



Graduate Program in Clinical Investigation Student Funding

Graduate Program in Clinical Investigation (GPCI) students tend to be full time health professionals who are earning their MS or PhD degree part time. **No funding for graduate study is provided to students by the GPCI.** Students without faculty appointments usually earn salary and benefits including tuition through graduate assistantships (teaching assistant, research assistant, and other graduate student appointments) through the major advisor's home department.

ICTR has an NIH-funded TL1 training grant with a few positions open each year on a highly competitive basis. TL1 applications are due each February 1. Eligible students are US citizens or permanent residents earning a PhD in Clinical Investigation full time or earning a PhD Minor in Clinical Investigation while pursuing a PhD in other UW-Madison programs.

The following information is from the Graduate School:

Finding Funding Without Guaranteed Appointment. For students who do not have an appointment and are looking for funding to support graduate studies, the Graduate School provides a list of steps to follow, at <http://grad.wisc.edu/studentfunding/steps>.

Stipend Levels and Paychecks. Monthly stipend rates for graduate assistantships are set by the University. Current rates for TAs, PAs, and RAs can be found on the website of the Office of Fellowships and Funding Resources: <http://uwmadisonoffr.wordpress.com/funding-overview/assistantships/>.

Tuition Remission and Payment of Segregated Fees. TAs, PAs, RAs, and Lecturers (Student Assistants) with appointments of 33.3% or higher (approximately 13 hrs/week) receive remission of their full tuition (in- and out-of-state, as applicable). Students with these appointments are still responsible for paying segregated fees.

Health Insurance Benefits. TAs, PAs, RA, and Lecturers (Student Assistants) with appointments of 33.3% or higher (approximately 13 hrs/week) for at least the length of a semester are eligible to enroll in a health insurance program. Information about health insurance options can be found at <http://www.ohr.wisc.edu/benefits/new-emp/grad.aspx>. Current monthly premiums can be found at <http://uwservice.wisc.edu/premiums/index.php#sqh>.

Maximum Appointment Levels. The Graduate School sets the maximum levels of graduate assistantship appointments. International students should be especially aware of maximum levels of employment. For more information on these policies, please visit <https://kb.wisc.edu/gsadminkb/page.php?id=33322>.

Enrollment Requirements for Graduate Assistants. Students with graduate assistantships must be enrolled appropriately. Detailed information about enrollment requirements can be found in the Graduate School's academic policies at <http://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/#enrollmentrequirements>.

Fellowships. There are many different kinds of fellowships on campus. Some are awarded by a program, some are awarded by the school/college, and still others are awarded by the Graduate School. In addition, a number of students have applied for and won fellowships from federal agencies, professional



organizations, and private foundations. The terms and conditions of fellowships across campus vary widely. If you have a fellowship, make sure you understand the obligations and benefits of that fellowship, including stipend, health insurance eligibility, eligibility for tuition remission, pay schedule, etc.

Graduate School Fellowships. The Graduate School administers a number of different fellowships on campus, including: the University Fellowships, Chancellor's Fellowships, Mellon-Wisconsin Fellowships, the Dickie Fellowships, and a variety of external fellowships (<https://kb.wisc.edu/gsadminkb/page.php?id=34769>.) If you have questions about these fellowships, please contact the Office of Fellowships and Funding Resources, <http://grad.wisc.edu/studentfunding/currentstudents>.

External Funding/Fellowships. The Graduate School encourages students to apply for funding from sources external to the university (e.g., federal agencies, professional organizations, private foundations). The Graduate School supports selected federal/private fellowships through the provision of tuition support and health insurance, list at <https://kb.wisc.edu/gsadminkb/page.php?id=34761>. The Graduate School also provides remission of the non-resident portion of students' tuition (if applicable) to students who win external fellowships that are paid through the university and provide an academic year (9-month) stipend of \$11,350 (2013-14 rate) or an annual year (12-month) stipend of \$13,872. Students should be aware that fellowships and awards from external sources will each have unique terms and conditions that you should take time to understand. Questions on external fellowships can be directed to the Office of Fellowships and Funding Resources.

1. Major external fellowships, prepared by the Office of Fellowships and Funding Resources: <https://kb.wisc.edu/gsadminkb/page.php?id=34769>.
2. The Grants Information Collection (GIC) on the 2nd Floor of Memorial Library: <http://grants.library.wisc.edu/>. The GIC is a collection of print and on-line resources to help students find external fellowships and scholarships. Students can set up a personalized profile on several on-line funding databases, and get regular notices of relevant funding opportunities. **The timetable for identifying, applying for and receiving external funding is generally quite long; plan on 9-12 months between the time you start your search and the time you may receive funding.**

Fellows with Concurrent Appointments. Students with fellowships paid through the university may hold concurrent graduate assistantships and/or student hourly appointments up to a total maximum combined annual stipend of \$41,616 (2013-2014 maximum). If you have any questions about concurrent work along with your fellowship, please feel free to contact the Office of Fellowships and Funding Resources.

Funding for Conference/Research Travel. The Graduate School provides a limited amount of funding (\$600) for dissertators and final year MFA students whose research has been accepted for presentation at a conference. For more information about this funding, visit the [Conference Presentation Funds](#) website. In addition, the Graduate School runs a competition twice/year for funds to support travel related to your dissertation/thesis research. Students must be dissertators or final-year MFA students. For more information about this funding, visit the [Research Travel Award](#) website. **The GPCI program provides no funding for GPCI students to attend or present research at conferences.**