



# WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY



# Funding your Graduate Education

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# Understanding different types of funding

- Internal funding vs. external funding
- Scholarships (tuition)
- Fellowships (stipend and often tuition)
- Graduate teaching/research assistantships
- Financial aid/student loans
- Research grants and awards



# WSU Graduate School Scholarships: [you must apply](#)

- **Graduate Professional Scholarships (200+)**
  - Full tuition scholarship for Fall and Winter at the in-state rate
  - Students must be registered for at least 6 credits each term
  - Application deadline: **March 1**
- **AGRADE Master's Scholarships (~50)**
  - For Wayne State alums who participated in AGRADE as undergrads and are starting their first Masters-only semester
  - Applications due **Dec 1** and **May 15**
  - Partial tuition scholarship at in-state rate for Fall and Winter.



# WSU Graduate School Scholarships for Master's students

Students are nominated by their program and selected by their school/college. No separate application is required.

- **Master's Scholarships for Recruitment/Retention (~100)**

Partial tuition scholarship for Fall and Winter term at in-state rate

- **Dean's Diversity Master's Scholarship (~10)**

One year full tuition scholarship for new Master's students at in-state rate

- **Dean's Merit Scholarships (~50)**

- \$3,000 tuition credit per semester for up to 4 semesters, for international master's students participating in a 3+2 agreement



# Graduate School Fellowships for PhD students

- **Thomas C. Rumble Fellowships (~100)**
  - By nomination One-year merit-based fellowship for recruitment, development or completion. Includes a \$20,000 stipend, tuition and subsidized health coverage.
- **Dean's Diversity Fellowships (~5)**
  - By nomination. Three-year award during which fellows have no service requirements. Includes a \$27,500 stipend, tuition and subsidized health coverage.
- **King-Chávez-Parks Future Faculty Fellowships (~10) – you apply**
  - Supports PhD students who have experienced economic or academic disadvantages with a stipend from \$9-\$10,000. Can be held concurrently with other awards. Funded by a grant from the State of Michigan KCP program.



# Graduate Assistantships (GTA/GRA)

- Ask your program if assistantships are available
  - Not all programs have GTA/GRAs
  - A majority of GTA/GRA positions go to PhD students
  - Some programs do allocate them to Master's students
  - Ask how you can apply
- Benefits include stipend, tuition coverage and subsidized health insurance
- Application processes vary by program, GTA/GRAs are usually selected in **Feb/Mar** for the following academic year



# Other WSU scholarships and grants

- [WSU Scholarship Opportunities](#)
  - An online clearinghouse of awards available through WSU schools and colleges
  - You can search with your WSU accessID as soon as you are accepted to a program
  - Scholarship amounts vary
  - **Deadline: March 1 each year**
- Department or program awards
  - Ask your graduate director or advisor





# Private Scholarship Search Engines

These search engines list private external scholarships (from foundations, non-profits or corporations) for current and prospective graduate students. Amounts and application deadlines vary.

- SallieMae [Graduate School Scholarship Search](#)
- Unigo [Scholarships for Graduate Students](#)
- [Scholarship America](#)
- [GoGrad](#) (see resources tab for scholarships)



# Financial aid

- May include grants, loans, work-study
- [WSU Office of Financial Aid](#) ← start here
- [Federal Student Aid](#)
- Fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
  - **FAFSA opens each year on Oct 1**
- Before accepting any scholarship or fellowship, consult with the [WSU Office of Financial Aid](#) to check how such an award may affect your financial aid package, including loan eligibility.



# Final Tips

- Get started right away! File your FAFSA
- Talk to your graduate program director and ask about funding, and express your interest in being nominated for fellowships and scholarships
- Start exploring the WSU Scholarship opportunities database as soon as you are admitted
- Invest some time in searching for private scholarships
- Apply for everything you think might be a good fit!

