Scientific Executive Committee
HOW is the reviewing done?	3+ written reviews and panel discussion to assess intellectual merit and broader impacts.	BA and CA: 3+ written reviews by panelists and panel discussion. Arch: 3+ ad hoc reviews. Peer review to assess intellectual merit, broader impacts, data management plan.	Stage One: applications are screened by on reviewer and reviewed by the President. 50% of applications declined. Stage Two: surviving applications sent to 3 additional reviewers.	Applications receive two reviews from the panel.	Applications receive two reviews from the panel.	Applications receive two reviews from the panel.	Reviewers use template for review and score. SEC evaluates peer reviews & uses same template procedure. Decisions made by SEC in conf calls with staff and Grant Chair after applications are ranked by SEC grade.	Applications are reviewed by the Baldwin Committee of our SEC.
HOW are decisions reached?	Program Director makes	Program Director makes	Applications ranked by the	Applications ranked by the	Applications ranked by the	Applications ranked by the	See above	Baldwin committee decides

	award recommendations based on peer review outcomes, and \$\$ and portfolio considerations. Division Director approves, and Grants & Agreements make award.	award recommendations based on peer review outcomes, and \$\$ and portfolio considerations. Division Director approves, and Grants & Agreements make award.	reviewers. Final decisions made by the President.	reviewers. Final decisions made in consultation with the President.	reviewers. Final decisions made in consultation with the President.	reviewers. Final decisions made in consultation with the President.	Note: PhD candidate grants are evaluated in the same pool as established investigator grants. The primary difference is funding limits.	
WHEN are notifications of decisions sent?	By early April	4-6 weeks after review					1st week in May, 2nd week in December	1st week in May
NUMBER of submissions 2016 calendar year	17,000	BA: 79 (only 1 meeting in 2016) Arch: 111 CA: 264	888 (all subfields); 113 (BioAnth)	29 (all subfields); 4 (BioAnth) (pooled with the Post-Ph.D. related EAGs)	Combined WIF/WAF = 25 (all subfields); 6 (BioAnth)	Combined WIF/WAF = 25 (all subfields); 6 (BioAnth)	241 (106 PhD candidate, 135 PhD)	7 (Note: We have received 12 applications 2017)
NUMBER that were first time submissions	Not available	Not available	614 (all subfields)	W-G does not track this information	W-G does not track this information	W-G does not track this information	167 (78 PhD Candidate, 89 PhD)	6
NUMBER that were resubmissions	Not available	Not available	271 (all subfields)	W-G does not track this information	W-G does not track this information	W-G does not track this information	74 (28 PhD Candidate, 46 PhD)	1
NUMBER of grants awarded	~2K across NSF; BA – 24, Arch – 10, CA - 18	BA: 19 (only 1 meeting in 2016) Arch: 49; CA: 38	116 (all subfields); 17 (BioAnth)	W-G does not track this information	W-G does not track this information	W-G does not track this information	53 (21 PhD Candidate, 32 PhD)	6
NUMBER of successful first time submissions	Not available	Not available	888 (all subfields); 113 (BioAnth)	W-G does not track this information	W-G does not track this information	W-G does not track this information	36 (15 PhD Candidate, 21 PhD)	6
NUMBER of resubmissions that were successful	Not available	Not available	58 (all subfields)	W-G does not track this information	W-G does not track this information	W-G does not track this information	17 (6 PhD Candidate 11 PhD)	0
Chances of success for resubmissions	Not available	Higher than initial submissions	21.20%	W-G does not track this information	W-G does not track this information	W-G does not track this information	23% (21% PhD Candidate, 24% PhD) We do not track if it is 1st time resubmission or 2nd, etc.	0%
