

Dear {a.("NAME_FIRST")},

We know that financial resources are of great importance to graduate students as they apply to their schools of choice. We have put together the following information to help you make decisions regarding the investment you will make in yourself by earning a graduate degree.

Most departments at WSU offer graduate assistantships to selected qualified students admitted to the University. Teaching assistantships are also available through many academic departments. In addition, research assistantships are available in many departments, special programs, and through extramurally-funded research grants. Check with the department or program you are interested in to find out about these opportunities. Most assistantships include a tuition waiver, health insurance, and monthly stipend. Graduate assistants are required to work 20 hours per week during the semester in which they receive the assistantship.

There are also a variety of fellowships and scholarships awarded to graduate students based on an assortment of competitive factors. Fellowships and scholarships, like assistantships, are not paid back.

Finally, students enrolled in graduate programs at Washington State University also have the opportunity to fund their educational expenses through a combination of student loans and work-study. The majority of grant funding is reserved by the federal and state governments for first time undergraduate students. However, graduate students may borrow up to \$18,500 each school year in Federal Stafford Loans.

If you have questions about paying for graduate school at Washington State University, feel free to contact me for more information at carris@wsu.edu, or 509-335-7008.

Sincerely,

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