

University of Washington Department of Anthropology
Graduate Funding

Financial Support

We encourage applicants to seek financial support (non-departmental fellowships, scholarships, etc.) from sources outside the department (e.g., NSF Traineeships, etc.) as there is a limited amount of fellowships/scholarships available within the department. To be assured of consideration for any of the possible fellowships/scholarships that may be awarded by either the Department of Anthropology or the University of Washington, all application materials must be received by the applicable deadline. For more information please see the "Calendar of Suggested Funding" for graduate students in the Department of Anthropology: <http://depts.washington.edu/anthweb/programs/fundcalendar.html>

Balancing funding can be one of the trickiest things in graduate school. Students are encouraged to obtain funding prior to admittance to the program. Once here, several courses are available in each subdiscipline on grant- and application-writing in order to help students obtain funding while in school. Opportunities for scholarships, fellowships, teaching assistantships, and research assistantships may be forwarded to anthropology by other departments on campus. The main avenues of disseminating Academic Student Employee job information is through e-mail and on the Human Resources employment page.

Available Funds within the Department of Anthropology:

Recruitment Packages: The department recruits students each year using an assortment of research assistantships and teaching assistantships to fund students for a duration of three to four years. Requests made to the Graduate School to obtain Graduate School Top Scholar Research Assistantships and additional funding for teaching assistantship appointments provide the main basis for this funding. The Department of Anthropology subdisciplines use these recruitment packages on a rotating basis to recruit the top applicants to their graduate program.

Ronald Leroy Olson Fellowship: The annual Olson Fellowship originates through the generosity of the late Ronald Leroy Olson, who reserved a portion of his estate to provide financial support for "worthy University of Washington graduate students in the field of anthropology." Preference is given to applicants who are members of Native American or Native Alaskan Tribes recognized by the US or Canadian governments. Proof of membership is required. Secondary preference given to any student who intends to specialize in linguistic, ethnological, archaeological, or biological studies of Native American peoples, particularly those of the Pacific Northwest. Deadline is December 15th

Brett E. Baldwin Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship was established by Mr. And Mrs. Brooks Baldwin in memory of their son who died shortly after graduating with a BA in Anthropology in 1979. The Baldwin Scholarship is open to both current and newly admitted undergraduate and graduate students. The award amount is approximately \$1200 but is subject to change. Applicants for this scholarship must request a nomination letter from a faculty member on their behalf. Deadline is December 15th

Evan David James Endowed Fellowship: This fellowship was established by the James family to enable admitted and continuing graduate students in the Department of Anthropology to complete a graduate degree. Preference is given to students who are studying any phase of Pacific Northwest Anthropology, and selection is based on evidence of dedication to studies, ambition to engage in anthropology, and academic merit. The award amount is approximately \$5000 but is subject to change. Applicants for this fellowship must request a nomination letter from a faculty member on their behalf. Deadline is Dec 15th

Regional Studies Fellowship Nominations: Divisions of the Jackson School accept anthropology faculty nominations for Culp-Jackson Fellowships for China Studies, REECAS (Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asian Studies) Fellowships, and South Asian Studies Fellowship. Nominations will be forwarded by faculty to these programs, some fellowships may be available to non-US citizens.

Nomination for Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology Fellowship: Applicants and current graduates who exhibit an interest in demography studies may be nominated by our Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology (CSDE) affiliate faculty members for this fellowship. Shanahan and NICHD Training Fellowships can offer up to two years of funding to a student to participate in research with a specific faculty member and lab.

Graduate Opportunities for Minority Achievement Program Research Assistantship: The Anthropology Department has been relatively successful in obtaining a Graduate Opportunities for Minority Achievement Program (GO-MAP) Research Assistantship for one year for an admitted US citizen. These funds are available to US minority students, as well as students who will contribute to the intellectual and cultural enrichment of our program (i.e. first generation college students, students who have overcome economic barriers or adverse educational disadvantages). Students are considered for this fellowship by faculty nomination, or submission of a diversity statement. The department will secure a second year of funding for GOP RAs in the form of either TA or RA appointments.

Teaching and Research Assistantships: There are approximately 50 departmental quarterly teaching assistantships (T.A.) available per year. However, most first-year students are ineligible to hold T.A. appointments, and the faculty do not usually recommend that they do so unless they have considerable prior teaching experience. Teaching appointments become available and are awarded after the first or second year in the program. Faculty have various research assistantships (R.A.) available in each subdiscipline, which is subject to vary depending on grant money for research projects. Applicants are encouraged to apply for FAFSA student loans and work-study in the event that they wish to be eligible for work study research assistantships. Work study research assistantships are sometimes available for eligible applicants.

Funding Outside the Department:

Funding within the Department of Anthropology at the University of Washington is obtainable, but limited in some cases. **We would like to stress strongly the importance of applying for outside funding to support your graduate studies.** Applicants should apply for outside funding prior to, or while, applying to various institutions. Most funding deadlines are in early autumn.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Office of Student Financial Aid regarding work-study, and other departments at the university about hourly employment, and RA/TA appointments. Departments that do not have graduate programs of their own sometimes have funds available to anthropology graduate students.

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships: Additional sources of outside funding may be found in the language and area study programs administered by the School of International Studies; this particularly applies to students interested in the ethnography and languages of China, Japan, Asia, Southeast Asia, Middle East, Latin America, and Eastern Europe

Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships are available through the Jackson School of International Studies and are awarded for the academic year and/or summer. The fellowship pays tuition plus a stipend. Eligibility for FLAS Fellowships is determined by the following criteria; applicant is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident; enrolled in a UW graduate or professional program in the current year or applying for the next academic year; undertaking study of a modern foreign language in combination with area studies, international studies, or international aspects of professional or other fields of study. Please contact the Jackson School of International Studies, Office of Student Affairs (website: <http://jsis.washington.edu/advise/catalog/Flastxt8.html>; 111 Thomson Hall, Box 353650, phone: (206) 543-6001 for further information and application forms. Application deadline is January 15th.

International Student Aid: Web Funding Resources

There are a number of web sites that offer both general and funding information for international students. You may find the following sites helpful:

EduPass!

<http://www.edupass.org/>

IEFA - International Education Financial Aid

<http://www.iefa.org/>

IIE Online - Institute of International Education (Fulbright)

<http://www.iie.org/>

FastWeb!

<http://fastweb.monster.com/index.ptml>

Education USA

<http://www.educationusa.state.gov/>

Wenner-Gren Foundation Grants for Non-US Scholars

http://www.wennergren.org/programs/programs_list.htm?attrib_id=13234

Additional Funding Sources through the Internet:

National Science Foundation

Web site: <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/fastlane.jsp>

Jacob K. Javits

Web site: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsjavits/index.html>

ScholarshipHelp.org

Web site: <http://www.scholarshiphelp.org/>

Community of Science

Web site: <http://www.cos.com/>