

Is there funding available? (Fall 2021)

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

In the first year, students receive an academic-year base fellowship stipend of **\$25,000**, plus full tuition remission. In addition, all incoming 21-22 students will receive a **\$10,000** Presidential Excellence Summer Stipend, which provides three years of summer support, with **\$5000** provided in the summer before the second year in the program, and **\$2500** provided in the summers preceding the third and fourth years in the program. In order to receive the Presidential Excellence Summer Stipend, students must be in good academic standing and must be registered for the upcoming fall semester. A student making continuous progress through the program would receive **\$5,000** in the summer of 2022, bringing the total amount to the offer to **\$30,000** for the first year. A Major Medical insurance plan is also provided to all full-time fellows.

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. Teaching Assistantships currently carry a stipend of **\$29,426** plus tuition remission, student fees, and medical benefits. In addition, students receive a Presidential Excellence Summer Stipend of **\$2,500** in the summer before their third and fourth years in the program

Students normally hold a fellowship in the fifth 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.

The teaching load is two courses per year. Historically, the program has also supported in the form of a TA any seventh-year student who had yet to finish the degree. 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