

Fellowships and Assistantships – Department of Anthropology

Upon acceptance to our program, all graduate students are awarded fellowships or assistantships to fund their degree program. *Award letters describe the pay rate for the graduate student for their time in the program.*¹ In some cases, these can be increased if the Graduate School or college raises the minimum salary for graduate students *and* allocates funding in the annual graduate budget to the department to do so. The Department of Anthropology receives a new budget from the college each year for graduate student funding.

College of Liberal Arts – Departmental Funding

Research and Teaching Assistantships

Research/Teaching Assistantship packages are designed for the recruitment of outstanding MS- or PhD-track students. Each assistantship package ranges from 2-5 years, depending on whether the student is entering as an MS- or PhD-track student. This award provides stipend/salary, and a remission of all but a portion of fees. When the graduate assistantship is half time (.5 FTE) or more, the student is also eligible for participation in the partially funded graduate staff medical insurance plan as well as benefits. The Graduate School sets the minimum annual pay rate for Teaching Assistantships. Each college establishes graduate staff salaries appropriate for its graduate programs following the minimum salary requirements.

Support for 2020-21:

- \$15,448 per academic year minimum for a 50% graduate assistantship (Graduate School)
- \$19,000 per academic year minimum for a 50% graduate Teaching Assistantship (CLA)
- \$21,000 per academic year minimum for a 50% graduate Teaching Assistantship (Anthropology)

Research Assistantships [grants] – Paid from PI Grants

Students may be recruited for or awarded a Research Assistantship by a faculty member who is the Principal Investigator of a funded grant. Each assistantship package is dependent upon the grant award requirements. Research assistantship awards through grants provide stipend/salary, and a remission of all but a portion of fees. When the graduate assistantship is half time (.5 FTE) or more, the student is also eligible for participation in the partially funded graduate staff medical insurance plan as well as benefits.

External Fellowships and Dissertation Funded Grants

Students may be awarded multi-year external fellowships and/or grants, from funders, such as the National Science Foundation Graduate Research fellowship. In some cases, these awards may provide one or more of the following: stipend, tuition coverage, and/or a medical insurance supplement. Through their Major Professor, students also may receive funds for their dissertation research. The details of each

¹ See the GS Employment Manual for details: <https://www.purdue.edu/gradschool/documents/gpo/graduate-student-employment-manual.pdf>

award is dependent upon the award program. Please consult the funding agency's webpage for the award details.

Hourly Pay

Occasionally, where the employment is of an ad hoc, repetitive, or short-term nature, it may be appropriate to appoint a graduate student using an hourly-paid student classification. Students employed on this type of classification are not eligible for any of the benefits connected to a graduate staff appointment. Therefore, the student hourly classification should be limited to those few situations where the work assignment is sporadic and, thus, more appropriate to non-exempt classification.²

Student positions should be assigned an appropriate job level based on the job responsibilities and experience required. Employing departments should pay student employees according to the student pay scale between the minimum and maximum rates for the designated level.³

Graduate School Managed Fellowships⁴

Overview

Recruitment Fellowships are awarded to prospective students when applying for admission, and no separate application is needed. These fellowships include the Frederick N. Andrews, Lynn, Purdue Doctoral, and Ross fellowships. For more information on these fellowships, visit **Recruitment Fellowships**.

Student Direct Apply Fellowships are fellowships that are open to students for application include the Charles C. Chappelle and Ludwig Kruhe fellowships. For more information about these fellowships, please see The **Student Direct Apply Fellowships** page.

Faculty Nominated Fellowships include The George Washington Carver Fellowship and the David M. Knox Fellowship. These fellowships require departments to submit their prospective student nominees - students do not directly apply themselves. For more information, please see **Faculty Nominated Fellowships**.

Dissertation Fellowships include the Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship. This fellowship is managed by the Purdue Graduate School but is awarded through each Graduate Program. For more information, please see **Dissertation Fellowships**.

Recruitment Fellowships

Frederick N. Andrews Fellowship

² Source: Graduate Employment Staff Manual - <https://www.purdue.edu/gradschool/documents/gpo/graduate-student-employment-manual.pdf>

³ Source: <https://www.purdue.edu/studentemployment/site/Policies/Compensation.php>

⁴ Detailed information can be found here: <https://www.purdue.edu/gradschool/fellowship/funding-resources-for-students/fellowships/managed-fellowships/index.html>

The Frederick N. Andrews Fellowship is designed for the recruitment of outstanding PhD-track students to graduate programs at Purdue. Each fellowship provides a four-year award package. This award provides stipend/salary, tuition coverage and a medical insurance supplement.

