

GRADUATE GUIDE

ADMISSIONS

The University of Wisconsin–Madison has offered graduate study for more than a century. Its advanced instruction actively involves graduate students in research. The faculty of more than 2,000 distinguished scholars and teachers, supported by an academic staff exceeding 6,000 confers graduate degrees in more than 160 fields of study.

As one of the nation's major research institutions, the university maintains extensive research facilities. More than 40 campus libraries, three museums, and numerous research centers support nearly 7,500 active local, national, and international research projects.

Keep in mind:

- Deadlines for applications, fellowships and other types of funding vary among programs.
- Requirements for admissions also vary; therefore, it is important to check program websites and the program page in *Guide* before applying.
- All transcripts are sent directly to the program. If applying to more than one program, transcripts should be sent to each program. All transcripts become part of the university files and will not be returned.
- The application fee is set by the legislature and is nonrefundable.

COUNCIL OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS POLICY RESOLUTION ([HTTPS://CGSNET.ORG/APRIL-15-RESOLUTION/](https://cgsnet.org/april-15-resolution/))

Acceptance of an offer of financial support* (such as a graduate scholarship, fellowship, traineeship, or assistantship) for the next academic year by a prospective or enrolled graduate student completes an agreement that both student and graduate school expect to honor. In that context, the conditions affecting such offers and their acceptance must be defined carefully and understood by all parties.

Students are under no obligation to respond to offers of financial support prior to April 15; earlier deadlines for acceptance of such offers violate the intent of this Resolution. In those instances in which a student accepts an offer before April 15 and subsequently desires to **withdraw that acceptance, the student may submit in writing a resignation of the appointment at any time through April 15. There has been a change in our process for students who want to withdraw from an offer of acceptance of financial support, starting with Fall 2020 admissions. In this case, the applicant must first inform the program that they are withdrawing or resigning from the offer of financial support that they previously had accepted. Starting in Fall 2020, applicants are no longer required to obtain a formal release from the program whose offer they accepted, either before or after the April 15 deadline. Once they have informed the program that they are withdrawing their acceptance of the offer, they then can accept any other offers.** It is further agreed by the institutions and organizations subscribing to the above Resolution that a copy of this Resolution or a link to the URL should accompany every scholarship, fellowship, traineeship, and assistantship offer.

**Please Note: This Resolution applies to offers of financial support only, not offers of admission.*