

Graduate School Information Session

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY



About WSU

- Premiere public research w/ research expenditures of \$244.2M
- 200-acre campus in the heart of Detroit
- Michigan's only public research university in an urban setting
- Partner in the University Research Corridor with UM and MSU, generating 95% of the state's research
- The state's most diverse campus
- 23,702 students (5,183 graduate)
- 240+ graduate programs
- 13 schools/colleges
- 300,000 alumni worldwide



Agenda

- Introductions and tips
- Funding and scholarships
- Welcome
- Graduate ambassador discussion panel
- Admissions and breakout sessions (link in chat)

Funding and scholarships

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Funding your graduate degree

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Graduate School and departmental funding

- Assistantships – Mostly Ph.D. students
- Fellowships – Ph.D. students
- Scholarships – Master's and Ph.D. students

Types of assistantships

Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs)

GTAs may be assigned **teaching duties**, including grading, in undergraduate-level courses or related laboratories or discussion sections, and may serve as instructors of record for undergraduate courses.

Graduate Student Assistants (GSAs)

GSAs may be **assigned non-teaching or non-research duties** for the primary benefit of the university or granting agency under the supervision of a university faculty member or administrator. Specific duties vary widely, depending on the administrative or academic unit to which they are assigned.

Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs)

GRAs are typically **doctoral students assigned research or academic duties** to assist faculty members in their collaborative scholarly and/or creative activities leading to the student's degree.

Departmental assistantships and fellowships

- About 650 current students fully funded in Graduate Teaching Assistant, Graduate Research Assistant, and Graduate Student Assistant positions (not counting grant-funded positions).
- Benefits include a stipend, tuition coverage, and subsidized health insurance.
- Check department/program web pages for application information and criteria.

Graduate School scholarships and fellowships

Visit: gradschool.wayne.edu/students/funding

- Selected by departmental nomination (for new graduate students).
- Around 200 scholarships yearly that cover full-time tuition costs.
- Another 200 scholarships providing partial tuition.
- Additional funding opportunities for conference travel and (for Ph.D. students) summer dissertation support.

Private scholarship and funding resources

- SallieMae [Graduate School Scholarship Search](#)
- Unigo [Scholarships for Graduate Students](#)
- [Scholarship America](#)
- [GoGrad](#) (Scholarships)
- [MPower Financing](#) (Loans)
- [IEFA](#) (Scholarships/Loans)
- [International Student Loan](#) (Loans)
- [EduPass](#) (Scholarships)
- [Prodigy Finance](#) (Loans)
- [ELM Select](#) (clearinghouse of loan providers)

Other funding resources

WSU “[Scholarship Universe](#)”

- An online clearinghouse of awards available through WSU schools and colleges.
- Scholarship amounts vary.

Federal Student Aid and FAFSA

- [Financial Aid request for information form](#)

Final tips

- Get started right away
- File your FAFSA
- Talk to your advisor/graduate program director and ask about funding
- Start exploring the WSU Scholarship opportunities database as soon as you are admitted
- Invest some time in searching for private scholarships
- Apply for everything you think might be a fit!

Welcome

Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, Ph.D.

Dean, Wayne State University Graduate School

Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Former Chair, Medicinal Chemistry Division, American Chemical Society

Mohamed Dabaja

Ph.D. & M.B.A. student
Biological sciences/marketing

- First-generation college student from Lebanon.
- Former graduate student representative of the WSU Student Senate and Graduate Council.
- Research on how diet and the environment impacts fertility. Placed first at the Graduate Research Symposium in 2023.



Nina Kelly

Ph.D. student

Communication/urban sustainability

- First-generation college student.
- 15-year practicing urban/regional planner.
- Former chief of planning and development, Huron-Clinton Metroparks.
- M.U.P. '08 WSU alumna.
- Returned for her Ph.D. to study the community impacts of civic journalism.



Cyril Davis

D.N.P. student
Nursing

- 15 years in law enforcement. Retired from the Department of Homeland Security after a traumatic brain injury.
- Extensive rehabilitation inspired him to become a nurse.
- Now on track to graduate in 2025 and become a nurse practitioner specializing in psychiatric mental health.



Saptaparna Bhattacharya, Ph.D.

Pathway-to-Faculty Fellow
Social work

- Humboldt Fellow
- High-energy experimentalist who works with data collected by the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) experiment at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN.
- Has traveled to D.C. on numerous occasions to discuss the importance of funding fundamental science research with politicians.



Yasemin Gencer, Ph.D.

Pathway-to-Faculty Fellow
Art history

- Holds a Ph.D. in art history from Indiana University with a research focus on Islamic art in the Early Republican Period in Turkey (1923-1928).
- Teaches Islamic art history courses at Wayne State University and recently received a General Education Teaching Award.



Bakari Wallace, Ph.D.

Pathway-to-Faculty Fellow
Social work

- Former organizer for Detroit community group Helping Operations for People Empowerment (HOPE).
- Research examines how societal attitudes impact role of Black fathers in their children's academic lives.



Graduate ambassador panel



Sharnell James
Social work



Ben Chapman
Music



Nouran Yonis
Biochemistry



Manessa Riser
Neuroscience



Lara Ghoul
Business

Thank you

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BREAKOUT SESSION

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