



What is  
**Graduate** School  
and how do I apply?

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## What is graduate school?

## Is it for you?



## Questions to Consider:

- When should you go to graduate school?
- What field is right for you?
- What is the terminal degree for your field?
- What degree is required for you to continue your schooling?







## When should I apply?

- Many schools open applications a year prior to the intended start date.
- What is the application deadline?
- Are any standardized tests required?

## Does your current university offer accelerated degrees?

### HOW IT WORKS

Most programs require that students:

- Indicate their intention to pursue an accelerated master's
- Meet minimum requirements, such as GPA and prerequisites
- Complete most general education requirements prior to graduate work
- Enroll in designated graduate courses that count toward both the undergraduate and graduate degrees
- Apply early for Graduate School
- Complete required coursework to finish both undergraduate and graduate degrees

Each Accelerated Master's Degree pairs a single undergraduate degree with a single graduate degree.

Eligibility and application procedures differ. See program for details.

### SAMPLE ACCELERATED DEGREE\*

120 CREDIT BACHELOR'S + 30 CREDIT MASTER'S



\*This is a SAMPLE of how combined requirements work. Some programs allow for fewer credits, and other programs allow for more. See program for details.

## What does the application process look like?

- **Centralized vs. Decentralized**
- **CAS vs. Standard**



## What does the application process look like?

### Requirements for every UWM applicant:

- Application – UWM uses Panthera
- Application Fee – UWM is \$75 for Master's and PhD programs
- Transcripts – Unofficial vs. Official
- English Proficiency – If English is not your first language
- Reason Statement

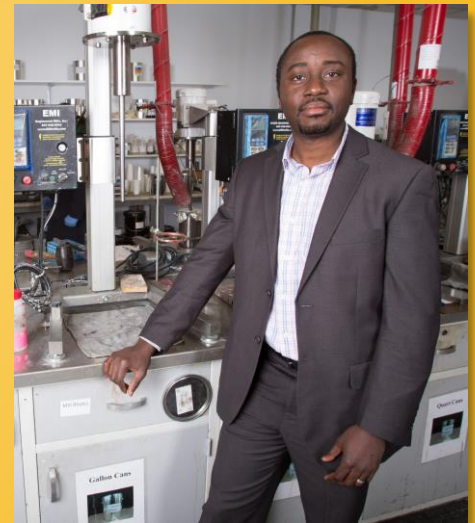




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### Requirements determined by programs:

- **Standardized Tests**
- **Letters of Recommendation**
- **Writing Sample**
- **Portfolio**
- **Audition**
- **Resumé**
- **Other Field-Related Materials**



## When will you receive a decision?

**This depends on:**

- **How the program chooses to review applications**
- **How far in advance you submitted your application**



# What funding is available to Master's and Doctoral students?



## Assistantships

**Approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the more than 5,000 master's and doctoral students receive one the of the following assistantships:**

- Teaching Assistantship
- Project Assistantship
- Research Assistantship

**Assistantships generally cover tuition, health care costs and support full-time students.**





## Fellowships

**The Graduate School supports and administers five intramural fellowship programs for master's and doctoral students:**

- Distinguished Graduate Student Fellows
- Doctoral Dissertator Fellows
- Advanced Opportunity Program Fellows
- Chancellor Graduate Awards Fellows
- Research Excellence Awards Fellows

**And philanthropic fellowships:**

- Graduate Student Excellence Fellows
- Levine Science Fellows
- Other Fellowships May Be Available





## Fellowships

**Many fellowships include the following benefits:**

- **Yearly Stipend**
- **Tuition Coverage**
- **Health Insurance**
- **Travel Award for Research and Presentations**



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Thank You!

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