Epidemiology Doctoral Funding Opportunities
For Incoming & Continuing Doctoral Students

The following is a partial list of funding sources that are available to epidemiology doctoral students. This is not an all-inclusive list of funding sources across the institution.

- When support includes a department nomination, students should discuss their interest in applying with their faculty mentor BEFORE initiating an application.

- Please note, that the Epidemiology deadlines and other requirements may be different than what is listed on the funding source website.

*The student will be responsible for reviewing the tax policies of their home countries prior to making requests for funding.

Tax treaty information can be found at: http://www.finance.umich.edu/finops/payroll/forms/taxtreaties

**Current UofM employees may not be eligible for funding opportunities.
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*One-Term Tuition Recruitment Fellowships (Block Grant)
Rackham One-Term Tuition Recruitment Fellowships will be awarded annually to incoming PhD students during their first year, for the fall or winter term. These will be funded using Block Grant funds.

Award: One term full tuition, GradCare, and a stipend (not including fees)

Applicant criteria:
- Academic merit
- Availability of a mentor
- Priority will be given to students working with junior faculty.
- Must be enrolled in the Epidemiologic Science program

Deadline: Before the admit letter is sent to the applicant

Conditions of the award:
- This award must be used for either the fall or winter term of their first year.
- Mentor will cover the monthly stipend of $2,150 (equivalent to Regent’s) for the four month term.
- If a student that has been selected to receive this award requests to defer enrollment to the following year, an alternate student will be selected for current funding cycle. Awards will not be held for deferred enrollment, they will be re-competed in the year the student enrolls.
- If the nominee receives alternative funding for both the fall and winter term of their first year, they forfeit the award. In that case, the award will be re-allocated to another meritorious student.
- If an awardee does not accept the offer by April 15th. The award will be withdrawn and re-allocated on April 16th.

Mechanism for allocating the award:
Decisions will be made by March of each year. Applicants will receive notification of the fellowship as part of their acceptance letter and will be required to provide a response by April 15. In the event that a student declines the fellowship, the award will be offered to another incoming student that year. In the event that no eligible students are available, the award will revert to the Department and may be considered for the subsequent year.

As part of the award process, we ask that award recipients write a personal letter of thanks on how this award has influenced his or her experience in Epidemiology and forward it to the attention of our Development Office, attention Ms. Gail McCulloch, gailmcc@umich.edu.

*The Wegman and *The Francis Scholarships
The Wegman Award was established to honor the memor of Dr. MyronWegman, former Dean of the School of Public Health. The Francis Award is named in honor of U-M Department of Epidemiology founding chair and epidemiology pioneer Thomas Francis, Jr.
The Wegman and Francis Scholarships recognize and support outstanding epidemiology Ph.D. students working in a variety of epidemiology topics with an emphasis on interdisciplinary approaches to population health.

Beginning in the fall of 2013, the Epidemiology Department will provide awards to two incoming PhD students. This funding is being provided to recruit the top ranked PhD applicants to the Department. Each student will receive funding for three consecutive years (fall and winter terms, NOT spring/summer). Funds have been
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identified to support two new incoming students each year for the next three years (i.e. for academic years beginning Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015) for a total of 6 students. In the spring of 2016, the Department will evaluate this program and availability of funds.

Award:
• **Tuition**: The first year Fall and Winter terms will be funded at the pre-candidate level and the 2nd and 3rd year Fall and Winter terms will be funded at the candidate level. If the student does not advance to candidacy at the end of their first year of study, they will be responsible for the tuition differential between pre-candidate and candidate, unless the faculty mentor chooses to compensate for this shortfall.
• **Salary and Grad Care**: The salary support is set at the GSRA rate. Spring/summer terms will NOT be covered from this award. It is expected the student mentor will provide a minimum of two summers of stipend and grad care support for the first two years.

Application criteria:
• Applicant must be a good fit with the funding source
• Academic merit
• Availability of a mentor
• Faculty mentor commitment will be a minimum of two months of summer stipend and grad care during the first two years of the award
• Awardee must be enrolled in the Epidemiologic Science program

Deadline: Before the admit letter is sent to the applicant

Notification:
• A formal offer letter will be sent to the applicants from the Department Chair and Chair of the PhD Admissions Committee describing the award and indicating whether it is a named award. Students who receive named awards will be expected to attend all SPH related development events.

Conditions of the award:
• The funded student will work 20 hours/week during the Fall/Winter terms supported by this funding on research related to their dissertation and the faculty mentor research area.
• Faculty mentor commitment will be a minimum of two months of summer stipend and grad care during the first two years of the award.
• If an awardee receives other funding for the Fall and/or Winter term/s in the form of a GSI/GSRA or other type of award, they will be allowed to defer this scholarship for the following Fall and/or Winter term/s. Under no circumstances can this award be extended beyond four years. Any summer support would be expected to be provided by the faculty mentor.
• If the student’s faculty mentor should leave the University of Michigan, School of Public Health, the Fall and Winter term funding will remain in place for any remaining years of support. An alternate faculty mentor will be assigned by the Doctoral Committee and summer support will be evaluated.
• If a student who has been selected to receive this award requests to defer enrollment to the following year, an alternate student will be selected for the current funding cycle. Awards will not be held for deferred enrollment.
• If an awardee does not accept the offer by April 15th, the award will be withdrawn and re-allocated on April 16th.

Mechanism for allocating the award:
The awards will be allocated by the Doctoral Committee as part of the review of PhD applicants. Decisions will be made by March of each year. Applicants will receive notification of the award as part of their acceptance letter and will be required to provide a response by April 15. In the event that a student declines, the award will be made to
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another incoming student that year. In the event that no eligible students are available the award will revert to the Department and may be considered for the subsequent year.

