Financial Assistance

The Department of History administers several forms of financial assistance for graduate students, including fellowships, teaching assistantships, graduate assistantships, research assistantships, and research grants. All fellowships, assistantships, and grants are awarded on the basis of merit, as determined by the Graduate Committee, upon the recommendation of faculty and the Director of Graduate Studies.

A multiyear guarantee of continuous funding is frequently offered to newly matriculating PhD students. Guaranteed funding is not standard for students entering the MA and HILS programs.

Funding packages typically include one or two years of fellowship and three years of Teaching Assistantship. The packages include tuition remission and a health benefits option, subject to satisfactory progress towards the fulfillment of program requirements. Some funding packages are just for four years of continuous Teaching Assistantships. All teaching assistants receive tuition remission and a health benefits option.

For FY2016 (2015-16 academic year), the pay scale for 9.5-month teaching, graduate, and research assistantships range between $18,028 and $18,755. Fellowships follow a similar pay scale. Assistantships and fellowships include tuition remission and a health benefits option. Variations in stipend amounts are due to a number of factors, including the type of appointment, international student status, previous appointments, and advancement to candidacy.

Additional funding is available through the Arts and Humanities Research and Travel Grant competition, Department semester dissertation fellowships, the summer Prospectus Development Grant competition, matching funds for travel to academic conferences, and various campus-wide funding competitions. All doctoral students are expected to seek outside funding for pre-dissertation and dissertation research, as appropriate.

History graduate students may seek grants and fellowships, assistantships, hourly employment, and other forms of self-support offered by non-departmental sources.

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Admissions

General Requirements

• Statement of Purpose: Other than the required questions for the Statement of Purpose asked by the University of Maryland, the History Department asks applicants to include content that emphasizes academic and research interests:
  a. what is the applicant interested in studying and why,
  b. what the applicant might be interested in working on for the M.A. thesis or Ph.D. dissertation and
c. how the applicant’s prior education has provided good training for graduate work in the particular field of interest.

- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students)

Program-Specific Requirements

- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- CV/Resume
- Writing Sample: Research paper of about 20 pages, uploaded to the Upload Requirements section of the application.

As a demonstration of our commitment to excellence in historical scholarship and education, admission to our degree programs is highly competitive. It is important that each applicant clearly articulate his/her academic preparation and qualifications for graduate study at Maryland. All prospective applicants are encouraged to make contact with the faculty in the area(s) of interest. Faculty play an important role in the admissions decision. Prospective applicants are also encouraged to make contact with current graduate students to learn more about their experiences. The History Graduate Student Association can facilitate communications with current students.

Although there are exceptions, the minimum overall grade point average is 3.25 for admission to a master’s degree program and 3.50 for admission to the doctoral program. The admissions committee would typically expect a higher grade point average in past coursework in history and related disciplines. Successful applicants usually score above the 80th percentile in the analytical writing and verbal reasoning portions of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test. The Department does not require a GRE Subject Test.

There is no language requirement for the MA degree, but the command of one or more languages is required for admission into the PhD program in some fields within History. For more information on language requirements, see the History Department website.

The admissions process is sensitive to variations in GRE scores among applicants whose primary language is not English. However, the University requires that all admitted students demonstrate proficiency in written and spoken English.

For more admissions information or to apply to the program, please visit our Graduate School website: https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions

Requirements

- History, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
- History, Master of Arts (M.A.)

Facilities and Special Resources

In addition to the field concentrations described above, the Department of History offers several forms of specialized training, including certificate programs in Museum Scholarship & Material Culture, co-sponsored by the Department of American Studies, and Historic Preservation, co-sponsored by the School of Architecture.

The Nathan and Jeanette Miller Center for Historical Studies, housed within the Department, promotes both research and graduate training by sponsoring seminars and colloquia, major scholarly conferences, and visiting professors who teach graduate courses. Typically, the Center’s activities each year concentrate on a historical theme of surpassing interests that cuts across the usual chronological and cultural boundaries.

The University of Maryland is home to a number of important archives, special collections, and historical editing projects, including the archives of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), the Freedmen and Southern Society Project and the Samuel Gompers Papers, the Library of American Broadcasting, the Gordon W. Prange Collection, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation Library. The Combined Caesarea Expeditions, an archeological project that joins excavation of the terrestrial remains of Caesarea Maritima with underwater investigation of the site’s ancient harbor, are coordinated at Maryland.

The University sponsors a number of significant scholarly publications of interest to historians, including the Hispanic American Historical Review, the flagship English-language journal in Latin American history; and Feminist Studies, a pioneer in women’s history and gender studies.

The College Park campus is located within the Washington-Baltimore corridor, one of the nation’s most dynamic regions for historical research. Francis Scott Key Hall, home to the Department of History, sits less than ten minutes from Archives II, the U.S. government's largest repository, and less than thirty minutes from downtown Washington, D.C., a city of unparalleled cultural resources and unique opportunities for historical research, including the Library of Congress, the Folger, and the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. Annapolis and Baltimore, home to significant archival holdings related to the history and cultures of the State of Maryland, the greater Chesapeake Bay region, and the Atlantic world, can be reached in less than forty-five minutes.

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Other Deadlines: Please visit the program website at http://www.history.umd.edu