Graduate Student Funding

Graduate Funding Sources

Graduate students at Binghamton University can receive several different types of funding during the academic year:

Teaching/Graduate Assistantships (TA/GAs): The Graduate School provides support for just over 500 TA/GA positions each year. TA/GAs work approximately 20 hours/week and receive an academic year stipend ranging from $7,000 to $12,750, depending on discipline. TA/GAs are eligible for GSEU (Graduate Students Employees Union) insurance benefits. Most TA/GAs also receive a tuition scholarship. In addition to those TA/GA positions funded by the Graduate School, individual graduate programs or administrative units can also support TA/GAs.

Research Project Assistants (RPAs): Grant funds administered through the Research Foundation support over 200 students each year. RPAs work approximately 20 hours/week and receive academic year stipends ranging from $4,000 to $15,000, depending on the grant. RPAs who meet the minimum stipend standard ($8,100/academic year) also receive a tuition scholarship. RPAs are eligible for Research Foundation insurance benefits.

Fellowships: Graduate students supported by fellowships have no work requirements and can devote their time exclusively to pursuit of their graduate degrees. Fellowship stipends range from $4,000 - $12,000 per academic year; fellowships recipients who earn a minimum of $8,100/academic year normally receive full tuition scholarships. Several types of fellowships are available for graduate students:

- **Dissertation Year Fellows (DYFs):** Approximately 20 advanced graduate students are selected each year to receive the prestigious DYF award. Stipends are paid at a rate equal to the base stipend rate of TA/GAs, and a full tuition scholarship accompanies the award. DYF recipients are selected by a committee, based on an assessment of the quality of the dissertation being completed. It is normally awarded during a doctoral student's last year in order to facilitate completion of the dissertation.
- **Clifford D. Clark Minority Fellows**: Clark Fellowships are awarded to outstanding students from minority races. Clark Fellows receive a stipend equal to the base rate of TA/GAs within the recipient's academic program. Tuition scholarships normally accompany the stipend. In addition, some Clark Fellows receive tuition-only awards.
- **Graduate Scholars Fellowship/Summer Incentive Awards**: The Graduate School offers new students with a scholarship that can be used to enhance academic department funding packages. Graduate Scholars Fellowships are paid to new students during their first year (with a second-year renewal possible). Summer Incentive Awards are paid to new students during the summer following their first year. Both awards are competitive and based on academic record. Decisions are made by an evaluation committee following nominations by academic programs.
- **Binghamton Foundation Fellowships**: A number of benefactors have established fellowships for graduate students at Binghamton University. These fellowships include a stipend ranging from $4,000 - $12,000; fellowships paying a minimum of $8,100/academic year also receive a tuition scholarship.
- **Employment**: Graduate students can earn an income from a variety of employment possibilities on campus. The Federal College Work Study Program supports graduates who meet certain financial aid qualifications. Adjunct instructors can be paid for teaching; adjuncts who are paid a minimum stipend standard can also apply for a tuition scholarship.
- **Tuition-Only Awards**: The Graduate School does make tuition-only awards to Fulbright Scholars and certain other graduate students receiving external funding. In addition, the **Graduate Tuition Opportunity Program (GTOP)** provides tuition for qualified New York State residents.

Distribution Of Funding Awards

For the 2001-2002 academic year, 1080 graduate students received some kind of funding (stipend, fellowship or tuition scholarship).

During the 2001-2002 academic year, the Graduate School supplied $4,637, 659 in Teaching/Graduate stipends. Research assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, the federal College Work Study Program, and the Graduate Tuition Opportunity Program all provided additional support dollars. Figure 18 and Table 19 provide a breakdown of graduate student funding by type of position.

Figure 20. Distribution Of Funding Awards

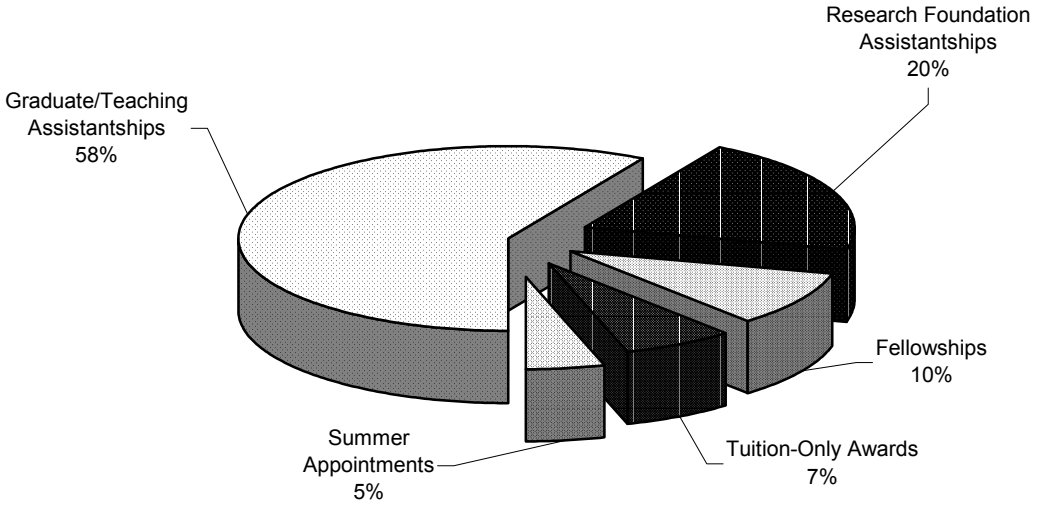

Table 19. Graduate Student Funding Sources for Academic Years, 1998-2002.

