

Graduate Federal Work Study School of Humanities and Sciences 2020-21

Federal Work Study (FWS) funding is a federal need-based financial aid program. Doctoral students who receive FWS funds are given up to three quarters of an academic year research assistantship (RA). The research must be conducted with the student's faculty advisor, and must relate to the student's dissertation project.

The School of Humanities and Sciences (H&S), in collaboration with the Financial Aid Office (FAO), coordinates allocation of FWS funding to its eligible graduate students.

ELIGIBILITY

Doctoral students (PhD or DMA) in the humanities, arts, and social sciences who:

- Are U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents
- Are making satisfactory academic progress and have advanced to candidacy
- Have an approved dissertation proposal and reading committee
- Will remain in residence for the duration of the financial aid award
- Are financially eligible to receive Graduate FWS
- Have never received Graduate Federal Work Study previously

FWS funding is determined by FAO and is based upon demonstrated financial need using information entered on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Stanford Graduate Student Loan Application. Questions about financial eligibility should be directed to the Financial Aid Office.

DEADLINES

SUBMISSION DEADLINE	NOTIFICATION	FUNDS ISSUED
H&S: April 13, 2020	End of June 2020	In Requested Quarter

FUNDING

Federal Work Study funding provides:

- Up to 3 quarters of academic year research assistantship (RA) for the student to complete dissertation-related research
- TGR tuition
- Eligibility for the 50% University health insurance subsidy

Doctoral students in their year 6 of study receive priority for FWS funding

It is critical that you check with the Financial Aid Office prior to accepting additional aid or working for additional income. Students who receive FWS may not be able to accept additional salary or other financial support without jeopardizing their financial aid eligibility.

REQUIRED JOB DESCRIPTION

Once approved for FWS funding, you will be asked to submit a detailed job description of the work to be performed with your faculty advisor to H&S. The faculty advisor will be asked to

complete and submit to FAO quarterly reports certifying that the student has made satisfactory progress towards the goals and responsibilities described in the FWS job description.

FEDERAL WORK STUDY APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Federal Work Study application process requires three distinct steps. Your application cannot be reviewed until **all steps** have been completed by the deadline.

1. Submit a School of Humanities and Sciences (H&S) online application at <https://humsci.stanford.edu/current-students/fellowships-and-funding>, scroll down to FWS, click on button “Apply Now”.
2. Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
3. Submit a Stanford Graduate Student Loan Application
 - <http://financialaid.stanford.edu/grad/apply/index.html>

IMPORTANT: Write “Applying for Federal Work Study only” in the text box for question #7, Non-Discretionary Expenses. This will help the Financial Aid Office identify your application as Federal Work Study.