

## **Is there funding available?**

The Graduate Program provides six years of support for all students.

In the first year, students receive fellowship support of \$28,000, consisting of a base stipend of \$23,000 plus tuition remission and a summer stipend of \$5000, which may be used entirely in the first summer or split across the first two summers. Subsequent support, which depends on good progress towards completion of the degree, includes teaching assistantships in the second, third, and fourth years, and as many as two more years of fellowship in the fifth and sixth years. Students normally hold a fellowship in the fifth year (those entering with an MA in the fourth year), and many students also hold a fellowship in the sixth year. Students who do not hold a fellowship are guaranteed an appointment as a teaching assistant in their fifth and sixth years.

Second and later fellowships carry the same base stipend as a student's first Graduate School fellowship. Teaching Assistantships carry a stipend of \$25,969 plus tuition remission, student fees, and medical benefits. The teaching load is two courses per year.

We have recently been able to offer a third year of fellowship funding, called a Raritan Fellowship, to any student who qualifies. Historically, the program has also supported any seventh-year student who had yet to finish the degree. In the past year, we were able to offer all students a choice between an additional year of fellowship support or an appointment as a teaching assistant. Because of SAS rules, the seventh-year TA is located in the Writing Program. The Graduate Program fully expects to continue offering this extended support, even though the seventh year is not officially within the guaranteed package.

We are proud to be able to offer our students a longer term of financial support than many of our peer institutions.