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# 2020 Graduate Funding Success Series

June 29 – July 29, 2020

Schedule & Registration: <https://bit.ly/2Zniqzo>

Or visit [gradschool.utah.edu](https://gradschool.utah.edu) to find our Event Calendar.



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**THE GRADUATE SCHOOL – 302 PARK BUILDING**

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# Why apply for competitive awards?

## Benefits of Securing 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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# 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
- **Relationships** – build authentic relationships with established scholars in your area of research
- **Your Chances Increase the Moment You Apply**



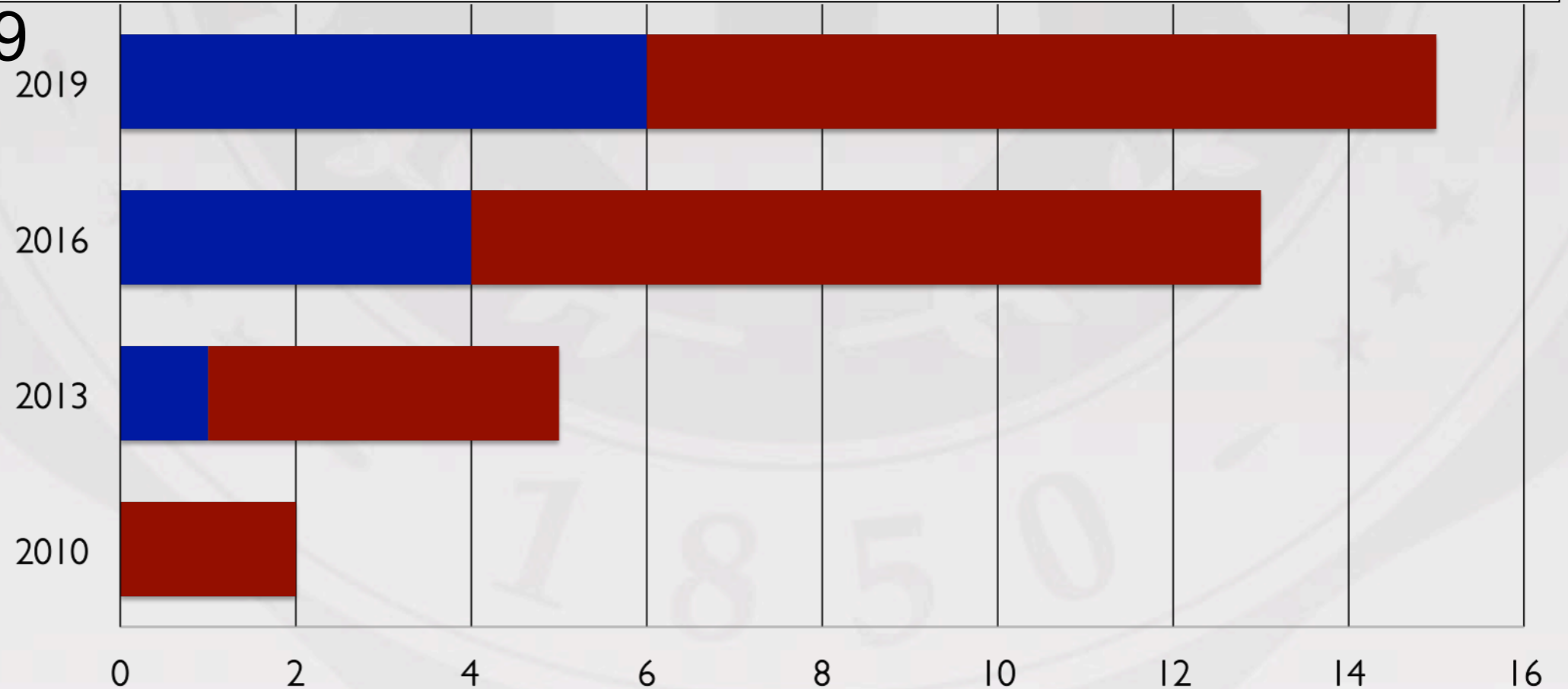


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# University of Utah students are competitive candidates for federal awards.

