

\$\$\$ for Graduate Studies

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Financial Assistance

- Assistantships
- Fellowships
- Others

Assistantships

Student is paid for work that is

- Related to the student's area of study and specialization
 - or
- Related to a federal research grant

Types of Assistantships

- **Research Assistantship**
 - Assist a professor on a research project
- **Teaching Assistantship**
 - Teach sections or classes of undergraduate courses, or help grade papers/examinations
- **Project Assistantship**
 - Assist with a university, state government, or federal project supported by a grant: usually an administrative position

Fellowships

- Comparable to a college scholarship
- Generally no work is required
- Can cover part or all of tuition
- May include a stipend for supporting the student

Sources of fellowships

National - partial listing

- National Science Foundation
 - NIH
 - Department of Defense
 - NASA
 - Ford Foundation
 - Gates Foundation Fellowships
 - GEM Fellowships
 - ATT Bell Labs
 - Hertz Fellowships
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- See <http://cuinfo.cornell.edu/Student/GRFN>

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Types of fellowships (cont)

UW-Madison

- GERS Fellowships (Graduate Engineering Research)
- University Competition Fellowships
- Department fellowships

Other financial assistance

- Student loans
- Stipends from companies
- Assistance from departments
 - Special company support
- Assistance from the College of Engineering
 - Emergency funds

Research - **BECOME INVOLVED**

- No matter what your funding source is, become involved with research
- Find a professor whose work interests you and ask to join the group

Advantages of research

- Rewarding and enjoyable experience
- Become more knowledgeable about your discipline
- Develop closer ties to other students
- Learn to interact with individuals and/or a group on a research project
- Potential for national (international) exposure through presentations at conferences

Advantages of research (cont)

- Research results may be published in a reputable journal in your discipline
- Strengthens your resume
- Potential job opportunities through exposure at conferences and advisor's connections
- May stimulate an undergrad to pursue a graduate degree

Summary

- Money is available for you to go to graduate school
- You may have to search out the money
- Get involved with research