As part of the award process, we ask that award recipients write a personal letter of thanks on how this award has influenced his or her experience in Epidemiology and forward it to the attention of our Development Office, attention Ms. Gail McCulloch, gailmcc@umich.edu.

*The Striffler Scholarship*
The Striffler Scholarship was established to honor the memory of Dr. David Striffler, former Professor of the School of Public Health, Dental Public Health Program. The Striffler Scholarship recognizes and supports promising dental and oral health scholars.

Beginning in the Fall of 2014, the Epidemiology Department will provide a GSRA one term award to an Epidemiology PhD student. The Department will evaluate this program and available funds annually.

**Award:**
- **Tuition**: One term of tuition support will be provided to the selected student for the Fall or Winter term.
- **Salary/Grad Care**: Salary and grad care coverage will be provided for one term, Fall or Winter. The salary rate will be set at the current GSRA rate.

**Application criteria:**
- Applicant must be a good fit with the funding source
- Academic merit
- Faculty mentor
- Must be enrolled in the Epidemiologic Science program
  - Either incoming or current students are eligible for this award.

**Deadline:** Before the admit letter is sent to the applicant

**Notification:**
- A formal offer letter will be sent to the applicants from the Department Chair and Chair of the PhD Admissions Committee describing the award. Students who receive named awards will be expected to attend all SPH related development events.

**Conditions of the award:**
- The funded student will work 20 hours/week during the terms supported by this funding on research related to their dissertation and the faculty mentor research area.
- If an incoming student who has been selected to receive this award requests to defer enrollment to the following year, an alternate student will be selected for the current funding cycle.
- If an awardee does not accept the offer by April 15th, the award will be withdrawn and re-allocated on April 16th.

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Other Sources of Funding for Incoming Students
(Department Nomination)

Rackham Merit Fellowship
The Rackham Merit Fellowship (RMF) is competitive and recognizes entering students who have outstanding academic qualifications, show exceptional potential for scholarly success in their graduate program, and demonstrate promise for contributing to wider academic, professional, or civic communities. The RMF program helps sustain the academic excellence and inclusiveness of the Michigan graduate community, one that embraces students with diverse experiences and goals, and who come from many educational, cultural, geographic, and familial backgrounds.

Award: Full tuition, GradCare and a stipend
- RMF covers years one, four, and five
- The faculty mentor must assist with or provide funding for years two and three

Applicant criteria:
- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Have a record of superior academic achievement
- Meet at least one of the following criteria:
  - Come from an educational, cultural or geographic background that is underrepresented in graduate study in their discipline in the United States or at the University of Michigan;
  - Have demonstrated commitment to diversity in the academic, professional, or civic realm through their work experience, volunteer engagement, or leadership of student or community organizations. By diversity, we mean efforts to reduce social, educational or economic disparities based on race, ethnicity or gender, or to improve race relations in the U.S.;
  - Have experienced financial hardship as a result of family economic circumstances;
  - Are first-generation U.S. citizens or are the first generation in their families to graduate from a four-year college.

Deadline: Round One Deadline - early February and Round Two Deadline - early March

Procedures:
- There is no limit on the amount that each Department may nominate
- The Department must upload a PDF of the nominee’s admissions letter

Mechanisms for allocating:
- Upon receipt of Rackham’s award decision, nominator and student will be notified
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*Regent’s Fellowship*
The SPH Regent’s Fellowship is an open competition for all five SPH departments to support exceptional students who are admitted to our Ph.D. degree programs. Regents’ Fellows are restricted from working during the fall and winter terms of their first year. Departments are encouraged to involve Fellows in research as soon as possible.

**Award:** Full tuition, GradCare and a stipend

- The SPH Regent’s Fellowship covers year one, one term in years two and three
- The faculty mentor must assist with or provide funding for one term support in years two and three
- The faculty mentor is strongly encouraged to assist with or provide funding support during the summer of the first year.

**Applicant criteria:**
- Student application to the program (will be submitted by the department)

**Deadline:** Early March

**Procedures:**
- Each Department may nominate up to three newly admitted applicants

**Mechanisms for allocating:**
- Upon receipt of Rackham’s award decision, nominator and student will be notified

The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Senior Associate Dean for Administration will review submissions
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**Departmental Awards For Continuing Students**

*(Department Nomination)*

*The Hoyi Scholarship, *The Payne Scholarship, and *The Schottenfeld Scholarship*

**The Hoyi Scholarship** was created in honor of Dr. Kathleen Ann Torphy Hoyi. The goal of this scholarship is to help support the training of PhD students in Epidemiology whose research involves cancer, except for the study of lung cancer caused from smoking. Beginning in the winter 2014, the Epidemiology Department will provide an award to a PhD candidate-level student. The Department will evaluate this program and available funds annually.

**The Payne Scholarship** was created in honor of Francis E. Payne, a past faculty member of the Department of Epidemiology. The goal of this scholarship is to help support the training of PhD students in Epidemiology whose research involves virology and/or pathophysiology. Beginning in the winter 2014, the Epidemiology Department will provide an award to a PhD candidate-level student. The Department will evaluate this program and available funds annually.

**The Schottenfeld Scholarship** was created to honor former faculty member and chair, David Schottenfeld. This scholarship is used to support graduate education in epidemiology with a focus on chronic disease. Beginning in the winter 2014, the Epidemiology Department will provide an award to a PhD candidate-level student. The Department will evaluate this program and available funds annually.

