



Financial Support For Master's Programs

Council of Graduate Schools

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Small Graduate Programs in Strong Liberal Arts Schools

Bryn Mawr College - Avignon Institute - M.A. in French and French Studies- revenues provide funding for a Ta'ship

Small Graduate Programs in Strong Liberal Arts Schools



- Mount Holyoke College – M.A. in Psychology – tuition waivers and ta’ships (\$11,000)
- Smith College – M.A.T., M.F.A., M.S. in Biological Sciences; Exercise and Sports Studies – TA’ships and RA’ships (\$12,450) plus Tuition scholarships

Small Graduate Programs in Strong Liberal Arts Schools

- Wesleyan University – M. A. Programs in Astronomy, Math and Computer Science, Earth and Environmental Science and Music – all students receive tuition waivers and stipends ranging from about \$12,000-\$24,000.
- Tufts University – most M.A. Programs offer tuition scholarships, some ta'ships and fellowships for outstanding students.





Small Graduate Programs in Strong Liberal Arts Schools

Dartmouth College – M.A.'s in several fields. Awards, Ta'ships and Ra'ships are available depending on the field.



How Partnerships Can Help (Bryn Mawr and U Penn)



3/2 Program – Bachelor’s and Master’s in City and Regional Planning

- Complete AB requirements and begin major
- Apply in sophomore or junior year to Penn
- No more than 8 courses can be double-counted
- Eligible for financial aid from Bryn Mawr and Penn

4+1 Program – Bachelor’s and Master’s in Engineering

- Complete AB requirements and major
- Apply between sophomore and senior years
- Up to three graduate courses can be taken at Penn while an undergraduate, which can be double-counted
- Eligible for financial aid from Bryn Mawr and Penn

Other Opportunities for Master's Degree Funding

- National Consortium for Graduate Degrees in Engineering and Science (GEM) for M.S. in Engineering – provides full tuition and fees, \$16,000 stipend and internships
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS) – tuition award (\$18,000) plus \$15,000 stipend
- Funding provided by University Centers/Institutes for specific populations – e.g. Institute for African Development (IAD) tuition scholarship at Cornell for African students



Funding Challenges: AB/MA Programs at Bryn Mawr College

**AB/MA – Four Year
Degrees- eligible for
Bryn Mawr College
Financial Aid**

**AB/MA Degrees
beyond four years-
ineligible for Bryn
Mawr College Financial
Aid – eligible for
federal loans**

