

# GRADUATE STUDIES

## WELCOME TO PHILOSOPHY

### A COMMUNITY OF PHILOSOPHERS WITH AN EXPANSIVE VISION AND OUTWARD FOCUS

In the Department of Philosophy at the University of Washington we aspire to practice “engaged philosophy,” believing that our discipline has vital contributions to offer all areas of inquiry. We aim, through our teaching and research, to foster interdisciplinary conversations in which philosophical tools and methods are brought to bear upon problems and topics of public interest. Our graduate program is an integral part of this mission.



## WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

- > building an inclusive community of scholars who thrive on diverse perspectives
- > pursuing innovative research agendas that have impact beyond the walls of the academy
- > embracing evidence-based teaching methods that inspire all our students and enable them to cultivate the skills of lifelong learners
- > training graduate students for impactful professional careers
- > demonstrating the value of philosophical inquiry across campus and in the local, regional, and global communities we inhabit

# ADMISSIONS AT-A-GLANCE

[phil.uw.edu/admissions](http://phil.uw.edu/admissions)

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Students are admitted once per year. Completed applications are due **January 4**. New graduate students begin the following autumn quarter.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must have:

- > the equivalent of a United States Baccalaureate (BA or BS) degree
- > 3.0 minimum GPA
- > met the UW's English proficiency requirement & the English-speaking proficiency required to teach at UW

## APPLICATION MATERIALS

- > academic writing sample
- > statement of purpose
- > 3 letters of recommendation
- > Official TOEFL scores (for non-native English speakers)
- > Unofficial transcripts

## APPLICATION FEE WAIVERS

The Graduate School charges an application fee of \$85.00 (USD) for each application submitted.

Fee waivers are available to applicants who qualify for financial need. See [grad.uw.edu/admissions/apply-now/](http://grad.uw.edu/admissions/apply-now/) for details about eligibility.

**Deadline:** fee waiver requests must be submitted in the online application after all steps have been completed and *at least 7 calendar days prior to the program's posted deadline.*

# FUNDING

Our current funding package consists of guaranteed funding for the first five academic years (Autumn, Winter, and Spring quarters) of the program.

While we can only guarantee funding for the first five years, it is our current practice to do our best to maintain financial support to all our students who are in good standing.

Most of our funding is in the form of Teaching Assistant positions and occasionally we have a fellowship or Research Assistant position available.

TAs and RAs are classified as Academic Student Employees (ASEs) and are represented by a union. These positions are about half time (approximately 20 hours/week) and include the following benefits:

- > Tuition waiver (graduate students in 2020-2021 only pay \$248/quarter in fees – all other tuition is waived)
- > Health insurance (premium free)
- > Monthly salary (for the 9-month academic year). Monthly salaries are negotiated by the union and in 2020-2021 are:
  - \$2,436 pre-masters
  - \$2,619 post-masters/pre-General Exam
  - \$2,814 doctoral candidates

Third-year students and beyond may apply for summer solo teaching to supplement their funding.

We provide some funds for innovative summer projects as well as for conference travel.

We support our students applying for fellowships and awards from the UW Graduate School, College of Arts & Science, and the Simpson Center for the Humanities (as well as external funding opportunities).

## ENGAGED PHILOSOPHY

Our graduate students practice “engaged philosophy” in a variety of ways, from pursuing research with an immediate application, to bringing philosophy to broader publics. Below are a few examples from current grads and recent alumni.

To find out more about our graduate students’ activities and successes see our **Graduate Student News Feed**:

<https://phil.washington.edu/news/categories/graduate-students>.

### PAUL TUBIG



Paul has fostered connections between UW and community colleges as a Mellon Fellow for Reaching New Publics in the Humanities. He also teaches and organizes ethics bowls in a local women’s prison.

### JULIO COVARRUBIAS (PHD '20)



Julio presented the first TED talk on Latin American philosophy at TEDxUofW in 2019 and published an op-ed on what fascism in contemporary music can tell us about our current social moment.

### SAM SUMPTER (PHD '20)



Research on relational trans identity and responsibility for microaggressions informs Sam’s community engagement as a union leader, advocate of trans rights, and co-developer of a new program on prevention of sexual harassment and discrimination serving all of UW.

### TIM BROWN (PHD '20)



Tim is a neuroethics researcher at the UW Center for Neurotechnology. He brings philosophy to an engineering space, has presented at *Future Con*, and explored non-traditional career paths for humanities PhDs as a national fellow with Humanities Without Walls.

### NIC JONES



Nic brings philosophical discussion to young people in Seattle schools as a Philosophy for Children fellow, which in turn influences their graduate work on the importance of making academic philosophy more open and welcoming to people from a wide range of backgrounds.

### DUSTYN ADDINGTON



Dustyn co-hosts the philosophy podcast *No Narrow Thing* and works as Director of Programs for Humanities Washington, expanding access to humanities programming across Washington state.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

University of Washington Graduate School  
[www.grad.uw.edu](http://www.grad.uw.edu)

Simpson Center for the Humanities  
<https://simpsoncenter.org>

University of Washington Office of Minority  
Affairs and Diversity  
[www.uw.edu/omad](http://www.uw.edu/omad)

University of Washington Graduate  
Opportunities and Minority Achievement  
Program (GO-MAP)  
[www.grad.uw.edu/diversity/go-map](http://www.grad.uw.edu/diversity/go-map)

University of Washington Student Financial Aid  
[www.uw.edu/financialaid](http://www.uw.edu/financialaid)

## QUESTIONS?

Contact the Philosophy Graduate Advising team!



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