

Graduate Student Funding Information

The La Follette School offers 8 fellowships and 4-6 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.

Most first-year La Follette Public Affairs students fund their education through unsubsidized loans and personal resources. Many students find teaching assistant and project assistant positions through other UW-Madison departments. This year almost half of second-year students work as project assistants (PA's) or as teaching assistants (TA's) either on campus or through off-campus organizations. To look for positions that match your qualifications visit the UW job website: <http://www.jobs.wisc.edu/>.

The following academic departments and research centers have recently hired a La Follette student:

- Wisconsin Center for the Advancement of Postsecondary Education (WISCAPE) <https://www.wiscape.wisc.edu/>
- 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 Freight and Infrastructure Research and Education (CFIRE) <http://www.wistrans.org/cfire/>
- Center for Financial Security (CFS) <https://cfs.wisc.edu/>
- Center for Nonprofits, School of Human Ecology Department <https://sohe.wisc.edu/research-development/centers-of-excellence/uw-center-for-nonprofits/>
- Center on Wisconsin Strategy: <http://www.cows.org/>
- Institute for Research on Poverty: <https://www.irp.wisc.edu/>

Other Project Assistant Positions:

Some project assistant positions are not advertised on the UW website. The student services office will send information on 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 job site. In the past 3 years, these academic departments hired a public affairs student.

- School of Business
- School of Human Ecology
- Social Work
- Spanish and French
- Political Science
- Letters and Science Integrated Studies
- Gender and Women's Studies

PA's and TA's earn tuition remission, health insurance, and a stipend for their appointments. The stipend depends on the time commitment of the position. All graduate assistants pay for student fees. Please see this site for on-campus assistantship details: <https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/>

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 or **full-time dissertation research abroad**. The deadline has passed to apply for this year, but 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**. They support students enrolled in: formal **domestic** programs of intensive language study at the beginning, intermediate or advanced level; formal **overseas** programs of intensive language study at the intermediate or advanced level (5th semester and beyond); formal **overseas** programs of intensive study at the beginning level of languages for which appropriate equivalent instruction is not available in the United States

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 around February 11th 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: <http://www.finaid.wisc.edu/cost-of-attendance.htm>
- Cost of living in Madison, WI: <https://www.expatistan.com/cost-of-living/madison>
- Graduate School Funding Information: <https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/>
- UW-Madison Scholarships: <https://scholarships.wisc.edu/Scholarships/>
- Financial Wellness Program: <https://financialaid.wisc.edu/free-to-uw-madison-students-salt/>
- Private Fellowships and Scholarships Search (FastWeb), <http://www.fastweb.com>
- Outside UW Scholarship Information: <https://www.reviews.com/best-scholarship-search-platforms/>
- Outside UW Scholarship Opportunities for Minority Students: <https://collegestats.org/resources/best-scholarships-minorities/>
- Funding and Scholarships for International Students: <https://iss.wisc.edu/students/new-students/funding-scholarships/>
- Current UW-Madison students are 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>
 - Additionally, Ellen Jacks ellen.jacks@wisc.edu, the Grants and Reference Librarian at Memorial Library, hosts go.wisc.edu/grants and can help you learn about databases you have access to as a current UW-Madison student.
- On-campus jobs open to public: Classified Positions and other jobs (Office of Human Resources), <http://www.ohr.wisc.edu/employment/employ.html>
- University of Wisconsin-Madison Financial Aid Office: <http://www.finaid.wisc.edu/graduate-and-professional.htm>
- The Best Private Student Loans of 2018: <https://loans.usnews.com/student-loans>
- Federal Loan Forgiveness Program: <http://www.finaid.org/loans/publicservice.phtml>