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# 2019 Graduate Funding Success Symposium July 15, 2019

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# Why apply for competitive awards?

Benefits of Winning Scholarships & Fellowships:

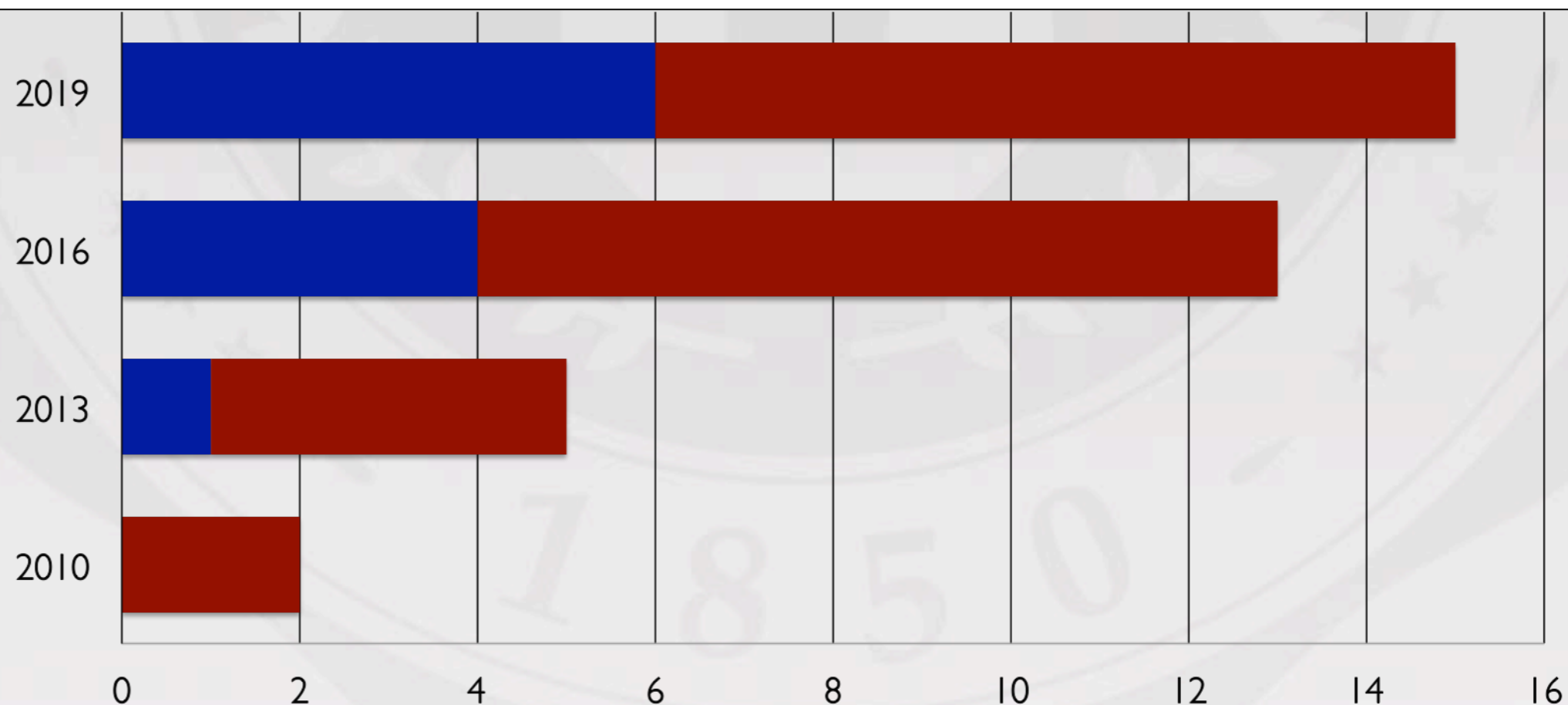
- **Resume/CV Boost:** set yourself apart, open doors for future opportunities
- **Tuition & Stipend Support:** \$\$\$
- **Options:** you may end up with more choices in labs, projects, advisors, etc.
- **Impact:** your research may be more impactful with the right funding partner on board



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# University of Utah students are competitive candidates for federal awards.

NSF GRFP & Fulbright U.S. Student Program Awards: 2010-2019



	2010	2013	2016	2019
■ Fulbright U.S. Student Program	0	1	4	6
■ NSF GRFP New Awards	2	4	9	9



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# Why apply for competitive awards?

Benefits of Applying for Scholarships & Fellowships, Even If You Don't Win:

- **Focus:** hone in on how to tell your story effectively
- **Persuasive Writing Skills:** know how to form an argument and write effective grant proposals
- **Your Chances Increase the Moment You Apply!**





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# How to Get Started

The Graduate School aims to support students in all stages of applying for grant, scholarship, and fellowship support. We can help you:

1. **Identify opportunities**
2. **Prepare written materials**, such as personal statements and research proposals.
3. Identify **peer and advisor resources** who can provide important **feedback and advice**.



