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# WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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## THE GRADUATE COLLEGE

### GRADUATE STUDENT AID

#### AVAILABLE FOR MASTER'S DEGREE STUDENTS

##### **GRADUATE COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP** (blue application)

Fellowships for two semesters (\$9,312) are awarded in open competition to outstanding students (3.25 and above) entering master's degree programs. An entering student is defined as one who will have earned no more than six graduate credits by the beginning of the fall semester. This fellowship requires no service, but encourages participation in the professional activities of the department. Enrollment of nine credits per semester is required. The fellowship will pay 18 hours of full tuition. Application deadline: **February 15**

##### **THURGOOD MARSHALL ASSISTANTSHIP** (gray application)

Assistantships for the academic year plus spring and summer (\$12,366) are offered to U.S. students from historically underrepresented groups beginning their first master's degree program who have regular admission to a program. The assistantship requires 10 hours of service per week from the student in the department or academic unit. Enrollment is required in at least nine credits per semester and five credits per session (or a total of nine credit hours for the spring and summer sessions). Recipients of the assistantship award are eligible for partial in-state tuition scholarships that will be applied to the in-state portion of the tuition bill. For non-residents of Michigan, the assistantship will pay the out-of-state portion of the tuition. Although applications can be accepted at any time, priority is given to those who apply by **February 15**.

##### **THURGOOD MARSHALL PROFESSIONAL TUITION GRANT** (gray application)

U.S. students from historically underrepresented groups with regular admission in a master's degree program who enroll part-time are eligible to apply for in-state tuition reimbursement. The in-state tuition is paid after courses are completed for all earned credits of "B" or better. Reimbursement is made for up to six credits per semester and three credits per session. Although applications can be accepted at any time, priority is given to those who apply by **February 15**.

##### **GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS** (apply through hiring department)

Teaching and research assistantships in academic departments are also available. Check with the chair or director of the department about the opportunities available. Service assistantships in administrative units of the University may be applied for by contacting the director of the department. A full academic year assistantship award is a minimum of \$9,312 and recipients are eligible for partial in-state and out-of-state tuition scholarships. Applicants should check with the chair or department director for details about assistantships, as packages and availability of such awards vary from department to department.

#### AVAILABLE FOR DOCTORAL DEGREE STUDENTS

##### **KING/CHAVEZ/PARKS FUTURE FACULTY PROGRAM (KCP)** (beige application)

Fellowships are offered to U.S. students from historically underrepresented groups with regular admission to a doctoral program who wish to pursue a full-time teaching career in post-secondary education in Michigan or Illinois. The fellowship does not require departmental service. However, students must meet other requirements as stated in the guidelines for KCP fellowships. KCP Fellowships can be awarded in conjunction with other appointments. Although applications can be accepted at any time, priority will be given to those who apply by **February 15**.

##### **HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS PROGRAM** (mauve application)

Awards are available for entering graduate students who are U.S. citizens from historically underrepresented groups. The program is intended to furnish a base of financial support (\$11,468 for an academic year) to assist students to pursue a doctoral degree at WMU. These awards are tailored to each individual and can be made in conjunction with other awards, sometimes including partial in-state and up to 18 hours of out-of-state tuition. Departmental service up to 20 hours a week or teaching assignments may also be required. Although applications can be accepted at any time, priority will be given to those who apply by **February 15**.

**DOCTORAL ASSOCIATESHIP** (green application)

Doctoral associateships for two semesters and one session (minimum of \$14,335) are offered to outstanding doctoral students admitted to doctoral programs in the following departments: Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Comparative Religion, Computer Science, Counselor Education & Counseling Psychology, Economics, Educational Studies, English, Geosciences, History, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, Mathematics & Statistics, Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering, Paper and Printing Science and Engineering, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Science Studies, Sociology, and Teaching, Learning and Leadership. The associateship requires 20 hours of service per week from the student in the department or related area. Enrollment of at least six credits per semester is required. The associateship will pay up to 21 hours of full tuition. Applicants should check with the chair or department director for details. Application deadline: **February 15**

**DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP** (gold/white application)

Dissertation Fellowships for two semesters and two sessions (\$17,802) are awarded in open competition and on the basis of superior scholarly achievement to assist full-time doctoral students with the completion of their dissertations. To be eligible, an applicant must be a doctoral candidate who can demonstrate superior academic achievement and a record of timely and steady progress toward degree completion. Applicants must have completed all requirements for the degree except the dissertation, have an accepted dissertation proposal and completed six credits of 730 by the beginning of the award period. Enrollment of at least six credits per semester and three credits per session is required. For non-residents of Michigan, the fellowship will pay up to 18 hours of the out-of-state portion of the tuition. Application deadline: **February 15**

**GEORGE AND BEATRICE FISHER GERONTOLOGY DISSERTATION PRIZE**

This annual award recognizes the doctoral dissertation that best advances the study and understanding of the process of aging. The prize may be awarded in any discipline or field related to gerontology. Candidates must be admitted to a degree program and be in good academic standing. Nominations from department chairs or graduate advisors must include a summary of the nominee's gerontology research, a vita, and a letter of support from the department chair or graduate advisor. The annual award is made during the month of June. Applications must be received by **May 15**.

**AVAILABLE FOR MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL DEGREE STUDENTS****GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AND TRAVEL FUND** (yellow/white application)

Grants (maximum of \$600) are awarded to encourage research by graduate students and to assist them in presenting their findings to professional groups. Students must be enrolled at the time the research or travel takes place. This grant may be awarded in conjunction with other appointments. Application deadlines: **September 15, November 15, and March 15**

**UNIVERSITY DAMES ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

Candidates must be admitted to a degree program, have successfully completed 15 credit hours of graduate work, and be in good academic standing. Preference is given to female candidates. The award amount is credited to the student's university account and applied toward tuition, fees, and books. Nominations from department chairs or graduate advisors must include the nominee's vita and a letter of support from either the department chair or graduate advisor. The scholarship is awarded on an annual basis each spring. Applications must be received by **March 31**.

*The Office of Student Financial Aid, located in 3306 Faunce Student Services Building, has information on loans, scholarships, and departmental scholarships. You can also visit their web site at [www.wmich.edu/finaid/](http://www.wmich.edu/finaid/).*