Types of Funding

- Department scholarships
- Travel grants
- Dissertation grants
- Fellowships
- Private organizations
- Government solicitations

Funding Eligibility

- Eligibility requirements vary
 - Citizenship
 - Area of reseach
 - Advancement to candidacy (for PhD students)
 - Time till completion of degree
 - Total number of years of graduate school (NSFGRP)

Department Scholarships

- Due in fall/spring
- Requirements vary
 - Some masters, some PhD
 - Some GIS focused
 - Some have US citizenship requirements

Travel Grants

- Fund conference travel
- Usually conference specific
- Examples
 - Department funding
 - SDSU GSTF (Graduate Student Travel Fund)
 - NASA-MSU Professional Enhancement Award

Fellowships

- Can support
 - Research (travel, materials, assistants, etc.)
 - Living expenses at home
 - Conference travel
 - Stipend
- Examples
 - NSF GRFP (Graduate Research Fellowship Program)
 - NESSF (NASA Earth System Science Fellowship)
 - SDSU Inamori Fellowship

Dissertation Grants

- Fund dissertation research
 - Research assistants
 - Equipment
 - Travel
- Examples
 - NSF DDRIG (Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant)

Private Organizations

- Due date varies based on organization
- Range of amounts
- Examples
 - San Diego Zoo
 - Margot Marsh Biodiversity Foundation

Government Funding Solicitations

- Usually larger in size
 - \$100,000-\$1,000,000
- Graduate students cannot be PIs
- Examples
 - NASA ROSES (Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Sciences)
 - NSF SBE (Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences)
 - NSF CNH (Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems)

SDSU Foundation

- When SDSU foundation needs to be involved
 - Usually larger grants
 - Anything with indirect costs
 - Collaborative work
 - Anything not paid directly to you
- Pl on grant
 - For larger grants, official PI generally will be adviser (Li)