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# Identifying Opportunities

On Campus:

[Scholarships.utah.edu](https://scholarships.utah.edu)

[Gradschool.utah.edu](https://gradschool.utah.edu) – Office for Fellowships & Benefits  
&

[Gradschool.utah.edu/diversity](https://gradschool.utah.edu/diversity) – Office for Diversity

Colleges and Department websites/administrators: for example,  
College of Engineering has a great search tool on their website



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# Identifying Opportunities

## External Awards & Private Foundations:

We've provided a list of search tools for you to take with you – don't overlook the opportunity to apply for external awards.

A new tool called Pivot is now available to all students – access the tool and sign up for training at: [rdo.utah.edu/pivot](https://rdo.utah.edu/pivot)







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# Preparing Written Materials

The Graduate School provides workshops and informational events to inform students of external funding opportunities and to help prepare competitive applications.

Sign up on our website for more information:

<http://gradschool.utah.edu/graduate-funding-success-workshops/>





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# Preparing Written Materials

## Graduate Funding Success Symposium

***Monday, July 15***

***NIH & NSF sessions from 1:30 - 5:00 pm***

***Health Sciences Education Building***



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# Preparing Written Materials

The Fulbright Academy has been established to assist students in preparing a competitive Fulbright application.

If you are a U.S. citizen and a Fulbright seems like a good choice for you, visit [fulbright.utah.edu](https://fulbright.utah.edu) for event dates & summer workshops.





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# Preparing Written Materials

## **Fulbright U.S. Student Program – Upcoming Events\***

Information Session: Thursday, **June 6**, 2 pm – 3 pm

Information Session: Wednesday, **June 19**, 10 am – 11 am

Information Session: Tuesday, **July 9**, 10 am – 11 am

Workshop - Statement of Grant Purpose\*\* : Wednesday, **July 17**, 10 am – 11 am

Workshop - Personal Statement\*\* : Tuesday, **July 30**, 2 pm – 3 pm

Workshop – Peer Review\*\* : Tuesday, **August 6**, 2 pm – 3 pm

Workshop – Peer Review\*\* : Thursday, **August 15**, 2 pm – 3 pm

\*All sessions will be held in **Gardner Commons, room 3105** (OGE)

\*\*For workshops, please bring a draft of your essay to workshop with peers.



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# Identify Peer & Advisor Resources

There are faculty members and graduate student peers around campus who have applied for and won many of the grants and scholarships that you may be applying for. Many of them are here today, so please take advantage of this opportunity!





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# Identify Peer & Advisor Resources

Not sure how to find a resource for the opportunity that you're interested in? Start with your faculty advisor or department chair.

Please feel free to contact the Graduate School for assistance – we're happy to help!







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# Identify Peer & Advisor Resources

Library Resources: The University employs research librarians  
– they're here to help!

## Marriot Library:

[Lib.utah.edu](http://Lib.utah.edu)

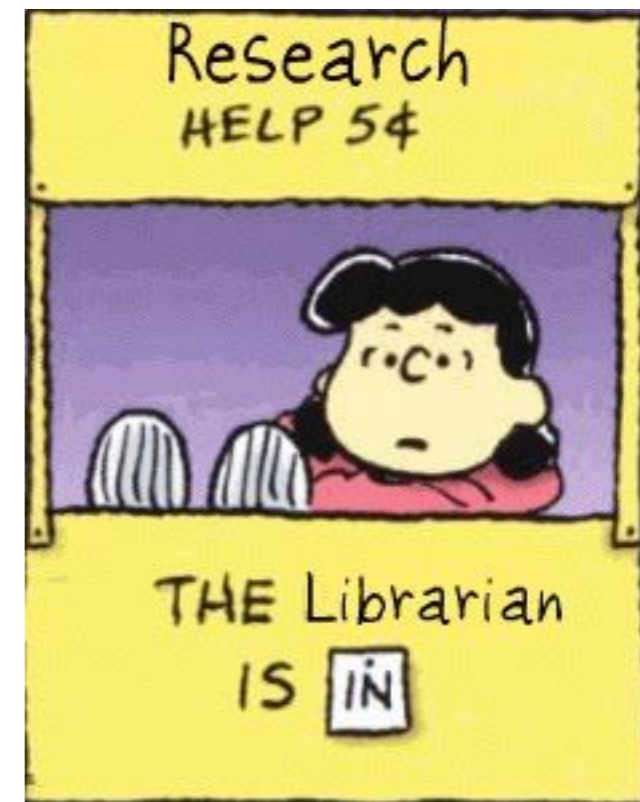
Get Help → Research Consultations

## Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library

[Library.med.utah.edu](http://Library.med.utah.edu)

Technology for Checkout:

Tablets, cables, cameras, tripods, easels & more.







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