External Funding Results
June 2020 – May 2021

686* advising appointments
*including asynchronous email feedback due to COVID-19

97 applications submitted for more than $4.5 million
30% international students
32% underrepresented minorities
55% master’s & specialist students

Top Colleges
1. Liberal Arts
2. Science & Engineering
3. Education
4. Business

Top Awards
- Boren Fellowship
- NIJ Graduate Research Fellowship
- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
- P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship
- P.E.O. Scholar Award

28 awards for almost $1 MILLION

100% success rate among P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship renewal applicants

59 presentations for 867 attendees
Graduate students faced a particularly challenging funding landscape during the 2020-21 academic year. Because of the uncertainties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, many funders canceled award competitions, delayed programs, or offered fewer awards. That context makes certain achievements — such as the 100% success rate of our P.E.O. IPS renewal applicants — all the more remarkable.

February’s winter storm posed additional challenges for our applicants, some of whom were without power and water for an extended period of time. We are so proud of the resilience and persistence demonstrated by the graduate students we worked with this year on external funding applications.”

Dr. Andrea Hilkovitz
External Funding Coordinator

“The 2021–2022 competition cycle for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program was the most competitive in the program’s 75-year history, with nearly 12,000 applications submitted nationally, a 12% increase over previous years. Our graduate applicant pool grew during this cycle and resulted in Texas State’s largest-ever number of graduate student semi-finalists for this prestigious program.

To have our largest-ever pool of graduate semi-finalists for this highly competitive award — in an exceptionally competitive year — is a noteworthy achievement and demonstrates that we continue to cultivate success among Texas State graduate students for this flagship program.”

Dr. Brian Smith
External Funding Coordinator