

**Graduate Funding Policy**  
**Department of Anthropology**  
**University of Kentucky**

The Department of Anthropology 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. Therefore, we expect all funded PhD students to maintain timely progress towards degree completion. The department does not currently offer funding to M.A. students. The department offers several additional sources of graduate student funding for research and travel (e.g., Adelski, Cliggett, Abbott-Jameson, O'Dear, Legacy, etc.). More information about these awards can be found on the [Student Support page](#) of the department's website.

Guidelines and rules for Ph.D. funding are below. Students are encouraged to speak with the DGS or their advisor about any questions they have regarding funding policies and/or eligibility.

- Ph.D. students who are making timely progress towards degree are funded for their first three years in the program. After completing their dissertation research, they will receive one additional year of funding to support data analysis and dissertation writing.
- Students in their first three years of coursework and students writing their dissertations will receive priority in funding decisions. We are sometimes able to offer PhD students additional funding. There is some flexibility in when students may use this funding (i.e., prior to dissertation fieldwork or after). Requests for additional funding will be met as needed and when possible.
- We encourage Ph.D. students to apply for funding from sources outside of the department. These outside positions do not count towards the four years of departmental funding eligibility unless they are funding lines specifically linked to an Anthropology faculty member's administrative or scholarly work (e.g., journal editing, director of LACLAS,, research grant, etc.)
- Funding decisions are made on an annual basis and funding in one year does not guarantee funding in the next year. Students with outstanding incomplete grades will not be eligible for funding, except in exceptional cases (e.g., severe illness, death in family, etc.). In line with the Graduate School's and College of Arts and Sciences' policies, PhD students on academic probation will not be funded, or may have their funding rescinded (in the case of falling into academic probation during the spring semester).
- Periodically, the faculty may amend the departmental graduate student funding guidelines. Ph.D. students will be subject to the funding guidelines in place when they first joined the department, unless the changes would benefit their funding status.

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