

HISTORY, MA

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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/>) is available from the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

We offer funding only to students who intend to pursue the PhD—an application for admission to our PhD program, therefore, is an application for funding. We also welcome applications from students who have external funding or are self-funded, including those pursuing the MA only.*

Multi-year funding package

If you apply to the History PhD degree program without external or self-funding and are accepted, you will be offered a multiyear support package, which begins in your first year. The details of our support guarantees may vary by funding source, field of study, and other circumstances, and the guarantee is, of course, contingent on satisfactory progress and performance. Most of our support packages offer five years of support and begin with a fellowship year from the UW–Madison Graduate School, generously funded by the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (<http://www.warf.org/stewardship/grants-support/current/current-grant.cmsx>). Our most distinguished packages include two years of fellowships and may also include summer support:

- Graduate Research Scholar fellowships (<http://ls.wisc.edu/current-students/graduate-students/cgrs/>) for underrepresented students or first-generation college students—offered annually
- George L. Mosse fellowships in modern Jewish history, European cultural history, or LGBTQ history—offered annually or as endowment income permits
- Julie A. and Peter M. Weil Fellowship (<https://history.wisc.edu/our-graduate-program/prospective-students/julie-a-and-peter-m-weil-distinguished-graduate-fellowship/>) in American Jewish history and select U.S. history fields—offered annually or as endowment income permits
- William J. Courtenay Fellowship in Medieval history—offered as funds permit
- Gerda Lerner Fellowship (<https://history.wisc.edu/our-graduate-program/prospective-students/funding/>) in women’s history—offered as funds permit

Additional years of guaranteed funding will come from employment as teaching assistants or project assistants or additional fellowships.

Competing for additional support

All students in good standing can apply for writing prizes, conference travel awards, and supplements to external awards. Once graduate students have passed their preliminary examination and advanced to candidacy, they may apply for various departmental fellowships and research travel funding.

For students who have reached the advanced stages of dissertation writing, further funding opportunities are available. Our advanced dissertators may apply for teaching fellowships that give them the opportunity to design and teach an undergraduate course—the Merle Curti Teaching Fellowship (<https://history.wisc.edu/our-graduate-program/current-students/funding-opportunities/merle-curti-teaching-fellowship/>) (any field of study), the George L. Mosse Teaching Fellowship in European History, and the William J. Courtenay Teaching Fellowship in ancient, medieval, or early modern European history. (These fellowships are offered as often as endowment income permits.) Thanks to funding provided by the Doris G. Quinn Foundation (<https://dorisquinnfoundation.org/>), we are also pleased to offer a dissertator fellowship, which provides financial support for the final year of dissertation writing in any field.

In addition, UW–Madison offers a wealth of other opportunities to compete for funding offered, for example, by the International Division (<http://international.wisc.edu/funding-your-international-experiences/>), the Institute for Research in the Humanities (<http://irh.wisc.edu>), and the UW Graduate School (research and conference travel awards (<https://grad.wisc.edu/studentfunding/grantscomp/>)).

More details on our funding for current/continuing students are available here (<https://history.wisc.edu/our-graduate-program/current-students/funding-opportunities/>).

* If you wish to apply only for the History MA (also known as the terminal MA), please describe your sources of support on the History Supplemental Application. For information on the cost of graduate study at UW–Madison, see this link (<https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/cost/>).