**Award:**
- **Tuition**: One term of candidate tuition during the academic year.
- **Salary-Grad Care**: The faculty mentor will be expected to cover the salary (at the GSRA rate) and grad-care for the term of this tuition award.

**Application criteria:**
- Applicant must be a good fit with the funding source
- Academic progress/productivity
- Must be enrolled in the Epidemiologic Science program

**Application materials:**
- A letter of nomination from the Candidate's faculty mentor/dissertation chair that presents an evaluation of the student, including their progress in the program, and anticipated defense date.
- An abstract or summary of the proposed Doctoral Candidate's dissertation research, including the names of dissertation committee members, and anticipated defense date. (500 word max)
- A statement (1,500 word max) from the Candidate: a description of how his or her current research fits with the scope of this scholarship and any other funding he or she has applied for.
- A copy of the Candidate's curriculum vitae (CV) (2 pages max)
- Transcript (provided by the Student Services Coordinator)

**Deadline:** April 1<sup>st</sup>

**Notification:**
- A formal offer letter will be sent to the applicant from the Department Chair and Doctoral Committee describing the award. Students who receive named awards will be expected to attend all SPH related development events.
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Mechanism for allocating the award:
These scholarships are administered by the Doctoral Committee of the Department, and will be awarded once a year to a meritorious PhD student who have achieved candidacy. The decision for these awards will be based on the student's academic scholarship, progress toward degree, demonstrated need, and the innovative nature of the research being undertaken.

As part of the award process, we ask that award recipients write a personal letter of thanks on how this award has influenced his or her experience in Epidemiology and forward it to the attention of our Development Office, attention Ms. Gail McCulloch, gailmcc@umich.edu.

*The Striffler Scholarship*
The Striffler Scholarship was established to honor the memor of Dr. David Striffler, former Professor of the School of Public Health, Dental Public Health Program. The Striffler Scholarship recognizes and supports promising dental and oral health scholars. This award is open for Candiate and Pre-Candidate level students. See additional details under the heading Departmental Scholarships for Incoming Students (Department Nomination), page 5.
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**Rackham Tuition and/or Stipend Awards for Continuing Students**
*(Department Nomination)*

**Barbour Scholarship**
A scholarship program at the University of Michigan for women of the highest academic and professional caliber from the area formerly known as the Orient to study modern science, medicine, mathematics and other academic disciplines and professions critical to the development of their native lands.

**Award:** Full tuition, GradCare and a stipend for one academic year

**Applicant criteria – nominees must:**
- Be citizens of countries in the area formerly known as the Orient (encompassing the large region extending from Turkey in the west to Japan and the Philippines in the east).
- Not be permanent residents or citizens of the United States and not married to permanent residents or citizens of the United States;
- Intend to devote themselves to a professional career in their native countries after graduation;
- Be enrolled full-time in a master’s or doctoral program at the University of Michigan;
- Have completed two full semesters of graduate work at the University of Michigan before beginning tenure as a Barbour Scholar; and
- Be in residence on campus as a full-time student during the tenure of the award.

**Application materials:**
- Please submit all the below materials to the Epidemiology Student Services Coordinator
- A personal statement describing your research, future goals, and contributions to your home country (1,500 word max).
- A statement describing why you would make a good candidate for this fellowship, including qualifications, academic achievement, potential in your field of study, and proposed timetable of study (1,500 word max).
- A copy of the Candidate's curriculum vitae (CV) (1,500 word max)
- A budget statement regarding your current means of support (including source, amount, and length of support) (1,500 word max).
- Two letters of recommendation, including one from your faculty advisor, which should be sent directly to the Student Services Coordinator
- Transcript (Student Services Coordinator will provide)

**Epidemiology Deadline (earlier than the Rackham Deadline):** Early January

**Procedures:**
- Each Department may submit one nomination to Rackham

**Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) International PhD Student Research Fellowship**
HHMI’s three-year fellowship program supports outstanding international Ph.D. students studying in the United States who are ineligible for fellowships or training grants through U.S. federal agencies

**Award:** stipend of $30,000
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Applicant criteria – nominees must:
• Be studying in the life sciences, health sciences, physical sciences, biomedical engineering, computer science or psychology
• Have demonstrated exceptional talent for research;
• Are in the second (or third) year of doctoral study;
• Have entered a laboratory in which they will conduct their dissertation research, and are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S

Application materials:
• All the materials below should be submitted to the Epidemiology Student Services Coordinator:
  • A one-page statement describing your research, future goals and timetable for completion;
  • A copy of the Candidate's curriculum vitae (CV) (1,500 word max)
  • A letter of recommendation, (no more than two pages) from your faculty advisor, affirming that the nominee will do the dissertation in the advisor’s laboratory. This letter is an important component of the application and should be carefully crafted by the mentor, in collaboration with the student. Mentors should feel free to seek feedback on their draft letters from members of the Doctoral Committee. The final letter should be prepared on Department letterhead and should be sent directly to the Student Services Coordinator.
  • Transcript (Student Services Coordinator will provide)

Deadline: Mid October

Procedures:
• Each Department may submit up to three nominations to Rackham

Rackham International Student Fellowship and the Chia-Lun Lo Fellowship
The Rackham International Student Fellowship assists outstanding international students, particularly those who may be ineligible for other kinds of support because of citizenship. In addition the Chia-Lun Lo Fellowship assists outstanding students in Rackham programs who have earned a previous degree from a university in Taiwan. These fellowships will be awarded in a combined competition.