## 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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# 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

Gradschool.utah.edu – Office for Fellowships & Benefits

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-fun](http://gradschool.utah.edu/graduate-fundings-cess-) [cess-](#)



[workshops/](#)





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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

## **INFO SESSION**

Friday, July 17: 10 am – 11 am, Register: [bit.ly/2Bh2ypQ](https://bit.ly/2Bh2ypQ)

## **WORKSHOP: Personal Statement**

Tuesday, June 30: 10 am – 11 am, Register: [bit.ly/2YdMWwp](https://bit.ly/2YdMWwp)

Wednesday, July 22: 2 pm – 3 pm, Register: [bit.ly/30S8D6V](https://bit.ly/30S8D6V)

## **WORKSHOP: Statement of Grant Purpose**

Friday, July 10: 2 pm – 3 pm, Register: [bit.ly/2Ncz3Z8](https://bit.ly/2Ncz3Z8)

Monday, July 27: 10 am – 11 am, Register: [bit.ly/30QBwQW](https://bit.ly/30QBwQW)



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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. Seek them out for feedback and advice!





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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!





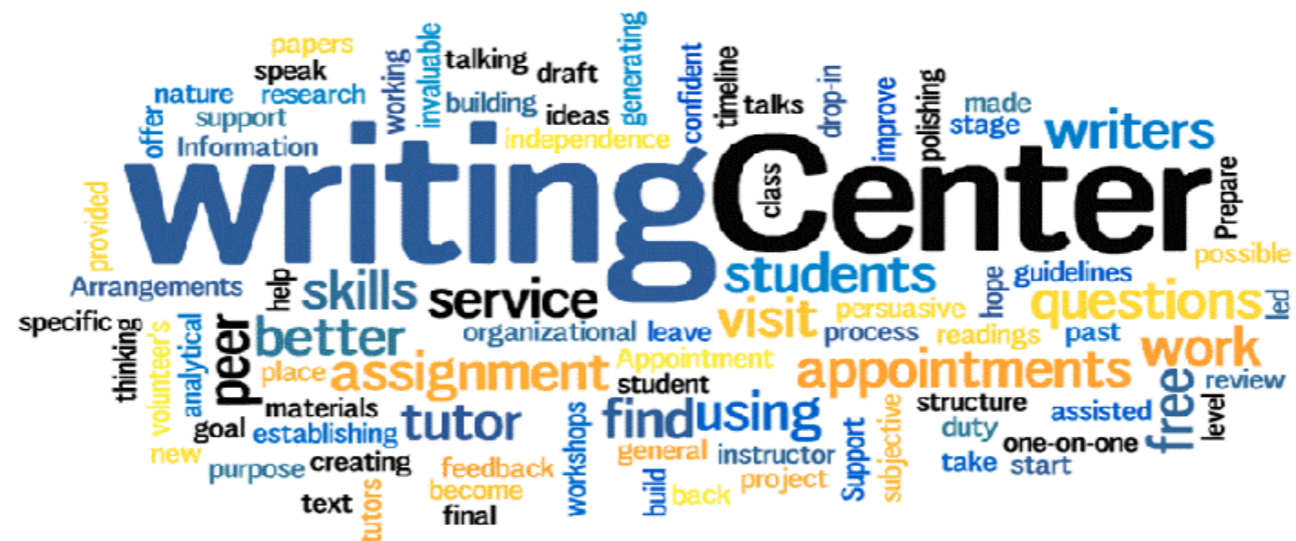
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# Identify Peer & Advisor Resources

Writing Center: Consultations available online!

Visit: <http://writingcenter.utah.edu/>

Click on “Graduate Student Services”



Don't forget to run your applications through Grammarly!  
[gradschool.utah.edu/grammarly](https://gradschool.utah.edu/grammarly).



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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)

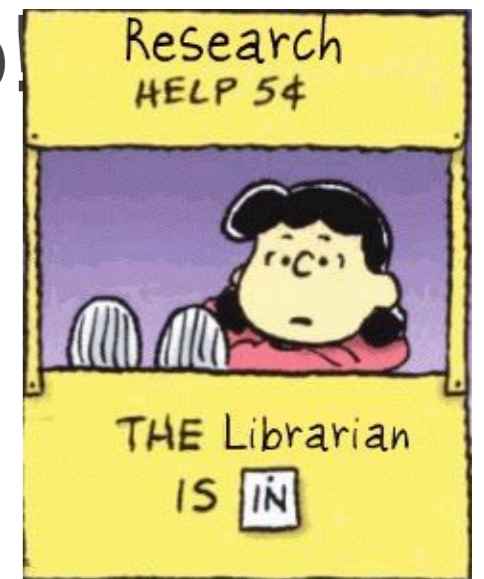
Get Help → Research Consultations

## 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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