Linguistics, PhD

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

PROGRAM RESOURCES

All students admitted to the Linguistics PhD program are offered a full funding package, which typically consists of a fellowship for the first year, and some combination of teaching, project, or research assistantships in subsequent years. Students who enter the program with a Master’s degree and relevant teaching experience may be eligible for teaching assistantships in the first year of graduate study. Fellowships and assistantships include tuition remission as well as a stipend, and access to benefits including health insurance.

Fellowships

Fellowships are administered through the Graduate School, and all new applicants to the Linguistics PhD program are automatically considered, including both domestic and international applicants. Advanced Opportunity Fellowships are also available for students from underrepresented populations who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Teaching Assistantships

Language Sciences currently supports teaching assistantships for LINGUIS 101 Human Language, usually awarded to graduate students after their first year of study. Our students frequently serve as teaching assistants in other departments as well, such as English or language departments, depending on the student’s academic experience and particular skill set.

Project and Research Assistantships

Students awarded a project or research assistantship work closely with a particular professor to aid in their research. The availability of these positions varies from year to year, and will typically be most appropriate for students who are more advanced in the program.

Outside Grants and Scholarships

Graduate students may apply for their own funding directly as well, such as Foreign Languages & Areas Studies (FLAS) Fellowships (https://flas.wisc.edu/Languages.html) and National Science Foundation Grants (https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5408&org=SBE&sel_org=SBE&from=fund). These programs are most appropriate for students who are advanced in the program. The student’s faculty advisor will work with the student to determine whether an outside grant is available that matches the student’s research program.