Award: $10,000

Applicant criteria:
• Successfully completed one year of graduate study
• Are in good academic standing Statement of
• U.S. citizens and permanent residents are not eligible

Application materials:
• All the materials below should be submitted to the Epidemiology Student Services Coordinator:
  • Statement of Student Achievement and Potential, including a brief statement by the graduate program chair regarding the qualifications of the nominee and the selection process used: (1,500 word max)
  • Personal statement from the nominee describing his/her research and future goals: (1,500 word max)
  • Letter of recommendation from the nominee’s faculty advisor
  • A copy of the Candidate's curriculum vitae (CV) (1,500 word max)

Deadline: Late September

Procedures:
• Each Department may submit up to two nominations to Rackham
*Susan Lipschutz, Margaret Ayers Host, and Anna Olcott Smith Awards for Rackham Graduate Students*

Award recipients will have demonstrated exceptional scholarly achievement, a sense of social responsibility and an interest in the success of women in the academic community. A selection committee composed of faculty will review all nominees in a common pool. The Susan Lipschutz Fund for Women Graduate Students was established to support promising women scholars. The Margaret Ayers Host Award was established to honor her remarkable contributions as a woman scholar and to the University of Michigan community. The Anna Olcott Smith Fellowship Endowment was established to aid women graduate students who show “promise of the development of useful original ideas.”

**Award:** at least $5,000 for Spring/Summer support

**Applicant criteria:**
- Nominees must be women actively pursuing a doctoral degree who have achieved candidacy by the application deadline

**Application materials:**
- All the materials below should be submitted to the Epidemiology Student Services Coordinator:
  - A personal statement describing your research, future goals, contributions to your community, dissertation and any additional information you wish to bring to the attention of the selection committee. (See the guidelines for more details, 1,500 word max).
  - A statement describing why you would make a good candidate for this fellowship, including qualifications, academic achievement, potential in your field of study, and proposed timetable of study (1,500 word max).
  - A copy of the Candidate's curriculum vitae (CV) (1,500 word max)
  - A letter of recommendation, from your faculty advisor, should be sent directly to the Student Services Coordinator.
  - Transcript (Student Services Coordinator will provide)

**Epidemiology Deadline (earlier than the Rackham Deadline):** Mid-late January

**Procedures:**
- Each Department may submit one nomination to Rackham

*Rackham One Term Dissertation Fellowship*

Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowships are intended to speed the process of completing the dissertation. These awards are available for continuing students in the Department. Rackham One-Term Dissertations Fellowships are intended to speed the process of completing the dissertation. They are funded by Rackham but are allocated by the Department through the Doctoral Committee.

**Award:** Full tuition and fees, GradCare and a stipend for one term

**Application Criteria:**
- Except in unusual cases, students should be at the writing stage of the dissertation process
- Achieved candidacy prior to the beginning of the term in which he or she receives a Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship.
- Recipients of this award may not be employed more than ten hours a week during the tenure of the fellowship
- Recipients may not hold this award in conjunction with another award.
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Application materials:
- All the materials below should be submitted to the Epidemiology Student Services Coordinator:
- A personal statement (max 1,500 words) describing:
  a. your dissertation;
  b. the date you advanced to candidacy;
  c. the term you expect to defend your dissertation;
  d. a summary of how you have been funded during your doctoral studies;
  e. your form of support if not awarded the Rackham One Term Dissertation Fellowship; and
  f. any additional information you wish to bring to the attention of the Doctoral Committee
- An abstract or summary of the proposed Doctoral Candidate's dissertation research, including the names of dissertation committee members, and anticipated defense date. (1,500 word max)
- One letter of recommendation from your faculty advisor including details on when the applicant will defend their dissertation and why the student doesn’t have funding for their last term. This letter should be sent directly to The Student Services Coordinator by the above due date.
- A copy of the Candidate's curriculum vitae (CV) (1,500 word max)
- Transcript (Student Services Coordinator will provide)

Epidemiology Deadline (earlier than the Rackham Deadline): Early April

Procedures:
- Each Department may submit one nomination to Rackham

*Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship Program*
The Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship supports outstanding doctoral students who have achieved candidacy and are actively working on dissertation research and writing

Award: Full tuition and fees, GradCare and a stipend for 12 months (three terms)

Application criteria:
- Students who are on track to complete their dissertation in the year in which they hold the fellowship

Application materials:
- All the materials below should be submitted to the Epidemiology Student Services Coordinator:
- A personal statement describing your dissertation and any additional information you wish to bring to the attention of the selection committee (see the guidelines for more details, 1,500 word max).
- A statement describing why you would make a good candidate for this fellowship, including qualifications, academic achievement, potential in your field of study, and proposed timetable of study (1,500 word max).
- An abstract or summary of the proposed Doctoral Candidate's dissertation research, including the names of dissertation committee members, and anticipated defense date. (1,500 word max)
- Three letters of recommendation, including one from your faculty advisor, which should be sent directly to The Student Services Coordinator by the above due date.
- A copy of the Candidate's curriculum vitae (CV) (1,500 word max)
- Transcript (Student Services Coordinator will provide)

Epidemiology Deadline (earlier than the Rackham Deadline): Early January

Procedures:
- Each Department may submit up to five nominations to Rackham
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*Yossi Schiff Memorial Scholarship Fund*

Designed to promote international understanding and offer an educational opportunity to foreign graduate students in need, the Yossi Schiff Memorial Scholarship Fund is a fitting tribute to a young man who cared deeply for the world around him and tried to foster values of mutual respect between people, cultures and nations.

