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FINANCIAL AID POLICY
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The department offers two basic types of financial aid to its students: Achievement Scholarships and Graduate Assistantships.

The Achievement Scholarships granted by the Department of Linguistics consist of full or partial tuition waivers. No work commitment is associated with these awards.

Graduate assistantships include both a full tuition waiver and a monthly stipend. They come with a twenty-hour weekly work commitment--usually teaching a 100-level course for the department, assisting with the department's Unit Mastery course, or working in the department's LAE labs.

Note: Relinquishing a GA-ship after the Duty Date will result in permanent loss of that GA-ship and will count against the total number of GA-ships for which the student is eligible.

Our policy on the distribution of financial aid is as follows.

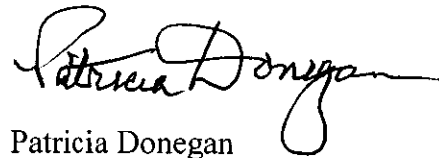
The Ph.D. program

- Our first priority is to support PhD candidates, typically through Graduate Assistantship (GA-ships).
- In awarding this type of support, we give first priority to our PhD students because (a) the principal mission of our department is to train students for careers as professional linguists, (b) PhD students are typically more qualified to undertake the work responsibilities associated with GA-ships.
- Our policy is to offer eight semesters of GA-support to our PhD students, subject to the provisos outlined below. Students may apply for up to two additional units of support on a competitive basis, subject to the availability of department funds.
- Effective Fall 2011, Bilinski Pre-dissertation and Dissertation Fellowships each count towards a PhD student's eight semesters of GA-support.
- Effective August 2010, GA support beyond the fifth year in the Ph.D. program must be approved by a vote of the full department faculty, even if the student has not yet exceeded the normal allotment of GA-ships.

- Some portion, typically less than 20% of all Achievement Scholarship funding, is reserved to support conference travel and summer research. Due to University policy, only PhD students are eligible to apply for these awards.

The M.A. program

- Funds not used to support PhD students are offered to meritorious MA students on a semester-by-semester basis. Achievement Scholarships are the primary means of financial aid for M.A. students, although GA-ships are occasionally available as well.
- Students registering for LING 700 (MA thesis research) may count the 9 credits that are required for Plan A toward the minimum required to receive an Achievement Scholarship. Further thesis research credits (GRAD 700F) will not count toward this minimum.
- In assigning funds for continuing M.A. students, including any available GA-ships, the Graduate Chair relies on ratings solicited from the full faculty. All M.A. students are automatically considered for financial aid; there is no need to make a special application.
- There is a limit of 4 semesters of GA support for students in the M.A. program. Financial support beyond the fourth semester of the M.A. program must be approved by a vote of the full department faculty.



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