	98-99	99-00	00-01	01-02
Graduate/Teaching Assistantships				
University Allocated Graduate Assistantships				
Academic Year Awards	121.5	99	73.5	55
Student Headcount	145	118	92	64
University Allocated Teaching Assistantships				
Academic Year Awards	399	423	437.5	467
Student Headcount	446	481	500	521
Total Awards	**520.5**	**522**	**511**	**522**
Total Headcount	**591**	**599**	**592**	**585**
Unit-Funded Graduate Assistantships				
Academic Year Awards	5.5	0	2	25.5
Student Headcount	7	0	2	31
Unit-Funded Graduate Assistantships - SPIR Supported				
Academic Year Awards	13.5	21	18	15.5
Student Headcount	19	29	28	19
Unit-Funded Teaching Assistantships				
Academic Year Awards	3	0	0.5	29
Student Headcount	4	0	1	39
Total Awards	**22**	**21**	**20.5**	**70**
Total Student Headcount	**30**	**29**	**31**	**89**
Workstudy Graduate Assistantships				
Academic Year Awards	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.5
Student Headcount	N/A	N/A	N/A	19
Workstudy Teaching Assistantships				
Academic Year Awards	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.5
Student Headcount	N/A	N/A	N/A	4
Total Awards	**N/A**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**21**
Total Student Headcount	**N/A**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**23**
TOTAL Awards	**542.5**	**543**	**531.5**	**613**
TOTAL Headcount	**621**	**628**	**623**	**697**

Table 19. Graduate Student Funding Sources for Academic Years, 1998-2002.(Cont.)

	98-99	99-00	00-01	01-02
Research Foundation Assistantships				
Research Assistantships				
Academic Year Awards	146.5	168	190.5	189.5
Student Headcount	180	198	228	221
Nursing Graduate Trainee				
Academic Year Awards	21	31	28	25
Student Headcount	24	34	32	30
Total Awards	**167.5**	**199**	**218.5**	**214.5**
Total Student Headcount	**204**	**232**	**260**	**251**
Fellowships				
Dissertation Year Fellowships				
Academic Year Awards	22	21.5	20	21.5
Student Headcount	24	22	20	22
Clark Minority Stipended Fellowships				
Academic Year Awards	58.5	46	45.5	51.5
Student Headcount	61	49	47	54
Graduate Scholars				
Student Headcount	N/A	N/A	N/A	11
Other Fellowships				
Academic Year Awards	6.5	10.5	12.5	30
Student Headcount	8	12	14	32
Total Awards	**87**	**78**	**78**	**103**
Total Student Headcount	**93**	**83**	**81**	**119**
Total Stipended Positions				
Academic Year Awards	**797**	**820**	**828**	**930.5**
Student Headcount	**918**	**943**	**964**	**1067**

Table 19. Graduate Student Funding Sources for Academic Years, 1998-2002.(Cont.)

	98-99	99-00	00-01	01-02
Tuition-Only Awards				
Clark Minority Tuition Only Awards				
Fall Tuition Scholarships	30	34	29	23
Spring Tuition Scholarships	25	32	28	18
Graduate Tuition Oppurtunity Program				
Fall Tuition Scholarships	9	8	12	10
Spring Tuition Scholarships	7	8	8	8
Graduate School Tuition-Only Awards				
Fall Tuition Scholarships	49	42	26	11
Spring Tuition Scholarships	53	37	29	12
Provost Tuition-Only Awards				
Fall Tuition Scholarships	25	21	13	N/A
Spring Tuition Scholarships	25	21	7	N/A
Lecturer/casuals				
Fall Tuition Scholarships	35	65	46	26
Spring Tuition Scholarships	40	41	39	25
Fall Tuition Scholarships	**148**	**170**	**126**	**70**
Spring Tuition Scholarships	**150**	**139**	**111**	**63**
Summer Appointments				
Clark Summer Stipended Appointments				
Student Headcount	N/A	38	53	31
Summer Incentives				
Student Headcount	N/A	11	7	19
Total Student headcount	**N/A**	**49**	**60**	**50**
Total Stipend Dollars Paid in Academic Year	**$7,487,713.00**	**$7,955,905.00**	**$7,763,747.00**	**$8,579,499.00**