

# AFRICAN CULTURAL STUDIES, PHD

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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.

### PROGRAM RESOURCES

The department automatically considers all applicants for support through teaching assistantships and various UW–Madison fellowships. All admitted students are guaranteed five years of funding, typically in the form of TAships, as long as they are making satisfactory progress.

Our top domestic students are typically nominated for, and often receive, Advanced Opportunity Fellowships (<https://grad.wisc.edu/diversity/oeid/>) (AOF). Read more about Graduate School inclusion efforts (<https://grad.wisc.edu/diversity/>).

All domestic students are also encouraged to apply for Foreign Language Area Studies (<https://flas.wisc.edu/>) (FLAS) fellowships.

Many of our graduate students also pursue outside funding as their career progresses. Details are listed below.

### Teaching Assistantships

The department regularly funds teaching assistantships for both our language and literature/culture courses. Opportunities and assignments vary by semester. All continuing graduate students in good academic standing must apply by December 15 to be considered for positions for the following academic year. All new applicants are automatically considered. Teaching assistants earn tuition remission, a stipend, and benefits.

Please consult our website (<https://african.wisc.edu/graduate-programs/funding/>) for the most up-to-date information regarding teaching assistantships.

### Ebrahim Hussein Fellowship

The Ebrahim Hussein Endowment for research in African expressive cultures was established in the College of Letters & Science in 2003 thanks to the generosity of Robert M. Philipson, alumnus of the College of Letters & Science (PhD 1989). The college will award \$7,500 each year to one or more full-time graduate students in L&S to carry out research on African expressive cultures in Africa and/or archives outside of the United States. The research must lead to a PhD dissertation, an MA thesis, or a publishable-quality paper. Doctoral students may receive up to \$7,500 each; MA level students may receive up to \$3,750 each.

### Selection Criteria:

- Excellence of research proposal
- Demonstrated commitment to researching African expressive cultures

- General academic record
- Strong recommendations from faculty
- Timing of the proposed research in relation to degree requirements

### Other Funding Resources

The Graduate School provides additional information helpful to graduate students in need of funding.

Find information about:

Types of funding available (<https://grad.wisc.edu/studentfunding/types/>)

Funding for international students (<https://iss.wisc.edu/students/new-students/funding-scholarships/>)

- African Studies Graduate Student Summer Fieldwork Award ([http://africa.wisc.edu/?page\\_id=12507](http://africa.wisc.edu/?page_id=12507))
- Dana-Allen Dissertation Fellowship (<https://irh.wisc.edu/staff-type/dana-allen-dissertation-fellowships/>)
- Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships (<https://flas.wisc.edu/>)
- Scott Kloeck-Jenson Fellowship (<http://iris.wisc.edu/funding/students/skj/>)
- IRIS Graduate Student Summer Fieldwork Award (<http://iris.wisc.edu/funding/students/summer-fieldwork-award/>)

External funding options (<https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/fellowships/>)

- American Association of University Women (<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/>)
- American Council of Learned Societies (<http://www.acls.org/programs/comps/>)
- Gorgias Press (<https://www.gorgiaspress.com/awards/>)
- Aga Khan International Education Programme (<http://www.akdn.org/our-agencies/aga-khan-foundation/international-scholarship-programme/>)
- Margaret McNamara Education Grants (<http://www.mmeg.org/programs/>)

Research travel awards (<https://grad.wisc.edu/studentfunding/grantscomp/research/>)

- American Council of Learned Societies (<http://www.acls.org/programs/comps/>)
- Chateaubriand Fellowship (<https://www.chateaubriand-fellowship.org/>)
- German Academic Exchange Service (<https://www.daad.org/en/find-funding/>) (DAAD)
- Harvard Society of Fellows (<https://socfell.fas.harvard.edu/about/>)
- Royal Historical Society (<http://royalhistsoc.org/grants/research-expenses/research-expenses-for-overseas-students-guidelines/>)
  - Marshall & Centenary Fellowships ([https://royalhistsoc.org/research\\_funding/](https://royalhistsoc.org/research_funding/))

Conference presentation funds (<https://grad.wisc.edu/studentfunding/grantscomp/conference/>) (bottom of page)