



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Graduate College

Graduate Student Funding Sources: Fellowships and Grants 2026-27

FELLOWSHIPS ++

Graduate College Dissertation Completion Fellowship (DCF)

Application deadline: Feb. 17, 2027, by 5 p.m.

Award amount: Salary per fall/spring semester; Salary per summer session.

Tuition award (to cover 1 dissertation credit each semester and/or session of your award), and costs of dissertation submission to the Graduate College will be covered

Gwen Frostic Doctoral Fellowship ++

Application deadline: March 17, 2027, by 5 p.m.

Thurgood Marshall Fellowship

Application deadline: Feb. 10, 2027, by 5 p.m.

Martin Luther King/Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks Future Faculty Fellowship*

Application deadline: TBD/Spring 2027

**Terms of this award determined by the State of Michigan and as such, the terms are subject to change*

GRANTS

Graduate Student Research Grant

Application deadlines: Fall: Oct. 6, 2026, by 5 p.m. Spring: Feb. 16, 2027, by 5 p.m.

Award amount: Up to \$1,000

Graduate Student Travel Grant

Application deadlines: Fall: Oct. 6, 2026, by 5 p.m. Spring: Feb. 16, 2027, by 5 p.m.

Award amount: Up to \$1000

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES ++

Fisher Gerontology Dissertation Prize ++

Application deadline: April 7, 2027, by 5 p.m.

Award amount: Up to \$1,000

Patricia Thompson Dissertation Award ++

Application deadline: March 17, 2027, by 5 p.m.

Award amount: \$1,000

Dames Endowed Scholarship ++

Application deadline: April 7, 2027, by 5 p.m.

Award amount: \$500

Graduate Studies Council All-University Graduate Teaching Effectiveness and Research and Creative Scholar Award (All-University Awards)

Application deadline for All-University: Feb. 15, 2027, by 5 p.m. (Department-Level GTE and GRCS awards selection deadline: Jan.25, 2027)

Stapleton-Reinhold Scholarship**

Application deadline: April 7, 2027, by 5 p.m.

Award amount: Up to \$1,000

***Individual awards/grants/fellowships and their funding are subject to change due to budgetary constraints in any given year cycle.*

++Please note, endowed awards/fellowships/scholarships may be impacted by market volatility, potentially impacting the issuance of awards in 2026-27.