

# **Graduate Student Funding and Scholarships**

## **Graduate Assistantships**

Each year the Department of Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) and the Beck Research Initiative for Women, Gender and Community (BRI) offers a limited number of graduate assistantships for WGS Graduate students in the MA Program. Graduate assistants typically complete up to 20 hours of weekly service to the department in exchange for tuition waivers and a stipend.

The [Center for Intercultural Programs](#) (CIP), in partnership with the Department of Women's and Gender Studies, also offers one graduate assistantship each year to a WGS graduate student. This assistantship also comes with a stipend and tuition waivers.

WGS, BRI, and CIP Graduate Assistantships are announced in late fall and applications are due February 15. For more information about graduate assistantship opportunities, please contact [Dr. Ann Russo](#), the WGS Graduate Director.

For more information about Stipends and Tuition Waiver logistics in the College of LAS, please visit <http://las.depaul.edu/CurrentStudents/GradStudentSupport/AssistantshipsAndWaivers.asp>

Additional graduate assistantships may also be available through the Office of Student Affairs, the Steans Center, and other programs and offices. We encourage WGS students and applicants to reach out to these centers and programs as well for additional opportunities.

Many students also work at the University. For information about employment opportunities, check out the [Office of Student Employment](#).

## **DePaul-Based Scholarships and Financial Aid**

[WGS Ballenger Memorial Scholarship](#): Each year, the Department of Women's and Gender Studies awards two scholarships (up to \$1500 per award) that are applied to tuition. This Fund was established in 2001 with a legacy from the late Sally Ballenger, one of the founders of the Women's Studies Program, who taught in and chaired the Department of Nursing at DePaul.

[Richard J. Meister Scholarship](#): This is an award of \$1,500 for DePaul University students. All DePaul students are eligible, with a special consideration for students ages 25 and older. The Richard J. Meister scholarship lies in the tradition of DePaul scholars who critically reflect on societal issues and problem solving methods to achieve societal goals and engage in service within the local and/or global community, and encourages students to continue doing so throughout their lives.

[College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences: Financing Your Graduate Degree at DePaul University](#): Graduate school is an investment in your future. To help you make an informed decision about your graduate education, this document helps explain financing options available to graduate students in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at DePaul University.

Additional information about DePaul Scholarships: <http://www.depaul.edu/admission-and-aid/Pages/scholarships.aspx>

## **External Funding and Scholarship Sources**

[American Association of University Women](#): AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 244 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2014–15 academic year.

[National Women's Studies Association Awards and Scholarships](#) The NWSA will award \$1,000 to a student who, in the fall of the year of the award, will be engaged in the research or writing stages of a Master's Thesis or Ph.D. Dissertation in the interdisciplinary field of women's studies. The research project must enhance the NWSA mission. This opportunity is open to current NWSA members.

[P.E.O. International: Scholarships](#): The P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship (IPS) Fund was established in 1949 to provide scholarships for international women students to pursue graduate study in the United States and Canada.

[Paul and Daisy Soros New Americans Fellows Program](#): The New American Fellows Program awards thirty scholars, all of whom are immigrants or children of immigrants, \$90,000 grants each to pursue graduate studies at U.S. universities. Selection criteria focus on accomplishments that show creativity, originality, and initiative in light of the challenges and opportunities that have been part of the applicant's immigration story. The program is open to college seniors, students in the early stages of their graduate career, and those in the workforce who are seeking graduate training.

## **Graduate Student Funding for Research and Academic Conference Presentations**

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences supports the research, scholarship, and creative work of graduate students through its Graduate Research Funding (GRF) program. The GRF helps defray the cost of conducting research and creative work and for presenting papers at academic conferences. Proposal guidelines, eligibility requirements, and all necessary application forms can be found [here](#).

Graduate students are also eligible to apply for research grants through DePaul's Vincentian Endowment Fund (VEF). The VEF has an annual funding cycle as well as a discretionary grant program for funding requests of less than \$1500. For detailed information about these grant opportunities, please visit the [Vincentian Endowment Fund](#).