Support

- \$18,538 per year minimum (2019-20 Rate); CLA may supplement the stipend amount
- Two years of support from The Graduate School
- Minimum Required: Two years of support from the student's graduate program
- Dept. of Anth.: Three years of support from the student's graduate program

Purdue Doctoral Fellowship

The Purdue Doctoral Fellowship is designed for the recruitment of outstanding PhD-track students who will enhance the diversity of the graduate student body in the University's graduate programs through their diverse backgrounds, views and experiences. Each fellowship provides a four-year award package. This award provides stipend/salary, tuition coverage and a medical insurance supplement.

Support

- \$18,538 per year minimum (2019-20 Rate); CLA may supplement the stipend amount
- Two years of support from The Graduate School
- Two years of support from the student's graduate program
- Dept. of Anth.: Three years of support from the student's graduate program

Ross Fellowship

The Ross Fellowship is designed for the recruitment of outstanding PhD-track students to graduate programs at Purdue. Each fellowship provides a four-year award package. This award provides stipend/salary, tuition coverage and a medical insurance supplement.

Support

- \$18,538 per year minimum (2019-20 Rate); CLA may supplement the stipend amount
- One year of support from The Graduate School.
- Minimum Required: Three years of support from the student's graduate program.
- Dept. of Anth.: Four years of support from the student's graduate program

Graduate School-managed Faculty Nominated Fellowships

George Washington Carver Fellowship

Departments nominate prospective doctoral students directly through the following link: [2020-21 Carver Fellowship Application](#)

The George Washington Carver Fellowship is awarded to doctoral-seeking students from historically black colleges and universities (HBCU), Hispanic-serving institutions (HSI), or tribal colleges who have demonstrated superior academic achievements and scholarly abilities. Recipients must aspire to a career as a professor of higher education.

Requirements for student nominees:

- Be a graduate of a HBCU, HSI, or Tribal College (or have attended for two years)
- Be a graduate of an accredited U.S. High School
- Aspires to be a professor
- Has completed the Diversity Essay in their application

Submission Requirements:

- CV
- Diversity Essay
- Statement of Purpose
- Letters of Recommendation
- Department Nomination
- Transcripts

Support:

- \$25,000 per year
- Five years of support from The Graduate School

Timeline:

Application Deadline: January 20, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Award notification: February 14, 2020

David M. Knox Fellowship

Departments nominate prospective masters students directly through the following link: [2020-21 Knox Fellowship Application](#)

The David M. Knox Fellowship is designed to enhance the diversity of the graduate student body through the recruitment of masters-seeking students with diverse backgrounds, views, and experiences.

Requirement for Student Nominees:

- Be a graduate of an accredited U.S. High School
- Be admitted to a Purdue Master's degree program
- Has completed the Diversity Essay in their application

Submission Requirements:

- CV
- Diversity Essay
- Statement of Purpose
- Letters of Recommendation
- Department Nomination
- Transcripts

Support:

- \$22,500 per year, two years of support
one year of support from The Graduate School
- one year of support from the student's graduate program
- Graduate Tuition Scholarship
Payment of most Student Fees (does not include differential fee)
Medical Insurance Benefit

Timeline:

- Application Link Opens: November
- Application Deadline: January 20, 2020 at 5:00 pm
- Award notification: February 14, 2020

Puskas Memorial Fellowship

Departments nominate prospective masters or PhD students directly through this form: [2020-21 Puskas Fellowship Application](#)

The Puskas Memorial Fellowship was established in April 1993 with a bequest from the estate of Nick Puskas. Its income supports fellowships for graduate students. The Puskas Memorial Fellowship is awarded to masters-seeking or doctoral-seeking students who have an affiliation with Romania. The tenure of the Puskas Memorial Fellowship is one year with the possibility of renewal and provides a stipend/salary, payment of tuition, payment of student fees, and a medical insurance benefit.