**Award:** $25,000 stipend

**Application criteria:**
- International graduate students with F-1 or J-1 visas pursuing public health careers may apply.
- Students from the following countries are eligible:
  - Afghanistan
  - Algeria
  - Angola
  - Benin
  - Botswana
  - Burkina Faso
  - Burundi
  - Cameroon
  - Cape Verde
  - Central African Republic
  - Chad
  - Congo
  - Cote-d’Ivoire
  - Democratic Republic of Congo
  - Djibouti
  - Egypt
  - Equatorial Guinea
  - Eritrea
  - Ethiopia
  - Gabon
  - The Gambia
  - Gaza Strip
  - Ghana
  - Guinea
  - Guinea-Bissau
  - Iran
  - Iraq
  - Israel
  - Jordan
  - Kenya
  - Lebanon
  - Lesotho
  - Liberia
  - Libya
  - Madagascar
  - Malawi
  - Mali
  - Mauritania
  - Mauritius
  - Morocco
  - Mozambique
  - Namibia
  - Niger
  - Nigeria
  - The Occupied Territories (West Bank)
  - Rwanda
  - Senegal
  - Sierra Leone
  - Somalia
  - South Africa
  - Sudan
  - Swaziland
  - Syria
  - Tanzania
  - Togo
  - Tunisia
  - Uganda
  - Yemen
  - Zambia
  - Zimbabwe

**Application materials:**
- All the materials below should be submitted to the Epidemiology Student Services Coordinator:
  - EPID cover page, including:
    a. Full name
e    b. Address
    c. Student ID
d. Home Country
  - A copy of the Candidate's curriculum vitae (CV) (1,500 word max)
  - A personal statement describing your dissertation and any additional information you wish to bring to the attention of the selection committee (1,500 word max).
  - A research statement describing why you would make a good candidate for this fellowship, including qualifications, academic achievement, potential in your field of study, and proposed timetable of study (1,500 word max).
  - Two letters of recommendation:
    a. one letter of recommendation from your faculty/research advisor and
    b. one additional letter of recommendation.

**Epidemiology Deadline (earlier than the Rackham Deadline):** Early April

**Procedures:**
- Each Department may submit one nomination to Rackham
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**Rackham Tuition and/or Stipend Awards for Continuing Students (Student Application):**

* **CIC Smithsonian Institution Fellowship**
The Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) and the Smithsonian Institution (SI) invite fellowship applications for one-year fellowships to support research in residence at Smithsonian Institution facilities.

**Award:** $30,000 stipend

**Application Criteria:**
- Students must have completed all course work for their programs
- Must have been admitted into doctoral candidacy
- Satisfied all requirements except completion of the dissertation in order to qualify.
- Only students enrolled at CIC institutions are eligible to apply.

**Deadline:** Mid-November

**Procedures:**
The application materials must be submitted electronically through [https://solaa.si.edu](https://solaa.si.edu).

* **German Academic Exchange (DAA)**
This is an exchange program with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the University of Michigan for study or research abroad in Germany.

**Award:** The scholarship includes transportation, living expenses and language training, as well as U-M tuition for Ph.D. students only

**Application criteria:**
- United States and Canadian citizens enrolled full-time
- All should have a specific project in mind which can be completed within a ten-month period
- Applicants for graduate scholarships should have completed their Bachelor’s degrees no longer than six years before the application deadline

**Application materials:**
Submit a total of four (4) copies (1 original, 3 photocopies) of the following:
- Signed DAAD Application (original plus 3)
- Supplemental Materials (For music, fine arts, dance only)
- A copy of the Candidate's curriculum vitae (CV) (1,500 word max)
- Study Proposal
- 2 letters of Recommendation
- Evidence of Contact with German Institution
- DAAD Language Certification (Sprachzeugnis form) completed by faculty member
- Transcript (provided by the Student Services Coordinator)

**Deadline:** Mid-September
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*King-Chavez-Parks Initiative, Future Faculty Fellowship Program*
The King-Chavez-Parks Future Faculty Fellowship Program is funded by the State of Michigan and is intended to increase the pool of traditionally underrepresented candidates pursuing faculty teaching careers in postsecondary education.

**Award:** maximum $35,000 toward tuition or stipend

**Application criteria:**
- Admitted to study in a master’s or doctoral program at the University of Michigan.
- In good academic standing.
- Not currently a recipient of a KCP Initiative Fellowship Award at another institution.
- Have not received another KCP Fellowship award for the same degree level (master’s or doctorate).
- Not currently in default status on any guaranteed student loan and/or a KCP Loan.
- A citizen of the United States.
- A resident of the State of Michigan who meets the University of Michigan’s requirements for residency.
- Planning and able to teach in postsecondary education.

**Application materials:**
- Personal statement including your educational and career goals linking your interests, academic preparation, and current studies with your future plans. The main focus of the statement should be your research and the timetable for completing your dissertation. (1,500 word max)
- Budget statement regarding your current means of support (including source, amount, and length of support) and living expenses. (1,500 word max)
- Copy of dissertation prospectus if completed; otherwise, include a description of your proposed research. (1,500 word max)
- Three letters of recommendation, including one from your dissertation chair
- A copy of the Candidate's curriculum vitae (CV) (1,500 word max)

**Deadline:** ongoing

*Lurcy Fellowship For Study in France*
The Georges Lurcy Charitable and Educational Trust seeks to promote friendship and understanding between the peoples of the United States and France and, secondarily, between Americans and Europeans in general. This is achieved by supporting scholarly activities and exchanges which allow members of one society to learn more about the people and civilization of the other society.