Average size of award (minimum, maximum awards)	\$138,000	includes indirect costs BA: \$24K (\$3,415-\$31,682) Arch: \$21K (\$7,045-\$29,000) CA: \$19K (\$867-\$28,796)	\$18076 (no min but it was \$9800 in 2016; max \$20,000)	n/a	n/a	n/a	Average \$17,871 (\$12,873 PhD Candidate, \$21,152 PhD) Max: \$25,000 (\$15,000 PhD Candidate, \$25,000 PhD) Min \$4,951 (\$4,951 PhD Candidate, \$5,938 PhD)	14,616
TOTAL AMOUNT awarded in 2016	~\$280M	BA:\$485K (1 mtg in 2016) Arch: \$884K CA: \$754K					\$947,174	\$87,698
MAXIMUM Direct Costs allowed	\$138,000	\$20K	\$20K	\$5K	\$17,500/year over 4 years	\$17,500/year over 4 years	\$15K	\$15K
Indirect Costs allowed?	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
BUDGETARY ITEMS that are NOT allowed	Funds must be used to support graduate student expenses, including stipend and cost of education allowance.	Funds must be used to support doctoral research activities; No salary, PI travel, tuition, textbooks. See program solicitations.	Expenses incurred at home while applicant in field (including tuition & Univ. fees), dependent expenses (not childcare), personal income taxes, return trips to consult w/ supervisor, salary for grantee, living expenses during thesis write-up, conference attendance, publication fees.	All items related to the engagement activity are funded. Items not allowed as for the Post-Ph.D. Research Grant.	Funds must be used to support doctoral training and related research activities.	Funds must be used to support doctoral training and related research activities.	Non-expendable equipment. Salaries of senior project personnel. Travel and fees for conferences. Publication costs.	Aid is not provided for family expenses or dependent support, salary and/or fringe benefits of the applicant, nor institutional overhead.

ESTABLISHED INVESTIGATOR GRANTS

	NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION			WENNER-GREN						LEAKEY FOUNDATION
	Senior research grants	High risk research in biological anthropology and archaeology (HRRBAA)	Postdoctoral Fellowship Program	Historical Archives Grant	Post-Ph.D. Research Grants	Engaged Anthropology Grant	Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowship	Fejos Postdoctoral Fellowship for Ethnographic Film	Conference & Workshop Grant	Leakey Foundation Research Grant (This is same program as pre-professional above)
DUE DATE	January 20, July 20 target dates	No deadline; Program Director permission to submit is required.	SBE: Oct 9, 2017 (firm) BIO: 1st Tues in November annually(firm)	no submission deadline	May 1, November 1	February 1, August 1	1-May	1-May	June 1, December 1	January 10, July 15
NAME OF GRANTOR	Federal - National Science Foundation	Federal - National Science Foundation	Federal - National Science Foundation	Wenner-Gren Foundation	Wenner-Gren Foundation	Wenner-Gren Foundation	Wenner-Gren Foundation	Wenner-Gren Foundation	Wenner-Gren Foundation	The Leakey Foundation
GRANTEE	Institution	Institution	Applicant	Applicant	Applicant	Applicant	Applicant	Applicant	Applicant	PI
WHO CAN APPLY	U.S. Institutions for: Qualified scientists, engineers and educators. Institution determines PI eligibility (generally not post-docs or students).	U.S. Institutions for: Qualified scientists, engineers and educators. Institution determines PI eligibility (generally not post-docs or students).	U.S. Citizen or permanent resident. Must identify host researcher and their U.S. institution.	No citizenship requirement, any post-Ph.D. career stage, no university affiliation or employment required.	No citizenship requirement, any post-Ph.D. career stage, no university affiliation or employment required.	No citizenship requirement, any post-Ph.D. career stage, no university affiliation or employment required.	No citizenship requirement, applicants must be within 10 yrs. of rcpt of PhD, no university affiliation or employment required.	No citizenship requirement, applicants must be within 10 years of receiving PhD, no university affiliation or employment required.	No citizenship requirement, any post-Ph.D. career stage, no university affiliation or employment required.	No citizenship requirement. Any post-PhD career stage. Must be affiliated with an institution.
