

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIFE SCIENCES

RESOURCES

STUDENT SERVICES

Regardless of major, CALS professionals can help students navigate their UW–Madison educational experience. As the academic dean’s office for CALS, the Office of Academic Affairs (<https://cals.wisc.edu/academics/undergraduate/student-life/advising-and-services/>) assists all CALS and CALS-interested students with questions or concerns around academics, major exploration, careers, scholarships, study abroad, or other areas of student life. Individual advising is tailored to fit students’ specific needs and circumstances. CALS also offers programs for students from underrepresented populations.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Every student has an assigned advisor, and students are encouraged to consult with them regularly. In CALS, all students are assigned an advisor in their major field of study, or for undecided students in the Office of Academic Affairs. These advisors assist students with choosing courses to match their interests and fulfill all requirements for graduation. Advisors also talk with students about achieving their educational objectives, engaging in the full Wisconsin Experience, and planning for the future.

Students are also encouraged to seek advice from other university faculty and staff. There are many people on campus who are willing and able to help students who proactively seek advice.

CAREER SERVICES

CALS Career Services (<https://cals.wisc.edu/academics/undergraduate-students/career-services/>) provides resources and guidance for students to explore career interests and develop skills as they seek employment, internships, or admission to graduate or professional programs. Academic advisors and faculty in every CALS major also provide specialized career and pre-professional advising. CALS students and alumni have access to Handshake (<https://careers.wisc.edu/handshake/>), an online job and internship posting tool that includes thousands of listings. The Center for Pre-Health Advising (<https://prehealth.wisc.edu/>) is an excellent resource for CALS students interested in exploring professional careers in medicine, including human health and veterinary medicine.

DEAN ON CALL

“Dean On Call” is a drop-in service that provides the opportunity for all CALS students to have a one-on-one session with an academic affairs professional to discuss an academic policy or problem, seek advice about a personal issue, or receive assistance when confronted with a special situation. See the CALS Office of Academic Affairs website (<https://cals.wisc.edu/academics/undergraduate/student-life/advising-and-services/>) for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

CALS has an extensive scholarship program (<https://cals.wisc.edu/academics/undergraduate/funding-your-education/cals-scholarships/>) with more than \$1.2 million in awards available to CALS students annually, including first-year students. This is in addition to university scholarships, grants, loans, and employment available at the Office of Student Financial Aid (<https://financialaid.wisc.edu/>). One yearly application allows students to be considered for any scholarships administered by the college. Scholarships that are awarded based on financial need require a current Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA (<https://studentaid.gov/>)) on file with the university.

STUDY ABROAD

Today’s college graduates must be prepared for the international community in which they will live and work. Study and research abroad programs offer students unique opportunities to enrich their education by experiencing other cultures and broadening their understanding of agricultural and life sciences outside the United States. CALS offers more than 34 short- and long-term programs in more than 20 countries, led by CALS faculty and administered by CALS Study Abroad (<https://cals.wisc.edu/academics/undergraduate-students/studyabroad/>). Additionally, CALS students can choose from more than 250 UW–Madison study abroad programs (<https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/programs/>). All programs carry UW–Madison academic credit, and many fulfill academic and major requirements (<https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/academics/major-advising-pages-maps/>). CALS offers scholarships to CALS students for study abroad to reduce any financial barriers to participation.

HONORS

The CALS Honors Program (p.) allows highly motivated students to continue challenging themselves through research and coursework. The objective of the Honors Program is to help students develop critical thinking and problem-solving abilities and to provide students the challenge of designing, conducting, and reporting research in collaboration with faculty from one of the world’s leading research institutions.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Student organizations (<https://cals.wisc.edu/academics/undergraduate/student-life/student-organizations/>) provide a vehicle for students to gain leadership experience, develop professional skills, and build on personal interests. CALS sponsors more than 20 organizations that help students meet their professional and personal interests.