Graduate Financial Aid

The Knowlton School supports the majority of its graduate students throughout their studies. Approximately 70% of all Master of Architecture (M.Arch) students receive financial aid through fellowships, scholarships, or GA positions. The majority of 2nd and 3rd year Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) students receive a GA position and 1st year MLA students have the opportunity to receive a scholarship or potentially a GA position based on experience. Almost all of our Master of City and Regional Planning (MCRP) students participate in paid internships with a number receiving a tuition waiver. The majority of our Ph.D. students are funded through GA appointments.

All applicants and students will be considered for aid. For applicants to the programs, decisions are made based off of admission applications. Awards for applicants are announced in March though awards may continue to be made through the summer. Returning students will be awarded aid based on performance in the program, are these awards are typically announced in July.

FIRST-YEAR FELLOWSHIPS

The OSU Graduate School awards a number of fellowships to incoming students each year through a university-wide competition. During their first year of study, fellows receive a full tuition and fee waiver, a current monthly stipend of $1,700, and a health insurance subsidy. In subsequent years, Knowlton School Fellows are typically funded through the school.

Applicants wishing to be considered for fellowship nomination must submit their complete application for admission to the academic program by January 4, 2016. Note that students seeking fellowships do not submit any materials in addition to the standard admission application, with the exception of a required GRE score for MCRP applicants.

University Fellowship
- Open to domestic and international applicants
- GPA - Minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.6 on a 4.0 scale (or 88% on another scale)
- GRE - Minimum 75th percentile average on Verbal and Quantitative; minimum 4.0 on the Analytical Writing

Graduate Enrichment Fellowship
- Open to U.S. citizens who will bring diversity to the program
- GPA - Minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.1 on a 4.0 scale
- GRE - Minimum 40th percentile average on Verbal and Quantitative; minimum 3.5 on the Analytical Writing

Additional Information | Details can be found on the Graduate School’s website: gradsch.osu.edu/funding1.html

GRADUATE ASSOCIATESHIPS

Graduate Associate (GA) appointments are of three types: Graduate Administrative Associates (GAA’s), Graduate Research Associates (GRA’s), and Graduate Teaching Associates (GTA’s). GA’s with a 25% appointment work ten hours a week, receive a half tuition and partial fee waiver as well as a current monthly stipend of $750. GA’s with a 50% GA appointment work twenty hours a week and receive a full tuition and partial fee waiver and a current monthly stipend of $1,500. Select GAs are also part of the Office Associates program, a student sponsorship plan that provides students with direct exposure to practitioners. The M.Arch and MLA sections typically award 25% positions with a select few at 50%. The PhD program funds the majority of their students at the 50% level.

MCRP students do not typically have GA positions within the school as they participate in internships. Some MCRP students may obtain GA positions in planning-related areas within OSU.

New students may be awarded a GTA or GAA position based on a review of admissions applications and no additional application is needed. Current students are awarded GA and GTA positions based on performance. M.Arch students who did not have a GA position in the previous year must submit an application in order to be considered for a GA position for the following year. The application will be sent out towards the end of the spring semester. The MLA and CRP sections do not require an application for GA consideration. GRA positions are typically decided by individual faculty who have available funding. Students are welcome to seek out GA positions in other departments on campus by contacting departments directly. Some areas that have hired Knowlton students in the past include ACCAD, Wexner Center for the Arts, Center for Urban and Regional Analysis, Center for Aviation Studies, OSU Airport, and Kirwan Institute for Gender, Race and Ethnicity. Planning-related areas are typically on our MCRP Internship partners list and will receive our resume book of MCRP students seeking internships.

Additional Information | Graduate School’s website: gradsch.osu.edu/graduate-associates.html
KNOWLTON SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Students are encouraged to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov/. Students wishing to be considered for a scholarship through the university should apply by February 15 through sfa.osu.edu/scholarships/ and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov/. All students are considered for scholarships through the Knowlton School either based on an applicant’s application or on a current student’s performance.

CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING INTERNSHIPS

Students enrolled in the Master of City and Regional Planning (MCRP) program typically complete an internship as a requirement of the program. A vast majority of the internships are off-campus in planning-related agencies. New students must complete any admission conditions prior to being eligible for an internship and current students must be in good standing to have an internship. International students may not participate in an internship off-campus until completing one year of study in the U.S., and as a result typically complete their internship requirement in the second year.

Prior to the beginning of each term, the MCRP Internship Coordinator will send out resumes to our internship partners. It is not guaranteed that all students will obtain an internship through the program’s facilitation, though most do. Instructions on this process are sent to applicants once admission is accepted. Students can also seek out internships on their own provided that the internship is planning-related and approved by our Internship Coordinator. Forms are located on the MCRP Internship Program’s Buckeyebox folder. New students are given access to the folder after our offer of admission has been accepted.

Though internships may be unpaid, the majority of our students participate in paid internships, typically earning $13-$18.50/hour. The program also has a number of tuition waivers to award to high achieving students participating in an internship. These tuition waivers are awarded on a competitive basis and are typically only available to in-state, full-time students with an overall GPA of at least a 3.5 and who are in good standing with the university. GPA is based off of cumulative undergraduate GPA for incoming students and the OSU graduate GPA for current students. Out-of-state students may be considered only if the student secures a Graduate Associate position on campus as his/her internship.

Additional Information | MCRP Internship Program page: knowlton.osu.edu/mcrp-internships

TUITION AND FEES (2015-2016)

Ohio Resident | $6,467.40 per semester for full-time students
Non-Ohio Resident | $16,203.40 per semester for full-time students

Ph.D. post candidacy students must maintain a minimum of 3 credit hours each fall and spring semester through graduation. Current tuition and fees for 3 credit hours are as follows: Ohio Resident | $2442.90; Non-Ohio Resident | $6,093.90.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OSU Registrar - Student Tuition and Fee Tables | registrar.osu.edu/FeeTables/MainFeeTables.asp
OSU Registrar - Ohio Residency for Tuition | registrar.osu.edu/Residency/index.asp
OSU Graduate School - Funding | www.gradsch.osu.edu/funding.html
OSU Student Financial Aid | sfa.osu.edu
OSU Student Services Center | ssc.osu.edu

QUESTIONS?

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