Graduate Student Funding Information

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

Students are highly encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by December 1 or as soon as possible. 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.

Many first-year La Follette Public Affairs students fund their education through unsubsidized loans and personal resources. Other students find graduate assistant positions through UW-Madison departments outside the La Follette School by browsing UW Graduate Assistantships on the Student Job Center site. In academic year 2022-23, 74% of La Follette School students held an assistantship or fellowship with tuition remission.

The following schools, institutes, and research centers have recently hired a La Follette student, although this is not an exhaustive list, and we encourage you to spread you net wide when searching for assistantships:
- Wisconsin Center for Research on Education (WCER) http://www.wcer.wisc.edu/
- School of Medicine and Public Health http://www.med.wisc.edu/
- Center for Financial Security (CFS) https://cfs.wisc.edu/
- Center for the Humanities: https://humanities.wisc.edu/
- Institute for Research on Poverty: https://www.irp.wisc.edu/
- The International Division: https://international.wisc.edu/
- Posse Program: https://posseprogram.wisc.edu/
- University of Wisconsin Survey Center: https://uwsc.wisc.edu/

Other Project Assistant Positions:
Some project assistant positions are not advertised on the UW website. If La Follette staff become aware of opportunities, they will reach out to students about project assistantships with local non-university organizations as the information is received. In addition, La Follette Faculty will occasionally advertise for project assistantships tied to grants. These notices are sent to current students and incoming students by email.

Teaching Assistant Positions:
Some academic departments post Teaching Assistant (TA) openings on the UW Graduate Assistantships site. The following departments have recently hired a La Follette student as a TA, although this is not an exhaustive list:
- American Indian Studies
- Communication Arts
- Consumer Sciences
- Counseling Psychology
- English
- Gender and Women's Studies
- History Department
- Integrated Liberal Studies
- Political Science
- Sociology

Students with assistantships above the 33% level generally receive tuition remission regardless of residency status, health insurance, and a stipend for their appointments although it is good practice to check with the hiring unit to review the compensation and benefits. The stipend depends on the time commitment of the position. All graduate assistants pay for student segregated fees. Please see this site for on-campus assistantship details: https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/graduate-assistantships/

Foreign Language and Area Studies Scholarship (FLAS)

Academic-year FLAS fellowships are awarded for a full academic year to graduate students engaged in a **formal overseas or domestic program of full-time language and area studies** coursework. Several MIPA students have funded their second year of school through the FLAS. Summer FLAS fellowships are also available and intended to help students gain the equivalent of **a year's worth of college level language study**. The Foreign Language and Area Studies Scholarship, FLAS, is offered through these centers: The 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 South East Asian Studies, and Global Studies. The application is due in early February each year. Specific requirements may vary depending on the language. Please consult the relevant area studies program or the following website for further details and application forms: http://flas.wisc.edu/

Other Funding Information and Resources

- Cost of Attendance Information: https://financialaid.wisc.edu/cost-of-attendance/
- Cost of Living Information for Madison, WI: https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Madison
- Financial Wellness Program: https://financialaid.wisc.edu/free-to-uw-madison-students-salt/
- UW-Madison Graduate School Funding Information: https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/
- UW-Madison Graduate School External Fellowship database: https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/external-fellowship-database/
- Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS) Funding Opportunities: https://iris.wisc.edu/funding/
- Wisconsin Scholarship Hub: https://wisc.academicworks.com/
- UW-Madison International Student Services Funding & Scholarships: https://iss.wisc.edu/students/new-students/funding-scholarships/
- Current UW-Madison students are encouraged to use Research Guides curated by Librarian Ellen Jacks that include topics such as Funding for Graduate Students and Funding for International Students.
  - They are also encouraged to review the link below to a PPT about funding ideas from a workshop recently hosted by the Graduate School:
  - https://researchguides.library.wisc.edu/grantsgraduates/GrantsForEducation
- On-campus jobs open to public: https://jobs.wisc.edu/
- University of Wisconsin-Madison Financial Aid Office: http://www.finaid.wisc.edu/graduate-and-professional.htm
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness: https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service
- Outside UW Scholarship Opportunities for minority students: https://collegestats.org/resources/best-scholarships-minorities/
- Private Fellowships and Scholarships Search (FastWeb): http://www.fastweb.com
- Private student loans: https://loans.usnews.com/student-loans