

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

Maxwell is the only graduate school of public affairs where professional training in public administration and international relations is intermingled with traditional graduate work in the social sciences.

Owing to this unique structure, professional-degree students in public administration and international relations not only develop career skills, but also come to understand the broad policy implications built into their fields and the social and political contexts within which their professions operate.

Similarly, while doctoral students in anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, social science, and sociology conduct their research and perfect their expertise, they embrace as well the pragmatic dimensions of the disciplines they study. Whether in the professional or scholarly programs, all Maxwell students benefit from the practice/policy/theory foundation that is the school's hallmark.

Recruiting in a Challenging Marketplace

Unfortunately, while Maxwell's well-respected programs continue to draw highly qualified applicants, recruiting these students is becoming more challenging.

Promising candidates can pursue degrees at their choice of a wide range of quality programs at top institutions. Many of these institutions are public and offer lower tuition; many are private universities whose superior endowments allow them to make generous financial-aid awards.

There are other reasons why Maxwell graduate students may have greater need for financial aid than those in business or law. Many are only one or two years removed from the financial burden of their undergraduate studies. Many also look forward to careers in the public sector, academe, and other settings where the work is rewarding, but compensation may be modest. Too often, Maxwell is losing students to other programs simply because of affordability.



Campaign Priority: Graduate Scholarships and Fellowships

At a time when competition for promising students is great—and when so many lower-priced public institutions and aid-rich private schools offer similar programs—the continuing success of the Maxwell School depends on our ability to make a Maxwell education affordable. Through The Campaign for Syracuse University, we must increase our ability to offer financial aid to graduate students via:

New Scholarships and Fellowships

Maxwell seeks to enhance support for public administration and international relations students through the endowment of 40 new scholarships and fellowships.

Doctoral Student Support

At leading universities, doctoral students commonly receive fellowships and graduate assistantships for five full years of study—a standard Maxwell cannot always meet. We seek support to create 30 more doctoral awards for dissertation students in the fifth year of study.

Student Research and Development

Maxwell seeks to supplement the graduate student experience by subsidizing the costs of student research, including travel, student attendance at professional conferences, and other opportunities.

To Learn More...

For more information about endowing graduate scholarships and fellowships at the Maxwell School, call **315.443.5056** or **877.2GROWSU**.

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SCHOLARSHIP IN ACTION FELLOWSHIP INCITES A CAREER IN PUBLIC ADVOCACY

Octavio Hinojosa Mier '03 was working with the U.S. State Department when he decided a master's degree in public administration would push his career to the next level.

Hinojosa Mier earned his graduate assistantship by working for Maxwell's National Security Studies program. It provided not only necessary funding for this first-generation graduate student, but also invaluable experience dealing with the challenges faced by public servants in a post-9/11 world.

The assistantship gave Hinojosa Mier the confidence necessary to embark on a high-profile career advocating for Americans of Hispanic and Portuguese descent. Today, he is executive director of the Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute, an organization dedicated to broader awareness of the diversity of thought, heritage, interests, and views of Hispano-Americans.



"I am profoundly thankful for the assistance I received while at Maxwell," says Octavio Hinojosa Mier. "And I dedicate my success as the head of an emerging national nonprofit organization to Maxwell supporters."