Recommendations for Graduate Department Funding Pages

Stage 1: Improving Discoverability
- Separate funding page, no more than three clicks from department or school homepage (preferably under the Current Students section)
- Breakdown of department funding, including relevant departmental scholarships and travel funding (put student handbook funding information on webpage)
- Contact information and listserv sign-up (if available)
- Links to UNC organizations that help with funding
  - UNC Graduate School Funding Page
  - Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid
  - Graduate Funding Information Center

Stage 2: Providing Resources
- Major external funding organizations in your discipline (i.e. Top 5 Funders)
- Recommended specific external awards and past awards received by students
  - External Award Winners from the Graduate School
- Advertise relevant internal UNC awards
  - Carolina Internal Funding Database
- Links to other UNC resources and helps
  - Funding Information Portal
  - COS Pivot
  - Successful Proposals Collection
  - UNC Writing Center
- Information on funding cycle timeline (GFIC can provide standardized language)
- Explanation of funding process and types of awards available
- Helps for establishing residency
  - North Carolina Residency from the Graduate School

Stage 3: Ongoing Engagement
- Custom links to COS Pivot searches
- Curated lists for your students from COS Pivot (requires administrator access)
- Contacts within the department of individuals that can assist with specific high profile applications
- Funding information for specific student populations (i.e. diverse students, international students, students with disabilities, etc.)
- Emergency funding options
  - Student Emergency Fund from the Office of the Dean of Students
- Statistical breakdown of where your students’ funding is coming from (external, internal, loans, out of pocket, etc.)
- Information on the Foundation Directory at the Office of Research Development