Requirement for Student Nominees:

- Maintain residency in Romania
- (or) Were educated in Romania
- (or) Have participated in study or research in Romania
- (or) Are conducting formal outreach and engagement with Romania
- (or) Have some other significant relationship with Romania as determined by the Dean of the Graduate School
- Be admitted for the fall or spring semester of the upcoming academic year

Submission Requirements:

- CV
- Statement of Purpose
- Letters of Recommendation
- Department Nomination
- Transcripts

Support:

- \$22,500 per year
- One year of support from The Graduate School

Timeline:

- Department application deadline: January 20, 2020 at 5:00 pm
- Award notification: February 14, 2020

Executive Vice President for Research Partnership Grants

Purdue Research Foundation Grants

The Purdue Research Foundation (PRF) Research Grants are one-year awards distributed through the EVPRP to assist faculty by providing support for a half-time (0.50 FTE) Graduate Research Assistant for effort devoted to the development of new research projects or the continuation of ongoing research projects.

Faculty Eligibility

Full-time, research, tenured or tenure-track faculty members who supervise graduate research assistants are eligible to apply for a PRF Research Grant. In nearly all circumstances, a faculty member may not have two active PRF Research Grants simultaneously. If the faculty member awarded the grant leaves Purdue, the EVPRP will work with the department head and dean to minimize the impact of the change on the student supported by the grant.

Allocation of PRF Research Grant Funds to Colleges/Schools

PRF Research Grant funds are allocated on an annual basis to Purdue University colleges or college-level schools that administer graduate programs granting the Ph.D. degree. The PRF Research Grant allocation is based upon the number of Ph.D. degrees granted and half-time graduate salary established by the Graduate School. Specifically, the number of PRF Research Grant awards allocated in a given year will reflect the proportional share from each college/school of the campus-wide total of Ph.D. degrees granted over the previous three years. The salary provided for each grant unit is Purdue's current minimum half-time graduate salary established by the Graduate School Funds to cover graduate student medical insurance, and fringe benefits are also provided.

In the past it was expected that each PRF grant unit would support one 0.5 FTE graduate research assistant (GRA) from a PhD program, and PRF support for any GRA was limited to one grant unit. In support of the goal of expeditious and effective use of PRF funds, academic units may henceforth elect to exercise greater flexibility as outlined below. In brief, increased support for an individual GRA may be provided from the PRF funds allocated to the college/school, and GRAs in master's degree programs may also be supported under the conditions described. The EVPRP does not require any academic unit to utilize the expanded options.

1. A GRA must be supported by PRF Research Grant funds at least to level of the standard PRF Research Grant allocation.
2. A PRF GRA may be supported by PRF Research Grant funds up to the costs of a typical 0.5 FTE PhD-level GRA in the responsible unit.
3. Students in research-driven master's degree programs may be supported by PRF research grants if they are engaged in research to an extent equivalent to the expectations for comparable PhD students.

⁵ Source: <https://www.purdue.edu/research/funding-and-grant-writing/funding/prf-research-grant.php>

Salary and fees

Graduate research assistants (GRAs) supported by PRF grants will receive a salary no less than the current minimum half-time salary established by the graduate school. Within the funds provided in the salary budget line, the academic unit can provide a higher annual salary up to the unit's current 0.50 FTE GRA salary level. In addition, except for PRF awards to IUPUI, a student supported by a PRF grant receives a remission of tuition and fees except for the applicable graduate appointment fee, repair and rehabilitation fee, and any discipline specific differential fees.

As in the past, funds awarded are line-item-restricted, i.e., funds from the fringe and fee remit lines cannot be used to supplement the salary line.

Colleges may vary in the way that they award the PRF grants. Additional information about PRF competitions in the College of Liberal Arts can be found on the College of Liberal Arts webpage: <https://www.cla.purdue.edu/research/grantsupport/PRFGrants/research.html>

Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship

The Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship, provides support to outstanding PhD candidates in the final year of doctoral degree completion. This fellowship is awarded each year to students already enrolled in graduate programs at Purdue. Recipients are expected to devote full-time effort to the completion of all requirements necessary to receive their doctoral degree at the conclusion of the fellowship tenure. This fellowship is awarded by each college/program.

Support:

- \$20,000 per year minimum
- From one semester of support up to one year of support from The Graduate School

Timeline:

- Funding allocated to each college: November
- Award notification: determined by the college/program
- Student response deadline: determined by the college/program