Financial Aid

Financial aid is available to graduate students in the form of teaching assistantships, research assistantships, University fellowships, National Science Foundation fellowships, and research assistantships or fellowships sponsored by various companies. All applications, whether or not they involve requests for financial aid, can be for the fall semester only and must be completed by January 15.

Most teaching assistantships are awarded at approximately the same time that a student is admitted into the Department. Occasionally, there are last minute temporary appointments also available. Students interested in such temporary appointments should contact the Assistant to the Chair.

To receive a new or renewal appointment as a research assistant (RA) or teaching assistant (TA), a student must be making satisfactory academic progress (SAP) in the Department. See the chapter below on SAP requirements for details.

It is often possible for a Computer Sciences graduate student to find, after arrival on campus, a part-time job which pays well enough to support the student while in graduate school. There are several hundred computers on the Madison campus, and many of them require programmers. These computers are owned and operated by a wide variety of departments and projects on the campus, and the kind of programmer needed varies greatly. There is no one way to find out about all of these jobs. Students should contact the Academic Computing Center (MACC) and individual departments on campus for information.