**Award:** $25,000 stipend

**Application criteria:**
The student must be a US citizen or permanent resident of the United States

**Application materials:**
- A copy of the Candidate's curriculum vitae (CV) (1,500 word max)
- Personal statement (1,500 words)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Foreign language report

**Deadline:** Early-mid October
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Other Sources of Funding

*Continuous Enrollment Funding from Dean’s Office*
Due to Rackham’s Continuous Enrollment Policy, some Ph.D. students will need to register for terms when they would not have had to register under the policies and practices in place prior to the policy change.

**Award:** tuition
- Please note: these fellowships do not include stipend, health or dental insurance.

**Application criteria:**
- In good academic standing.
- Ph.D. students will need to register for terms when they would not have had to register under the policies and practices in place prior to the policy change.

**Application materials:**
- Completed application
- Transcript (provided by Student Services Coordinator)

**Deadline:** Mid-June
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Teaching/Research Funding

*Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) support
GSI slots for epidemiology courses are awarded on a competitive basis each year in April for the fall term and in November for the winter term. Requests for applications are sent to all currently enrolled and incoming PhD students. Final decisions are made by the instructors of the courses. GSIs are also available in other Schools and Departments throughout the University. See http://hr.umich.edu/acadhr/grads/index.html or http://umjobs.org/

Award: (50% effort) tuition, stipend, GradCare

Application criteria:
- In good academic standing, i.e., is making satisfactory progress toward the completion of degree requirements and is within the time limits of the degree program, including approved extensions; is demonstrating an ability to succeed in the degree program; and has a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (B) or better.

Application materials:
- Personal Statement
- Two faculty names as references
- Transcript (provided by Student Services Coordinator)
  *criteria may be different for each department

Epidemiology Deadline: March
- Fall Epidemiology GSI Positions (subject to change)
  - (2) EPID 600, Introduction to Epidemiology
  - (2) EPID 601, Principles and Methods of Epidemiology
  - (2) EPID 640, SAS for Epidemiological Research
  - (2) Public Health 350,
- Winter Epidemiology GSI Positions (subject to change)
  - (4) EPID 503, Strategies and Uses of Epidemiology
  - (1) EPID 504/545, Molecular Techniques Laboratory
  - (2) EPID 602, Applied Epidemiologic Data Analysis
  - (1) EPID 641/642, Measurement Theory and Instrument Design & Sampling and Power

*Graduate Student Research Assistant (GSRA) support
GSRA slots may be available from faculty linked to various research projects. These positions are filled by faculty depending on needs and availability of funding.

Award: (50% effort) tuition, stipend, GradCare

Application criteria:
- In good academic standing, i.e., is making satisfactory progress toward the completion of degree requirements and is within the time limits of the degree program, including approved extensions; is demonstrating an ability to succeed in the degree program; and has a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (B) or better.

Application materials:
- Personal Statement
- Two faculty names as references
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- Transcript (provided by Student Services Coordinator)
  *criteria may be different for each department

**Epidemiology Deadline:** Revolving depending on funding for research

**Spring/Summer Research Partnership Program**
The Spring/Summer Research Grants Program was created to enable faculty members to collaborate with doctoral students on research and scholarly projects during the Spring/Summer term. In addition, this program provides financial support and tasks of intellectual and professional benefit to participating doctoral students.

**Award:** [approximately 40 awards are granted] (50% effort) stipend and GradCare for the Spring/Summer term

**Application criteria:**
- Tenure track and emeritus faculty, research track faculty, clinical track faculty, and librarians are eligible to submit applications if they are affiliated with a department, interdisciplinary program or school which has a Rackham doctoral program.
  - Lecturers, visiting and adjunct professors are not eligible.
- A faculty member may submit only one application for each round of funding.
- Faculty members who received a Spring/Summer Research Grant must allow three years to pass from the last award before submitting a new proposal.
- Employment through this program is limited to students enrolled in Rackham doctoral programs.
- Students who have received a Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship are not eligible for support.
- May not be combined with another GSRA or GSI appointment

**Application materials:**
- An online application
- Proposal (maximum 2 pages)
- A copy of the student’s and the faculty’s curriculum vitae (CV) (1,500 word max)

**Deadline:** Mid-February
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Department Funding for Travel and/or Research
(Student Application)

*Epidemiology Block Grant*
The Department of Epidemiology has a limited allocation of funds from the Rackham School of Graduate Studies available to assist our graduate students in their research and travel expenses this academic year. The distribution of funds will be determined by the Doctoral Program Committee.

**Applicant criteria:**
- All recipients must be students in the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies.
- Must be enrolled in the Epidemiologic Science program

**Application materials:**
- All the materials below should be submitted to the Epidemiology Student Services Coordinator:
- A letter justifying why this proposal should be funded with explicit reference to the points above and the date you expect to complete your doctoral degree.
- A letter from your faculty mentor that includes information about how he/she is providing support and indication that he/she supports the amount being requested from the Block Grant fund.
- A budget that specifically outlines: (a) the support you are requesting from the Block Grant, (b) additional funds for the proposed activity that you expect to receive from your advisor and/or other sources, and (c) demonstration that you have applied to other sources of funds and the outcomes of these applications.
- Transcript (provided by the Student Services Coordinator)

**Deadline:** Early October, late January, and early April

**Services Not To Be Required:**
- These funds shall under no circumstances be used to pay the recipient for services.
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**Epidemiology Travel Grant**
The Epidemiology Travel Grant is intended to provide opportunities for Epidemiology graduate students to become familiar with, and take part in the life of their academic professions. This funding is not a substitute for faculty mentor support. A student is eligible for one Epidemiology Travel Grant (either domestic or international, but not both) during a fiscal year, which runs from July 1-June 30, based on the date of the conference. A student is generally not eligible for the Epidemiology Travel Grant if they have received other funding from the Department of Epidemiology for this particular conference, i.e. Block Grant Funding, etc. Awards can be used for airfare, train, ground transportation, registration, and lodging (room fees only).

