

Description of EF Grant Funds

1. American Fellowships (Endowed Fund)

American Fellowships support women scholars completing doctoral dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research, or finishing research for publication. Recipients must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

2. Career Development Grants:

Career Development Grants support women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance their careers, change careers, or re-enter the work force. Special consideration is given to AAUW members, women of color, and women pursuing their first advanced degree or credentials in nontraditional fields. Funds can be applied to tuition, fees, books, supplies, local transportation, and dependent care. Career Development Grants are also available for distance learning. Recipients must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

3. International Fellowships (Endowed Fund)

International Fellowships are awarded for full-time study or research to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Fellowships support graduate or postgraduate studies at accredited institutions. Recipients are selected for academic achievement and demonstrated commitment to women and girls. The overwhelming majority return to their home countries to become leaders in their fields as heads of state, university professors, community activists, world-renowned artists, and scientists.

To increase support for International Fellows, the program introduced Home-Country Project Grants in 1999-2000. These one-year supplemental grants provide additional funding for fellowship recipients to return to their home countries to implement projects benefiting women and girls.

4. Selected Professions Fellowships (Research & Projects Grants)

Selected Professions Fellowships provide opportunities for women to pursue graduate and first-professional degrees in designated fields where women traditionally have been underrepresented and where the employment outlook and earnings potential are strong. Recipients must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Fellowships in architecture, computer and information sciences, engineering, and mathematics and statistics are currently available to women at various stages of their graduate training. To address the under-representation of women of color in promising professions and encourage cultural diversity in these areas, fellowships for business administration, law, and medicine have been available only to women of color since 1991.

5. Community Action Grants (Research & Projects Grants)

Community Action Grants provide seed money to individual women, AAUW branches, AAUW state organizations, and local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls. At present, the AAUW Educational Foundation is offering only two-year grants. Recipients must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The Educational Foundation shares the results of Community Action Grant projects through a web database that showcases best practices and replicable project models.

6. Eleanor Roosevelt Fund

The AAUW Educational Foundation's Eleanor Roosevelt Fund for Women and Girls supports fellowships for public school teachers, an annual Teacher Institute, a Forum on Educational Equity, and groundbreaking research that has changed the way scholars, policy-makers, and the general public think about the experiences and needs of girls and women.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT FUND AWARD

Established in 1989, the **Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award** honors an individual, project, organization, or institution for outstanding contributions to equity and education for women and girls. The award is given for a broad range of activities including classroom teaching, educational and research contributions, and legal and legislative work in equity for women and girls. While the award focuses on education, the recipient need not be an educator.

7. Unrestricted Contributions:

Unrestricted contributions provide general support essential to the healthy functioning of the EF. They permit communications with AAUW member leaders and they offer critical protection against funding shortfalls in priority areas. These contributions also allow the EF to provide activities beyond its traditional fellowships and grants and to expand research and other timely programs.

DESIGNATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions can be designated in three ways:

- Contributions to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund and contributions designated for other current programs and can be spent ***in the year they are received***.
- Unrestricted contributions support all the EF programs and activities ***in the year they are received***.
- Contributions to an ***endowed fund*** support fellowships and grants ***in perpetuity***. Contributions to an endowed fund become part of the permanent fund. The EF can use ***only the interest income*** generated from endowments to support fellowships, grants, and award programs. Endowment ***principal is never spent***.

Funds that can be spent in the year they are contributed:

9110 Unrestricted Foundation Support
9170 Eleanor Roosevelt Fund
521 International Symposium

Funds for which the contributions go to the principal and only the interest can be spent:

9130 American Fellowships
9140 International Fellowships
9150 Research & Project Grants (Community Action Grants, Selected Professions Fellowships and Career Development Grants)