

ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES, MA

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GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

[The Bursar's Office provides information about tuition and fees associated with being a graduate student. Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information is available from the Graduate School.](#)

Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

GRADUATE STUDENT COSTS

For tuition and living costs, please view the Cost of Attendance page (<https://financialaid.wisc.edu/cost-of-attendance/>). International applicants recommended for admission to the Graduate School are required to show sufficient funds to attend the University during the course of studies (tuition, food and housing, incidentals and health insurance) to be officially accepted by the Graduate School.

DEPARTMENT RESOURCES

The Department of Asian Languages and Cultures offers financial assistance in the forms of fellowships, teaching assistantships (TAs), and project assistantships (PAs). Please make note of the deadline of January 10 for financial assistance consideration. All necessary materials including test scores must be submitted by the deadline.

If you are an international applicant and receive a fellowship, PAs or TAs, please make note that you will likely be required to show additional financial documentation to meet the minimum required for your official acceptance to the Graduate School.

OTHER AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships

FLAS fellowships are funded by the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the UW's National Resource Centers to assist students in acquiring foreign language and either area or international studies competencies. FLAS awards are only available for specific languages (<https://flas.wisc.edu/languages/>) and are contingent on federal funding.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States. Applications by students in professional fields are encouraged. Preference will be given to applicants with a high level of academic ability and with previous language training.

Academic Year and Summer FLAS awards are two separate competitions requiring two separate and complete applications.

Complete details about FLAS at UW-Madison are available on the FLAS FAQs (<https://flas.wisc.edu/faq/>) (your first stop) and the FLAS Languages & Coordinators pages (<https://flas.wisc.edu/languages/>) (should you have additional questions).

Advanced Opportunity Fellowship (AOF)

This fellowship is awarded to highly qualified students. To be considered for AOF funding, prospective students must be new to the Graduate

School and be admissible to a graduate program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. For further information: <https://grad.wisc.edu/diversity/>.

Project Assistantships

Availability of PAs varies from one year to another, depending on the types of projects the departmental faculty are engaged in. PAs assist faculty members' research projects and/or respond to some programmatic needs of the department and other campus units.

Teaching Assistantships

Availability and types of TAs vary from one year to another, depending on the department's curricular needs and student enrollment. TAs will support a number of our language and culture courses, typically team-teaching with faculty members. If you are interested in being a teaching assistant in our language programs, you must submit the TA application and necessary materials (1-2 page written autobiography that refers to your prior teaching experience, letter of recommendation that speaks to your teaching experience, video recording of your teaching, if available) through the Graduate School application system by January 10.

Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS) Awards Office

IRIS manages its own funding opportunities (Scott Kloock-Jenson Fellowships, IRIS Graduate Fieldwork Awards, Incubator Grants), coordinates the campus component of a number of external programs (Boren Fellowships, Fulbright US Student Program, Fulbright-Hays DDRA, Luce Scholars Program), assists students, faculty, and staff in exploring funding options, and much more. Visit: <https://iris.wisc.edu/funding/> for more information on awards. Contact Mark Lilleleht, Assistant Director for Awards, with questions at awards@iris.wisc.edu & 608-265-6070.

Other Forms of Financial Aid

Loans and some on-campus job openings are handled through the Office of Student Financial Aid (<https://financialaid.wisc.edu/>). Please contact them to obtain more information.

Students may also obtain information from the Grants Information Center (<https://www.library.wisc.edu/memorial/collections/grants-information-collection/>) in the Memorial Library, Room 262, 728 State St., Madison, WI 53706. Phone 608-262-3242.