Financial Support for Graduate Students

Slavic Department Funding

Teaching and Research Assistantships

The department has a few Teaching Assistantships available each year, as well as one Research Assistantship, which is awarded to the most promising new student. The deadline to be considered for either assistantship is December 15. Teaching Assistantships are competitive, and awarded based on the following:

- Academic achievement and progress toward degree, which is determined by a careful reading of the candidate's dossier.
- Teaching potential, in which attention is paid to experience, recommendations, and formal preparation in pedagogy.
- Competency in the language, where ranking is established either by testing or interview, along with recommendations from qualified observers. New applicants for graduate study are asked to name a proctor at their institution who will administer a written examination, and potential teaching assistantship recipients will be given a telephone interview in the target language. Local applicants will be examined by the department for proficiency.

During winter quarter of each year, the Graduate Studies Committee will review TA applications (DOC) from continuing UW students for Teaching Assistantships in the Department, along with applications for admission to the Department's M.A. and Ph.D. programs. In addition to the basic criteria for awarding Teaching Assistantships, a student's standing within the program at the time of review and appointment will affect the committee's decision. The presence of incompletes or X grades from the previous two academic years or the preceding fall quarter are indications that a student is not in good standing.

The committee will make its preliminary recommendations for Teaching Assistantships for the following academic year based on information available to it during winter quarter. The Department's subsequent official offers of appointments, which are usually delivered during spring quarter, should take the candidates' continuing good standing during winter and spring quarters into account.

Funding for Conferences and Travel

The Slavic Department encourages students to participate in local and national conferences such as ASEEES and AATSEEL, and has limited funding available. Please check with the Slavic Department Administrator for more information.

Non-departmental Funding

Work-Study

Many students have been successful in obtaining work-study grants by applying to UW's Financial Aid Office. The Department tries to put eligible students to work to the extent the budget allows. The Slavic Section of the University of Washington Libraries, as well as the Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, are also willing to consider work-study recipients for employment.
UW Language Learning Center
The UW Language Learning Center takes applications each year for Graduate Staff Assistants, and our students, especially those with prior teaching and technological experience, are invited to apply.

The Jackson School of International Studies (JSIS)
The Jackson School of International Studies awards Foreign Language and Area Study Fellowships (FLAS) for the study of Russian, East European and Central Asian languages. Applications typically open in the middle of October or beginning of November, and are due by the end of January for the following academic year.

The UW Graduate School
The Graduate School offers conference travel awards to help graduate students attend major conferences to present papers or posters, or to serve as an invited speaker. They also have an Office of Fellowships and Awards, which maintains a list of popular funding opportunities.

UW Libraries
The UW Libraries offer a Graduate Funding Information Service, which works with current and admitted graduate students to help them identify funding opportunities.

PLEASE NOTE: Incomplete or 'X' grades are only given exceptionally, and require a contract for completion between the student and professor. An 'X' grade is given only when inexplicable circumstances prevent the professor from submitting a final grade, and must be accompanied by a note about said circumstances to the main office. Incomplete work must be completed, and a regular grade assigned, by the end of the following quarter (including summer quarter). In extraordinary circumstances, students may petition the Graduate Studies Committee for an extension of time, but only before the deadline just stated. Failure to complete work on this schedule will affect a student's good standing and eligibility for financial support, including Teaching and Research Assistantships.

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