SUBFIELDS FUNDED	All subfields of Biological Anthropology	All subfields of biological anthropology and anthropological archaeology.	Research in SBE field or BIO field - see individual solicitations for details and areas/tracks.	All Sub-fields of Anthropology	All Sub-fields of Anthropology	All Sub-fields of Anthropology	All Sub-fields of Anthropology	All Sub-fields of Anthropology	All Sub-fields of Anthropology	Paleoanthropology of the Miocene, Pliocene, and Pleistocene. Primates (Old and New World): Evolution, behavior, morphology, ecology, endocrinology, genetics, isotope studies, and modern hunter-gatherer groups. Applicant must demonstrate research is relevant to human origins and evolution.
REVIEWING										
WHO does the reviewing?	Assembled panel & ad hoc expert reviews. Panel has experts across subfields of bio anthropology; Co-review is possible with programs across NSF.	Ad hoc expert reviews; Co-review is possible with programs across NSF.	Ad hoc and/or Panel review.	Assembled Inhouse Panel	Mailed to a selection of reviewers from a panel	Assembled panel	Mailed to a selection of reviewers from a panel	Assembled Panel	Assembled In-house Panel	Mail requests to reviewers in expertise of applicant. Final review and decision by Scientific Executive Committee (SEC).
HOW is the reviewing done?	1+ ad hoc / 2+ panel reviews, assembled panel to assess intellectual merit, broader impacts, data mgmt. and postdoc plans.	3+ ad hoc reviews to assess intellectual merit, broader impacts, data management plan.	3+ ad hoc and/or panel reviews to assess intellectual merit, broader impacts, data management plan.	Panelists review application	Stage 1: apps are screened by 1 reviewer and reviewed by the President. 50% are declined. Stage 2: surviving apps sent to 3 additional reviewers.	Applications receive two reviews from the panel.	Stage 1: apps are screened by 1 reviewer and reviewed by the President. 50% are declined. Stage 2: surviving apps sent to 3 additional reviewers.	Panelists review application and film clips.	Panelists review application	Each peer reviewer uses a template for entering review and grade. SEC evaluates peer reviews and uses same template/grading procedure. Decisions are made by SEC in conference calls with staff and Grant Chair after applications are ranked by SEC grade.

HOW are decisions reached?	Program Director makes award recommend based on peer review outcome, and \$\$ and portfolio considerations. Division Director approves, and Grants & Agreements make award.	Program Director makes award recommendations based on peer review outcomes, and \$\$ and portfolio considerations. Division Director approves, and Grants & Agreements make award.	Program Director makes award recommendations based on peer review outcomes, and \$\$ and portfolio considerations. Division Director approves, and Grants & Agreements make award.	Final decisions made in consultation with the President	Applications ranked by the reviewers. Final decisions made by the President.	Applications ranked by the reviewers. Final decisions made in consultation with the President.	Applications ranked by the reviewers. Final decisions made by the President.	Applications ranked by the reviewers. Final decisions made in consultation with the President.	Final decisions made in consultation with the President	Decisions are made by SEC in conference calls with staff and Grant Chair after applications are ranked by SEC grade.
