Fellowships for Graduate Students in Chemistry

In addition to the standard stipends for teaching or research assistants, the Chemistry Department at the University of Pittsburgh offers Fellowships for qualified students.

Fellowship Program for Incoming Students

The Chair’s Scholar Fellowship
This fellowship is offered to qualified entering students to assist them in career development throughout their graduate studies. The Chair’s Scholar Fellowship consists of one or more of the following: 1) a $5,000 Fellowship for Summer Research that can be used to work in the lab of choice during the summer between finishing your undergraduate degree and starting your graduate career; 2) A laptop computer for personal; 3) A $3,000 cash award added to your first paycheck the end of September.

Mary E. Warga Predoctoral Fellowship
This is a Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) fellowship offered to entering graduate students with exceptional promise in physics and chemistry. The fellowship provides a substantial two-term stipend, with the third term supported by teaching or research. It also provides a full-tuition scholarship and supplemental funds to be used for travel, research, and other academic expenses during the first year of graduate study.

K. Leroy Irvis Fellowship Program
The K. Leroy Irvis Fellowship Program addresses the critical need to recruit and retain African-American and other underrepresented graduate students and to enhance minority presence in the professorate.

FAS/Provost’s Development Fellows Program
This program offers a number of fellowships in certain groups who continue to be underrepresented in the national pool of earned doctorate degrees, as well as within the professorate at the University. Fellows will be appointed for either one or two years as Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs). Full-tuition scholarships, plus fees, are included.
Fellowships for Continuing Students

Graduate Excellence Fellowship or GEF
GEF Fellowships are also awarded each year to students who have completed their seventh semester and demonstrate excellence.
The fellowship consists of a premium of $3,000/yr ($1,000/semester) above the standard teaching or research assistantship. Fellowships for 2nd, 3rd and 4th year students are awarded based on an open competition held each January.

Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowships
This is a FAS fellowship program that offers financial support for highly qualified students. The fellowship provides a two –term stipend and a scholarship for full tuition and fees for the period of the appointment. Awards are made on an annual basis and may be renewed for a second year. The Department with a teaching or research assistantship for the third term supplements the fellowship.

External Fellowships
A significant number of external fellowships are available to students applying to or continuing in the Department of Chemistry. Due to its volume of outside organizations offering graduate student support, we encourage the student to research external fellowships on the Internet or by personally contacting the granting organization. Following a few examples of such organizations and programs:

National Science Foundation (NSF); Graduate Fellowship Program; Department of Defense (DOD) Graduate Fellowship Program; National Institute of Health (NIH); Department of Energy (DOE); Ford Foundation (administered by National Research Council); National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Graduate Student Research Program; National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); American Chemical Society (ACS) (Largely support for travel to ACS meetings).

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