**Award:**
For travel on or after July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015:
Poster or Oral Presentation:
- International - $750 maximum award
- Domestic - $500 maximum award
- Domestic no air - $200 maximum award

Awards are transferred to student accounts.

**Applicant criteria:**
- The student is currently enrolled in the Epidemiologic Science program
- In good academic standing, i.e., is making satisfactory progress toward the completion of degree requirements and is within the time limits of the degree program, including approved extensions; is demonstrating an ability to succeed in the degree program; and has a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (B) or better.
- The student has responded to a formal call for abstracts.
- The student has been accepted to present a poster, paper or give an oral presentation at a conference

**Application materials:**
All the materials below should be submitted to the Epidemiology Student Services Coordinator:
- A completed application
- A budget that specifies:
  - The exact amount you are requesting from the Epid Travel Grant
  - The support you have applied for or expect to receive from your advisor and other sources.
- A statement from your advisor detailing their support or why they are unable to provide any support.
- An abstract or summary of your presentation
- A copy of the letter indicating that your presentation/poster was accepted.
- Transcript (provided by the Student Services Coordinator)

**Deadline:** Ongoing.
- Applications are accepted up to ten business days PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE.
- Applications will not be considered for retroactive funding.
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Rackham Funding for Travel and/or Research
(Student Application)

*Rackham Conference Travel Grant*
The Rackham Conference Travel Grant is intended to provide opportunities for Rackham graduate students to become familiar with, and participate in the life of, their academic professions. As part of its University-wide commitment to advancing international research and training, the International Institute provides funding for 30 awards to international destinations.

**Award:** A student is eligible to receive one travel grant award (either domestic or international, but not both) during a fiscal year, which runs from July 1 - June 30, based on the start date of the conference.
- Up to $700 for the continental US.
- Up to $950 for Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Europe.
- Up to $1,200 for Africa, Asia, South America, and Australia.

**Applicant criteria:**
- The graduate student is in good academic standing in a Rackham degree granting program.
- The student has responded to a formal call for abstracts.
- The student has been accepted to present a poster or paper at a conference.

**Application materials:**
- [http://www.rackham.umich.edu/funding/from_rackham/student_application/](http://www.rackham.umich.edu/funding/from_rackham/student_application/)
- Recommendation from the faculty advisor or graduate chair as to how the conference participation is directly relevant to the student’s research or graduate studies.
- Copy of the confirmation of presentation (letter or e-mail is acceptable) with the applicant’s name clearly listed as a presenter or performer to verify the student’s acceptance to participate in the conference.
- A budget regarding the amount of funding requested and a list of the specific expenses covered by the award.

**Deadline:** ongoing
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*Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant*

The grant is intended to defray costs of conducting clearly defined research projects including:

- Research related expenses (e.g., subject fees, access to specialized data sets, purchase of archival materials or images, laboratory supplies that will be consumed in the course of the project)
- Temporary research assistants or transcribers (NOTE: Requests for this type of expense must include a compelling explanation of why the student cannot perform the work him or herself.)
- Research-based travel not associated with a course (e.g., off-campus data collection, access to libraries, archives or historical sites)
- Purchasing laboratory equipment, field work equipment or specialized computer software (NOTE: This type of expense has some special limitations.)
- Off-campus study of foreign languages needed for research. Proposals will be considered only if the instruction is not available on the U-M Ann Arbor campus. The relevance of the language studied to the student’s research must be explained in the proposal.
- Off-campus study of specialized methodologies or techniques needed for research. Proposals will be considered only if instruction in the methodologies and/or techniques is not available on the U-M Ann Arbor campus. (NOTE: An explicit paragraph explaining the relevance of the methodologies and/or techniques to the student’s research must be included in the proposal.)
- MFA and DMA students in Dance, Art and Design and Music are eligible for this funding to support a performance or exhibition as required by their graduate program. The presentation or performance must be central to the student’s graduate studies and serve to contribute directly to his or her degree.

Award:

- Pre-candidates are eligible for an award up to $1,500
- Candidates are eligible for an award up to $3,000

Applicant criteria:

- The graduate student is in good academic standing in a Rackham degree granting program
- The proposed research project or activity directly relates to and helps achieve progress towards his or her degree.

Application materials:

- [http://www.rackham.umich.edu/funding/from_rackham/student_application/](http://www.rackham.umich.edu/funding/from_rackham/student_application/)
- Students must submit a research proposal, budget and letter of support. The research proposal is limited to 1,500 words. Please be sure to include selected citations to relevant literature that will be helpful in understanding how your proposal fits into the scholarly literature.
- The research budget should match the activities described in the proposal. It should explain in detail the costs associated with each of the activities. Note that research assistance or transcription of notes or recordings will not normally be allowed unless there is a compelling explanation as to why the student cannot accomplish the task.

**Deadline:** ongoing

**Procedure:**

- If awarded, the funds will be administered through the department. Awardees will be responsible for any shortfall.
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*Rackham International Research Awards*

The Rackham International Research Awards (RIRA) are to support doctoral students conducting degree-related research outside the United States and Puerto Rico.

The grant is intended to defray the costs of conducting clearly defined research projects including:

- Travel and living expenses.
- Research-related expenses, e.g., subject fees, access to specialized data sets, purchase of archival materials or images unavailable in the U.S., laboratory supplies that will be consumed in the course of the project.
- Temporary research assistants or transcribers (Note: Requests for this type of expense must include a compelling explanation of why the student cannot perform the work him or herself).
- Purchase of laboratory or fieldwork equipment or specialized software (Note: this type of expense has special limitations).
- Simultaneous with the conduct of the research itself, the study of a language necessary for the research that is not taught at U-M.

