**AFRICAN CULTURAL STUDIES, PH.D.**

**FUNDING**

**GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES**

Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information ([https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/](https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/)) is available from the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

**PROGRAM RESOURCES**

The department automatically considers all applicants for support through teaching assistantships and various UW–Madison fellowships. All admitted students are guaranteed five years of funding, typically in the form of TAships, as long as they are making satisfactory progress. Our top domestic minority students are typically nominated for, and often receive, Advanced Opportunity Fellowships ([https://grad.wisc.edu/diversity/oeid/](https://grad.wisc.edu/diversity/oeid/)). All domestic students are encouraged to apply for Foreign Language Area Studies ([https://flas.wisc.edu/](https://flas.wisc.edu/)) (FLAS) fellowships. Many of our graduate students also pursue outside funding as their career progresses. Details are listed below.

**TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS**

The department regularly funds teaching assistantships for both our language and literature/culture courses. Opportunities and assignments vary by semester. All continuing graduate students in good academic standing must apply by 15 December to be considered for positions for the following academic year. All new applicants are automatically considered. Teaching assistants earn tuition remission, a stipend, and benefits. Please consult our website ([https://african.wisc.edu/programs/teaching-assistantships/](https://african.wisc.edu/programs/teaching-assistantships/)) for the most up-to-date information regarding teaching assistantships.

**EBRAHIM HUSSEIN FELLOWSHIP**

The Ebrahim Hussein Endowment for research in African expressive cultures was established in the College of Letters & Science in 2003 thanks to the generosity of Robert M. Philipson, alumnus of the College of Letters & Science (Ph.D. 1989). The college will award $7500 each year to one or more full-time graduate students in L&S to carry out research on African expressive cultures in Africa and/or archives outside of the United States. The research must lead to a Ph.D. dissertation, an M.A. thesis, or a publishable-quality paper. Doctoral students may receive up to $7500 each; M.A. level students may receive up to $3,750 each.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Excellence of research proposal
- Demonstrated commitment to researching African expressive cultures
- General academic record
- Strong recommendations from faculty
- Timing of the proposed research in relation to degree requirements

**OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES**

The Graduate School provides additional information helpful to graduate students in need of funding.

Find information about:

- Types of funding available ([https://grad.wisc.edu/studentfunding/types/](https://grad.wisc.edu/studentfunding/types/))
- How to search for funding ([https://grad.wisc.edu/studentfunding/steps/](https://grad.wisc.edu/studentfunding/steps/))
- Funding for international students ([https://iss.wisc.edu/students/new-students/funding-scholarships/](https://iss.wisc.edu/students/new-students/funding-scholarships/))
- General funding resources on campus ([https://grad.wisc.edu/studentfunding/resources/](https://grad.wisc.edu/studentfunding/resources/))
- American Studies Graduate Student Summer Fieldwork Award ([http://africa.wisc.edu/?page_id=12507](http://africa.wisc.edu/?page_id=12507))
- Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships ([https://flas.wisc.edu/](https://flas.wisc.edu/))
- Scott Kloek-Jenson Fellowship ([http://iris.wisc.edu/funding/students/skj/](http://iris.wisc.edu/funding/students/skj/))
- IRIS Graduate Student Summer Fieldwork Award ([http://iris.wisc.edu/funding/students/summer-fieldwork-award/](http://iris.wisc.edu/funding/students/summer-fieldwork-award/))
- External funding options ([https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/fellowships/](https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/fellowships/)) (near bottom of the page)
- Gorgias Press ([https://www.gorgiaspress.com/awards/](https://www.gorgiaspress.com/awards/))
- Margaret McNamara Education Grants ([http://www.mmeg.org/programs/](http://www.mmeg.org/programs/))
- Research travel awards ([https://grad.wisc.edu/studentfunding/grantscomp/research/](https://grad.wisc.edu/studentfunding/grantscomp/research/))
- Chateaubriand Fellowship ([https://www.chateaubriand-fellowship.org/](https://www.chateaubriand-fellowship.org/))
- Harvard Society of Fellows ([https://socfell.fas.harvard.edu/about/](https://socfell.fas.harvard.edu/about/))
Conference presentation funds (https://grad.wisc.edu/studentfunding/grantscomp/conference/)