

# GRADUATE GUIDE

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The University of Wisconsin–Madison has offered graduate study for more than a century. The faculty of more than 2,000 distinguished scholars and teachers, supported by an academic staff exceeding 10,000 confers graduate degrees in more than 160 fields of study.

As one of the nation's major research institutions, the university maintains extensive research facilities.

Keep in mind:

- Deadlines for applications, fellowships and other types of funding vary among programs.
- Requirements for admissions also vary; therefore, it is important to check program websites and the program page in *Guide* before applying.
- The application fee is set by the legislature and is nonrefundable.

Admitted graduate students may request a change to their initial term of enrollment, provided the request is supported by a valid reason as outlined here (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/#term-change>) and receives approval from both the admitting program and the Graduate School. International students must comply with full-time enrollment requirements (<https://iss.wisc.edu/full-time-enrollment/>) applicable to their new term of entry.

### COUNCIL OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS POLICY RESOLUTION ([HTTPS://CGSNET.ORG/APRIL-15-RESOLUTION/](https://cgsnet.org/april-15-resolution/))

Acceptance of an offer of financial support\* (such as a graduate scholarship, fellowship, traineeship, or assistantship) for the next academic year by a prospective or enrolled graduate student completes an agreement that both student and graduate school expect to honor. In that context, the conditions affecting such offers and their acceptance must be defined carefully and understood by all parties.

Students are under no obligation to respond to offers of financial support prior to April 15. Earlier deadlines for acceptance of such offers violate the intent of this Resolution. If an applicant accepts an offer before April 15 and then decides to withdraw that acceptance, they may submit in writing a resignation of the appointment at any time through April 15. Applicants must inform the program that they are withdrawing their acceptance of the offer, they then can accept any other offers.

It is further agreed by the institutions and organizations subscribing to the above Resolution that a copy of this Resolution or a link to the URL should accompany every scholarship, fellowship, traineeship, and assistantship offer.

**\*Note that this Resolution applies to offers of financial support only, not offers of admission.**