

Graduate College

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Financial Support

Many of the university's graduate students receive some form of university-administered financial assistance. Funding availability varies by degree and area of study. For general eligibility requirements and application procedures, see "Section VII. Graduate Appointments" in the Manual of Rules and Regulations on the college's website. For a more complete description of the Graduate College's funding available to graduate students, see the Graduate College website. The following are some sources of assistance.

Teaching and Research Assistantships

Teaching and research assistantships are available in most departments, but they prioritize doctoral students. Assistantships are awarded for quarter-time, one-third-time, and half-time academic-year appointments and quarter-time, one-third-time, and half-time fiscal-year appointments. Assistants are provided with stipends and assistantships of 25% or higher are also eligible for tuition scholarships. Assistants (one-quarter-time or more) are classified as resident tuition rates for fee purposes. See the Graduate College website for a more complete description of graduate assistantship benefits.

Iowa Arts Fellowships

Iowa Arts Fellowships are for University of Iowa graduate students entering MFA programs. Typical stipends are for the academic year, with a tuition and a percentage of designated mandatory fees paid, plus a health insurance allowance, for one academic year (the remaining years of support must be provided by the appointing program). Fellows are not required to work or teach while holding the first-year fellowship.

Iowa Performance Fellowships

Iowa Performance Fellowships are for first-year DMA candidates in a performance area of music. Recipients are nominated by the School of Music. Awards include academic-year fellowships, summer fellowships, and tuition and a percentage of designated mandatory fees paid (the fellow is responsible for the remainder of fees). The School of Music provides a one-quarter-time research assistantship in years two, three, and four.

Graduate College Iowa Recruitment Fellowships

The Iowa Recruitment Fellowships program enhances departmental recruitment packages by offering the most

accomplished new doctoral students a stipend supplement for up to five years and stipend support for up to four summer sessions (academic year graduate assistants) or a stipend supplement for the entire fiscal year (fiscal year graduate assistants). Tuition scholarships are to be paid during the academic years (fall, spring) by the appointing unit, while the Graduate College provides up to 1 s.h. of tuition and benefits for the summer sessions. Recipients are nominated by their department.

Graduate College Summer Fellowships

Graduate College Summer Fellowships are for advanced doctoral students who have completed their comprehensive exams, are working to complete their dissertations, and do not otherwise have funding for the summer session. Awards provide a summer stipend and up to 1 s.h. of tuition and a percentage of the designated mandatory fees. Awardees must enroll in a summer session.

T. Anne Cleary International Research Fellowships

The T. Anne Cleary International Research Fellowships are for doctoral students who have completed all pre-dissertation requirements, including the comprehensive examination, and who will use the fellowship for international dissertation research. The monetary amounts may vary and are meant to supplement other research funds. PhD students in any discipline may apply.

Ballard and Seashore Dissertation Fellowships

Ballard and Seashore Dissertation Fellowships are one-semester fellowships for PhD candidates who have completed all doctoral degree requirements except their dissertation. Recipients are nominated by their departments. Fellowships provide monetary amounts for the semester plus tuition and a percentage of designated mandatory fees paid for up to 2 s.h. and a health insurance allowance.

Post-Comprehensive Research Fellowships

The post-comprehensive research awards program provides an opportunity for advanced PhD students to benefit from protected and supported time to pursue their scholarly research activities. The one-semester award is intended to recognize students with distinguished academic achievement during their early graduate training. These achievements should be evident from a combination of outstanding academic performance in coursework, as well as early scholarly research activities. Students who have held teaching assistantships in the previous two semesters or do not have other sources of assistantship/fellowship funds will have priority. Awardees will receive a stipend. The Graduate College also supports up to 2 s.h. of tuition, a percentage of the designated mandatory fees, and a health insurance allowance. Recipients are nominated by their department.

Scholarships

Scholarships typically provide partial tuition.

Graduate Student Travel Awards

Graduate student travel awards provide reimbursement for travel by students who present research and scholarship results at professional conferences. Awards are competitive across disciplines and vary. Funds are administered by the Graduate Student Senate and the Graduate College.

Other Sources

For other sources of financial support, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid.

Many departments offer additional support through traineeships, part-time employment in research, or part-time teaching appointments. The Office of the Vice President for Research supports graduate students by maintaining tools and curated resource libraries that help identify external research funding opportunities and provide examples of successful proposals. These resources, including Pivot, become available to students once they are formally enrolled and have started their first semester.