WHEN are notifications sent?	4-6 weeks after review	4-6 weeks after review	4-6 weeks after review							1st week in May, 2nd week in December
NUMBER of submissions 2016 calendar year	123	Not available	Not available	Under 10 applications per year, most are funded.	319 (all sub-disciplines); 81 (BioAnth)	29 (all subfields); 4 (BioAnth) (pooled with the Dissert. Fieldwork related EAGs)	139 (all sub-disciplines); 15 (BioAnth)	13 (all sub-disciplines); 0 (BioAnth)	70 (all sub-disciplines); 10 (BioAnth)	241 (106 PhD candidate, 135 PhD)
NUMBER that were first time submissions	Not available	Not available	Not available	We don't track this information	256 (all sub-disciplines)	We don't track this information	112 (all sub-disciplines)	10 (all sub-disciplines)	We don't track this information	167 (78 PhD Candidate, 89 PhD)
NUMBER that were resubmissions	Not available	Not available	Not available	We don't track this information	63 (all sub-disciplines)	We don't track this information	27 (all sub-disciplines)	3 (all sub-disciplines)	We don't track this information	74 (28 PhD Candidate, 46 PhD)
NUMBER of grants awarded	21 projects; 31 proposals (collaboratives separated)	2	Not available	We don't track this information	41 (all sub-disciplines)	We don't track this information	8 (all sub-disciplines)	5 (all sub-disciplines)	We don't track this information	53 (21 PhD Candidate, 32 PhD)
NUMBER of first time submissions that were successful	Not available	Not available	Not available	We don't track this information	25 (all sub-disciplines)	We don't track this information	6 (all sub-disciplines)	3 (all sub-disciplines)	We don't track this information	36 (15 PhD Candidate, 21 PhD)
NUMBER of resubmissions that were successful	Not available	Not available	Not available	We don't track this information	16 (all sub-disciplines)	We don't track this information	2 (all sub-disciplines)	2 (all sub-disciplines)	We don't track this information	17 (6 PhD Candidate 11 PhD)
Chances of success for resubmissions	Higher	Not available	Not available	We don't track this information	25.4% (all sub-disciplines)	We don't track this information	7.4% (all sub-disciplines)	66.7% (all sub-disciplines)	We don't track this information	23% (21% PhD Cand; 24% PhD) We only note resubmission, but do not differentiate if it is 1 st , 2 nd , etc. resubmission
Average size of award (minimum, maximum awards)	\$223K (\$35,678-\$432,261); \$90K (collaboratives separated)	\$28K (\$26,498-\$29,887)	Not available	\$15K max	\$17,582 (no min but in 2016 \$4,480; max \$20K)	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$17,838 (no min, max \$20,000)	Average \$17,871 (\$12,873 PhD Cand, \$21,152 PhD) Max: \$25,000 (\$15,000 PhD Candidate, \$25,000 PhD) Min \$4,951 (\$4,951 PhD Candidate, \$5,938 PhD)
TOTAL AMOUNT awarded 2016	\$4.7M	\$56K	Not available							\$947,174
MAXIMUM Direct Costs allowed	No official limit	\$35K total cost maximum	\$69K stipend and annual \$15K research and training	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$3333/month over a max of 12 months=\$40K	\$3333/month over a max of 12 months = \$40K	\$20,000	\$25K
Indirect Costs allowed?	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
BUDGETARY	Funds must be used to	Funds must be used to	Funds must be used to	All expenses directly	Expenses incurred	All items related to	This is a lump sum	This is a lump sum	All expenses	Non-expendable equipment.

ITEMS that are NOT allowed	support research aims and broader impacts of the project. Entertainment, meals and coffee breaks (except for field research per diem), alcoholic beverages NOT allowed.	support research aims and broader impacts of the project. Entertainment, meals and coffee breaks (except for field research per diem), alcoholic beverages NOT allowed.	support postdoctoral training and related research activities. See individual solicitations for directorate-specific details.	related to archiving unpublished field materials. Digitization or research on the material is not supported.	at home while applicant is in the field (including tuition and University fees), dependent expenses (except childcare), personal income taxes, salary for the grantee, conference attendance, publication fees.	the engagement activity are funded. Items not allowed as for the Dissertation Fieldwork Grant.	fellowship and can be used for any purpose to free the applicant for writing.	fellowship and can be used for any purpose toward the production of the ethnographic film/s.	directly related to the conference or workshop. Publication fees are not funded.	Salaries of senior project personnel. Travel and fees for conferences. Publication costs
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NSF: BA = Biological Anthropology Program, Arch = Archaeology Program, CA = Cultural Anthropology Program. GRFP and Postdoctoral programs have their own solicitations, program officers, and funds. Success rates by NSF program: <https://dellweb.bfa.nsf.gov/awdfr3/default.asp>.
 Leakey Foundation: Established investigator grants are evaluated in the same pool as PhD candidate grants. The primary difference is funding limits.

Data in this table represent information collected during March 2017 and is subject to change. Applicants should check the websites of the participating funding agencies before preparing any application.