



WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

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Information Session

Funding and Scholarships

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Funding Your Graduate Degree

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Graduate School and Departmental Funding

- **Assistantships** – Mostly PhD students
- **Fellowships** – PhD students
- **Scholarships** – Master's and PhD students



Types of Assistantships

Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs)

GTAs may be assigned **teaching duties**, including grading, in undergraduate-level courses or related laboratories or discussion sections, and may serve as instructors of record for undergraduate courses.

Graduate Student Assistants (GSAs)

GSAs may be **assigned non-teaching or non-research** duties for the primary benefit of the university or granting agency under the supervision of a university faculty member or administrator. Specific duties vary widely, depending on the administrative or academic unit to which they are assigned.

Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs)

GRAs are typically **doctoral students** assigned **research or academic** duties to assist faculty members in their collaborative scholarly and/or creative activities leading to the student's degree.



Academic Department

Assistantships and Fellowships

- About 650 current students fully funded in Graduate Teaching Assistant, Graduate Research Assistant, and Graduate Student Assistant positions (not counting grant-funded positions)
- Benefits include a stipend, tuition coverage, and subsidized health insurance
- Check department/program web pages for application information and criteria



Graduate School

Scholarships and Fellowships

<https://gradschool.wayne.edu/students/funding>

- Selected by departmental nomination (for new graduate students)
- Around 200 scholarships yearly that cover full-time tuition costs
- Another 200 scholarships providing partial tuition
- Additional funding opportunities for conference travel and (for PhD students) summer dissertation support



Private Scholarship and Funding Resources

- SallieMae [Graduate School Scholarship Search](#)
- Unigo [Scholarships for Graduate Students](#)
- [Scholarship America](#)
- [GoGrad](#) (Scholarships)
- [MPower Financing](#) (Loans)
- [IEFA](#) (Scholarships/Loans)
- [International Student Loan](#) (Loans)
- [EduPass](#) (Scholarships)
- [Prodigy Finance](#) (Loans)
- [ELM Select](#) (clearinghouse of loan providers)



Other Funding Resources

WSU “[Scholarship Universe](#)”

- An online clearinghouse of awards available through WSU Schools and Colleges
- Scholarship amounts vary

Federal Student Aid and FAFSA

- Financial Aid request for information form:

https://waynestate.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/preview/previewId/118a0d30-23e3-4629-ac9a-6e8fd9d60f0d/SV_6m6HdaPp8jALWqG?Q_CHL=preview&Q_SurveyVersionID=current



Final Tips

- Get started right away
- File your FAFSA
- Talk to your advisor/graduate program director and ask about funding
- 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 fit!

