

# Fellowships Workshop

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# Welcome!

- Goal of workshop
  - Help you learn about fellowship opportunities
  - Help you develop your grantsmanship
  - Help you be successful in obtaining a fellowship
- Why apply for fellowships?
  - You will never be awarded one if you do not apply!
- Fellowships are important for:
  - You: prestige, funding, networking opportunities
  - Your advisor: prestige, funding
  - UR: prestige, rankings



# External Fellowships for UR Students

- UR has
  - NSF Fellows
  - NIH Pre-doctoral Fellows
  - Fulbright Fellows
  - Social Sciences Research Council Fellows
  - IBM, Corning and Iberdrola Fellows
  - Numerous other fellowships



# Writing Applications

- Skills that are needed for the rest of your research career
  - Different than writing a paper
  - Must sell your work, your ability to do the work, and the impact of your work



# Applying for Fellowships

- You may fail!
  - Hard truth
  - Most successful applicants (for fellowships, for research grants, etc.) are those that learn from their failures to improve their application the next time around
  - Nothing to be ashamed of— remember the mantra: “if at first you don’t succeed— try, try, try, and try again.”



# Note to International Students

- Most national fellowships in the US are limited to US citizens or permanent residents
- Many industry fellowships (e.g., Microsoft) do not have these restrictions
- Ways to find fellowships
  - Speak to people at your undergraduate institution—they might know of grants that can support research abroad
  - Look to databases that sort by citizenship status
  - Many post-doc fellowships do NOT have a citizenship requirement



# We all want you to succeed!

- Where to turn for help?
  - Advisor
  - Director of Graduate Studies
  - Senior graduate students
  - Graduate Representative
  - The Writing and Speaking Center
  - Assistant Deans for Grants & Contracts

