SAFS GRADUATE STUDENT FUNDING

FUNDING TYPES

Graduate students in SAFS may be funded in a variety of ways, including internal and external funding sources. Information on this page pertains only to SAFS-funded support.

RAS AND TAS

The majority of SAFS graduate students are funded as half-time (50%) research assistants (RA) paid from faculty research grants. Students may also be funded as half-time (50%) teaching assistants (TA) for assisting in an academic course—these appointments are paid on a SAFS budget.

RAs and TAs are Academic Student Employees (ASE) and are governed by an agreement between the UW and the United Auto Workers (UAW) outlined here: https://hr.uw.edu/labor/unions/uaw/ase-contract

SAFS FELLOWSHIPS

SAFS Fellowships are typically merit-based awards that support graduate students in pursuing their academic degree programs. They generally do not require work effort* as one might expect for an RA or TA appointment. Most SAFS Fellowships are awarded during the admission/recruiting process (all applicants are automatically considered). However current students may also apply for limited additional fellowship/scholarship funding if they did not receive a recruitment fellowship*.

Because fellowships are normally merit-based awards that are not in payment for any work-based service, funding levels and benefits may vary (depending on department and source of funds). They are not covered by a union contract in the same way that RAs or TAs are covered by the UAW/UW Academic Student Employee contract.

While the UW does not require fellowship awards to provide coverage of tuition and fees, SAFS general policy* is to administer Fellowship awards at the same rates and benefits as the standard RA or TA appointment.

Students supported on a SAFS Fellowship must meet the same eligibility as students supported on a RA or TA award (see “Eligibility & Enrollment” below).

*Exceptions may apply

FUNDING SUPPORT

As of July 1, 2019, the standard RA, TA, and most SAFS Fellowships* include:

- Stipend, paid bi-monthly (for duration of appointment) at ASE salary rates
- Waiver/payment of the Operating Fee (both resident and non-resident portions)
- Waiver/payment of the Building Fee, Tech Fee, and U-PASS Fee†
- Health insurance through the Graduate Appointee Insurance Program (GAIP)

*SAFS Fellowship funding levels vary—some fellowships may not qualify for fee waivers or GAIP coverage. Refer to the offer letter for details on funding and benefit eligibility.

†Students are personally responsible for paying any remaining fees
ELIGIBILITY & ENROLLMENT

To be eligible to be funded in an ASE position (at any FTE percentage) or on a fellowship with tuition/fee benefits students must:

- Be making satisfactory academic progress
- Maintain satisfactory work performance (ASE appointments)
- Enroll in a minimum of ten credits in autumn, winter, and spring quarters and in exactly two credits during summer quarter (students who wish to enroll in more than 2 credits in Summer quarter must have approval from their major professor and academic adviser).

SAFS ASE JOB TITLES & PAY RATES

Rates are current as of July 1, 2019 and will be updated as necessary.

https://grad.uw.edu/graduate-student-funding/funding-information-for-departments/administering-assistantships/ara-salaries/

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*The GRSA Rate shall be calculated by multiplying the monthly salary for a %FTE Research Assistant by three and then dividing the product by 220.

TAX WITHHOLDING INFORMATION

https://isc.uw.edu/your-pay-taxes/withholding/