Graduate Student Funding Information

The La Follette School offers fellowships and scholarships to incoming students each year. Unfortunately, due to limited funding, not all well-deserving students receive funding offers. This document provides funding information about opportunities outside the La Follette School.

La Follette School students are highly encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) [https://fafsa.ed.gov/](https://fafsa.ed.gov/) by December 1. UW–Madison’s school code is 003895. Applicants for most types of financial aid must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or other eligible non-citizen.

Most first-year La Follette School students fund their education through unsubsidized loans and personal resources. Many find teaching assistant and project assistant positions with other UW–Madison departments. This year, almost half of second-year students work as project assistants (PAs) or teaching assistants (TAs) on campus or off campus. To look for positions that match your qualifications, visit UW–Madison’s Student Job Center: [http://jobcenter.wisc.edu/](http://jobcenter.wisc.edu/).

The following academic departments and research centers employ or previously employed La Follette School students as project and research assistants:

- Center for Community and Nonprofit Studies [https://sohe.wisc.edu/research-development/centers-of-excellence/uw-center-for-nonprofits/](https://sohe.wisc.edu/research-development/centers-of-excellence/uw-center-for-nonprofits/)
- Center for Financial Security [https://cfs.wisc.edu/](https://cfs.wisc.edu/)
- Center for Freight and Infrastructure Research and Education [http://www.wistrans.org/cfire/](http://www.wistrans.org/cfire/)
- Center on Wisconsin Strategy: [http://www.cows.org/](http://www.cows.org/)
- Institute for Research on Poverty: [https://www.irp.wisc.edu/](https://www.irp.wisc.edu/)
- School of Medicine and Public Health [http://www.med.wisc.edu/](http://www.med.wisc.edu/)
- Wisconsin Center for the Advancement of Postsecondary Education [https://www.wiscape.wisc.edu/](https://www.wiscape.wisc.edu/)

Other Project Assistant Positions

Some project assistant positions are not listed on UW–Madison’s website. Student services staff send information about off-campus project assistantships via email. La Follette School faculty members also occasionally hire project assistants tied to grant funding. Student services staff notify current and incoming students about these positions via email.

Teaching Assistant Positions

Some academic departments post TA positions on the Student Job Center: [http://jobcenter.wisc.edu/](http://jobcenter.wisc.edu/). These academic departments employ or previously employed La Follette School students as teaching assistants.

- Integrated Liberal Studies Program
- Department of French & Italian
- Department of Gender & Women’s Studies
- Department of Political Science
- Department of Spanish & Portuguese
- School of Business
- School of Human Ecology
- School of Social Work

PAs and TAs earn tuition remission, health insurance, and a stipend for their appointments. The stipend depends on the position’s time commitment. All graduate assistants pay student fees, [https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/](https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/)
Foreign Language and Area Studies Scholarship (FLAS)
Academic-year FLAS fellowships are awarded to graduate students engaged in a formal overseas or domestic program of full-time language and area studies coursework. Applications are due in early February, and requirements vary depending on the language. Several MIPA students have funded their second year of school through the FLAS. Summer FLAS fellowships are available and are intended to help students gain the equivalent of a year’s worth of college level language study.

The following centers and programs offer the FLAS: African Studies Program; Center for East Asian Studies; Center for European Studies; Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian Studies Program; Center for Russia, East Europe and Central Asia; Center for South Asia; Center for Southeast Asian Studies; and Middle East Studies Program. More information, including application forms, is available from the specific area studies programs or at: http://flas.wisc.edu/

More Information and Resources
- Cost of attendance information: http://www.finaid.wisc.edu/cost-of-attendance.htm
- Madison cost of living: https://www.expatistan.com/cost-of-living/madison
- UW–Madison Graduate School: https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/
- Institute for Regional and International Studies: https://iris.wisc.edu/funding/
- UW–Madison scholarships: https://scholarships.wisc.edu/Scholarships/
- Private fellowships and scholarships: http://www.fastweb.com
- External scholarships: https://www.reviews.com/best-scholarship-search-platforms/
- External scholarships for minority students: https://collegestats.org/resources/best-scholarships-minorities/
- International students: https://iss.wisc.edu/students/new-students/funding-scholarships/
- Funding for Graduate Students: Workshop Materials: https://researchguides.library.wisc.edu/grantsgraduates/GrantsForEducation
- Ellen Jacks ellen.jacks@wisc.edu, the UW–Madison Grants and Reference Librarian, hosts go.wisc.edu/grants and can help you learn about databases accessible to UW–Madison students.
- UW–Madison jobs: http://www.ohr.wisc.edu/employment/employ.html
- UW–Madison Office of Student Financial Aid: http://www.finaid.wisc.edu/graduate-and-professional.htm
- Best private student loans of 2018: https://loans.usnews.com/student-loans
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness: http://www.finaid.org/loans/publicservice.phtml
- Salt financial wellness program: https://financialaid.wisc.edu/free-to-uw-madison-students-salt/