**Award:** up to $10,000

**Applicant criteria:**

- Applicants may be of any citizenship and must be in good academic standing in a Rackham degree program, with a record that shows good progress toward the degree.
- The proposed research must be directly related to a dissertation, thesis, and may not be associated with a course or other requirement.
- Doctoral students must reach candidacy by September 2014 and have an approved dissertation topic.
- Students in master’s programs must be engaged in a non-course related research project required for their degree.
- Students with external research fellowship support may apply, but must specify the additional research activities the RIRA will support and demonstrate why these are necessary for the successful completion of the research.
- Eligible projects will take place between May 1, 2014 and May 31, 2015.
- Students who have previously received a Rackham International Research Award are ineligible.

**Application materials:**

- [http://www.rackham.umich.edu/funding/from_rackham/student_application/](http://www.rackham.umich.edu/funding/from_rackham/student_application/)
- A statement of no more than three 12-font double-spaced pages, written in a language for non-specialists, that describes the proposed research and explains its significance and feasibility. Applicants should discuss language skills and other competencies needed to conduct the proposed research.
- A full budget and timetable for completing the research. The budget should show all anticipated costs and all other sources of support, pending and confirmed. The research budget should match the activities described in the proposal. It should explain in detail the costs associated with each of the activities
- A letter of no more than two pages from the student’s principal advisor
- A copy of the Candidate's curriculum vitae (CV) (1,500 word max)
- Transcript (provided by the Student Services Coordinator)

**Deadline:** Early February
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Emergency & Debt Management Funds

*Debt Management Awards*
This award is designed to lighten the financial burden for students with sizable loan debt who will pursue public interest careers.

**Award:** Up to $10,000

**Applicant criteria:**
- Students who are enrolled full-time
- Students must have spent at least 2 years in community service prior to beginning graduate school; must intend to return to public service careers in the United States upon graduation; and must carry student-related debt accrued during the undergraduate and/or graduate years

**Application materials:**
- All the materials below should be submitted to the Epidemiology Student Services Coordinator:
- Student’s personal statement including a brief statement of their past community service work and intent to pursue a public service career in the United States upon graduation: 1,500 words
- Letter of recommendation from the nominee’s graduate program chair or faculty advisor
- Statement regarding the student’s current means of support (including source, amount and length of support) and living expenses: 1,500 words
- Amount of student loans, subsidized and unsubsidized, and amount of yearly interest on unsubsidized student loans: 1,500 words
- A copy of the Candidate's curriculum vitae (CV) (1,500 word max)

**Epidemiology Deadline (earlier than the Rackham Deadline):** Early April

**Procedures:**
- Each Department may submit up to three nominations to Rackham

*Rackham Graduate Student Emergency Funds*
The Rackham Graduate Student Emergency Fund is intended to help meet the financial needs of Rackham graduate students who encounter an emergency situation or one-time, unusual, or unforeseen expenses during their degree program. Situations eligible for funding include such events as:
- Medical, dental or mental health emergencies for the student or, in some circumstances, for immediate family members who live with the student
- Major accidents and events such as fire and natural disasters
- Expenses related to the death of an immediate family member

**Award:** $2,500 for each award

**Applicant criteria:**
- In good academic standing in a Rackham degree program.
- Limited to two (2) Emergency Fund awards.
- Ph.D. students on an approved leave of absence are eligible if they were in good academic standing at the beginning of the period of leave and have an approved plan for their return to active study at the conclusion of the leave
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Application materials:
- [http://www.rackham.umich.edu/funding/from_rackham/student_application/](http://www.rackham.umich.edu/funding/from_rackham/student_application/)
- Brief statement describing the emergency situation or one-time, unusual or unforeseen expense and the total dollar amount of emergency funds being requested. (1,500 words)
- Budget detailing the amount of emergency funding requested, a list of the specific expenses to be covered by the award, and your financial situation including sources of income and other available funding. (1,500 words)
- Letter of support for the emergency fund request of no more than two pages (1,500 words) from either the graduate chair or the department chair of the student’s program.

**Deadline:** ongoing

**Harold and Vivian Shapiro/John Malik/Jean Forrest Awards**
These awards were established by Harold T. Shapiro, former President of the University of Michigan, and Vivian Shapiro, former faculty member at the University of Michigan, to assist graduate students with interest payments on unsubsidized educational loans.

**Award:** up to $1,000 per student

**Applicant criteria:**
Full-time students in any Rackham degree program may apply. Students must have completed one full term before the fellowship deadline. Awards are intended to assist with interest charges accruing on education loans that must be paid while a student is in graduate school. U.S. citizens or permanent residents with $10,000 or more in unsubsidized educational loans (both private and federal) will be given first consideration.

**Application materials:**
- [http://www.rackham.umich.edu/funding/from_rackham/student_application/](http://www.rackham.umich.edu/funding/from_rackham/student_application/)
- Personal statement (1,500 words) specifically including the total amount of educational loans owed (both subsidized and unsubsidized) and identifying those on which interest payments cannot be deferred;
- Copy of recent statements for interest payments and interest accrual on all educational loans (both subsidized and unsubsidized, 1,500 words)
- Budget statement (1,500 words) regarding your current means of support (including source, amount, and length of support.)
- Letter of recommendation from the graduate program chair or faculty advisor confirming that the student is in good academic standing and making good progress toward completion of the degree.

**Deadline:** Early-mid October