Graduate Student Funding in the Department of Political Science
2018 - 2019

The Political Science Department offers funding for graduate students through several mechanisms, including Graduate Teaching Assistantships and several different graduate fellowships. PhD and MPA students receive preference for GTA positions. PhD students who are funded generally receive up to three years of support, while MA and MPA students generally receive up to two years of support.

Graduate Teaching Assistantships

Contingent on the availability of funding, thirteen Graduate Teaching Assistantships are allocated each year. New and continuing students are eligible to apply, and must submit a new application each year if they wish to be considered for funding.

Application forms are available on the Political Science department website and the MA/Ph.D. program Blackboard site. Applications are due at in early March each year for positions for the upcoming academic year. Decisions regarding applications will be made on or before May 1.

Hiring criteria for graduate teaching assistants include academic excellence, teaching experience, strong references and departmental teaching needs. Re-appointment is contingent on funding availability, good academic standing and superior teaching performance. Criteria used to assess teaching performance may include teaching evaluations, compliance with office hours requirements, and participation in professional development opportunities related to teaching, such as OTL workshops.

Wayne State University and the GEOC recognize an obligation and reaffirm their commitment to achieve equal employment opportunity, non-discrimination, and non-harassment within the University. Accordingly, it is agreed that, consistent with University policies, the University and members of the bargaining unit shall not discriminate or harass on the basis of race, color, veteran status, height, weight, ethnicity, religion, creed, political affiliation, political beliefs, membership in any social or political organization, national origin, ancestry, marital or parental status, age, gender, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, sexual orientation, disability, or HIV status, of those capable of performing their professional duties.

Graduate Fellowships

Thomas C. Rumble Fellowship
The Thomas C. Rumble Fellowships are meant to enhance the quality of Ph.D. programs by attracting and retaining outstanding students. The Department of Political Science generally awards two Rumble fellowships each year, to exceptional students who are new to Wayne
State and entering their first year in the Ph.D. program. **There is no required application form.** **Students must be nominated by the department**, and will be informed by the graduate director if they have been nominated for a Rumble Fellowship. Rumble Fellowships provide tuition remission for 7.5-10 credit hours of coursework in both Fall and Winter term, 12 months of health insurance and a $16,000 stipend paid over 9 months.

**Sarasohn Dissertation Fellowship**
The Sarasohn Dissertation Fellowship is generally awarded to one advanced Ph.D. student each year so that they might achieve substantial progress on the dissertation. The Sarasohn Fellowship provides 7.5 credit hours of tuition support each semester in the Fall and Winter terms, 12 months of health insurance, a $14,000 stipend paid over the 9-month academic year and a travel award to support professional conference participation. Strong candidates will have advanced to candidacy and completed the prospectus defense by the time of their nomination. If they have not completed the prospectus defense at the time of nomination, they must successfully defend their prospectus before the start of the fellowship period. The recipient may not hold any other fellowship, graduate assistantship or internship concurrently, and may not hold salaried or full-time employment whether within or outside the University. The Sarasohn fellowship recipient is required to make a formal presentation based on his/her dissertation research as part of the Department’s Research Colloquium series during the fellowship year. **Applicants must be nominated by their dissertation chair** and **submit an application form** by **March 5, 2018**. Decisions regarding applications will be made on or before **May 1, 2018**.

The **Leda McIntyre Hall Fellowship** is named for Dr. Leda McIntyre Hall, a 1984 PhD graduate of our program, and former student of Dr. Richard Elling. At Wayne State, Dr. Hall developed her research interests in the third sector. She spent much of her career at Indiana University-South Bend, where she served as a faculty member and eventually as Dean of the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. The Leda McIntyre Hall Fellowship will be awarded to one Ph.D. student each year, with preference to students in Public Administration, American Government or Urban Politics. The Hall Fellowship covers up to 10 credit hours of tuition each semester in Fall and Winter terms, plus a stipend and health insurance benefits. Students who are interested in being considered for this award must submit a fellowship application by **March 5, 2018**. Recipients will be selected at the discretion of the chair of the Political Science Department. Decisions regarding applications will be made on or before **May 1, 2018**.

**Other funding opportunities for MA, MPA and PhD students**

In addition to departmental awards described above, the Graduate School offers other fellowships and scholarships through university-wide competitions. These include the **Graduate Professional Scholarship, Masters Scholarships, Dean's Diversity Fellowship, King Chavez Parks Future Faculty Fellowship, Summer Dissertation Fellowship** and more. More information about these awards, application procedures and deadlines can be found on the Graduate School website: [http://wayne.edu/gradschool/funding/](http://wayne.edu/gradschool/funding/).
Finally, the **Office of Career Services** ([http://careerservices.wayne.edu/](http://careerservices.wayne.edu/)) assists students who are looking for employment opportunities both on and off campus, including work-study awards.