



Institute for Regional and International Studies

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

International Research and Training Grants for Incoming Graduate Students

Purpose, Eligibility, and Grant Details & Procedures

On the web @ <http://iris.wisc.edu/funding/campus-units/incoming-grad-awards/>

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Purpose: The purpose of these grants is to recruit strong incoming internationally- or area-studies-oriented graduate students in all fields.

Eligibility: Grants are offered to prospective graduate students as an inducement to study at Wisconsin. Any UW-Madison unit that admits graduate students may nominate prospective students that it is recruiting. Graduate programs that are part of a larger administrative department should coordinate with their co-programs and must submit as a single unit.

Grant Details: These are grants of \$5,000 to be used in the first three years of the recipient's career at the UW-Madison and are meant to support a substantive international research or training program. Funds will be released on request to departments to manage on behalf of recipients in the month prior to the planned use of the funds. Awardees will be asked to submit a brief report on the work supported by the funds on completion of their funded research/program.

Procedures:

- The Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS) notifies departments and other graduate degree-granting programs (henceforth, "units") of the availability of the grants and invites them to nominate prospective students for consideration.
- Units may nominate a limited number of prospective students; nomination limits are based on the total number of graduate students **enrolled** during the last three years.

Three-year average admitted & enrolled > 20:	4 nominations allowed
Three-year average admitted & enrolled 11-20:	3 nominations allowed
Three-year average admitted & enrolled < 11:	2 nominations allowed
- A faculty-led review committee will consider material submitted by the nominating unit and report back to the unit as to which, if any, nominees it has approved. The unit will then inform the prospective

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student of the grant offer. There is no contact between IRIS and any nominee during the nominating process.

- The deadline for receipt of nominations from participating units for 2020 is 10:00am on Monday, February 10, 2020. IRIS will aim to inform units of fellowship offer decisions by the end of February.
- Units may submit only one package of nominations per year. In other words, all of the unit's nominations must come at once. There is no room for additions or replacements should a qualified applicant appear later or should someone approved for a grant decline admission.
- IRIS maintains an online form for unit nominations. The form contains the following fields:
 - The name of the nominee and ranked order of preference (among all the unit's nominations for this award).
 - A brief case for each nominee (1,000 character maximum), including the nominee's likely need for fieldwork, summer language training, or international travel or training of a related kind during his or her first three years at Wisconsin.
 - Baseline information on each nominee: name of program or subfield to which the student seeks admission; prior college or university education (institutions and degrees); undergraduate and (if applicable) graduate GPA; GRE and other relevant test scores.
 - The student's letter of application to the unit, or statement of purpose.
 - No other information (e.g. writing samples or publications) may be submitted. If there are special points to make about the nominee's credentials, the unit may do so in its case for the nominee.

Questions: UW-Madison units can contact the Mark Lilleleht in the IRIS Awards Office at awards@iris.wisc.edu or 608.265.6070 with any questions regarding the grants.