

PIIRS Graduate Fellowship/Dissertation Writing Grants

TO APPLY

1. Submit an application (see Application Details below) **by e-mail to piirsgrants@princeton.edu**.
2. Complete the PIIRS EXTERNAL FUNDING FORM summarizing efforts to secure funding from agencies outside of Princeton and submit the completed form **by e-mail to piirsgrants@princeton.edu**.
3. Request **two** letters of recommendation to be sent **by e-mail to piirsgrants@princeton.edu**. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all letters of recommendation are received. PIIRS will not request letters of recommendation from advisers if they are missing from the application file.
4. **All documents must be received at PIIRS by March 15, 2021.**

Priority for PIIRS funding will be given to students who apply for external financial support. Please consult "External Funding Sources for Language Study, Research, and Fellowships," available on the PIIRS website, for a list of external grants for which students may be eligible. Applicants are expected to inform PIIRS if they receive awards from other sources as soon as that information is available.

Students are strongly encouraged to seek matching support from their home departments, as those departments may have the capacity to partner with PIIRS to create full stipends. NB: *PIIRS will not consider students simultaneously for research grants AND for writing grants. PIIRS assumes that students who are ready to write are not still in the data-collection stage.*

Application Details

Applications should be no longer than 10 pages (double-spaced). In terms of detail, these applications should be on a par with those that students might submit to external agencies for support. They should detail the central idea of the dissertation and include:

1. Applicant's name, department, and PU ID number;
2. Significance of the research to the field;
3. Data, methods, and substance of the work;
4. Summary of progress to date;
5. Timeline from the beginning of the research to the completion of the thesis;
6. Indicate whether, as a PIIRS Graduate Fellow, you would be willing to be in residence at PIIRS in shared office space for the year and to participate in the activities of the PIIRS Graduate Fellows seminar.*

All recipients of PIIRS Dissertation Writing Grants must submit a report on work accomplished. *For those receiving support for the academic year 2021-22, reports must be submitted to the PIIRS office by October 31, 2022.* For more information on Dissertation Writing Grants and the PIIRS Graduate Fellows program, please contact [Rachel Golden](#).

**These conditions will be reviewed in the Spring Semester in the light of ongoing COVID-related restrictions. For the academic year 2020-21 the residency requirement has been waived (all seminars are conducted remotely) and access to the shared office suite has been unavailable.*