

**Statement of Guidelines for Graduate Funding**  
**Department of Anthropology**  
**University of Kentucky**

The department of Anthropology attempts to fund as many graduate students as possible and the majority of our students are funded throughout their time at U.K. The percentage of students funded for coursework is lower for first-year graduate students because they often do not have the teaching and /or coursework experience to qualify. However, first year students do have access to certain university fellowships and some departmental funding lines that are reserved for recruiting incoming students. The Department views graduate assistantships as an integral part of graduate students' education, but maintains a position that student employment should in no way slow the student's progress toward timely completion of the Ph.D. degree. Overall the Department of Anthropology at University of Kentucky rates very favorably in terms of graduate student support, when compared to anthropology departments in other large research universities in the US.

While the department attempts to provide graduate students up to the maximum years allowable, there are **no guarantees** that students will be funded for all of their eligible years. Nor does funding in one year guarantee funding in the next year. Funding decisions are made on a year by year basis. Guidelines for Ph.D. funding are below. In all cases, progress to degree according to the departmental timeline will be a primary criterion for funding decisions. **The department does not currently offer funding for M.A. students.**

- Ph.D. students have a maximum eligibility of 3 years of funding PRIOR to beginning their Ph.D. fieldwork (i.e.: completion of Dissertation Proposal and Ph.D. qualifying exams)
- Ph.D. students have a maximum eligibility of 1 year of funding designated for dissertation analysis and writing up, with the possibility of additional funding for students showing good progress to degree.

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