

## Criminal Justice Graduate Funding Opportunities

Funding is available through a limited number of stipends and tuition scholarships for on-campus students who qualify. This financial assistance is competitive. Funding decisions are made in early April for the upcoming fall and spring semesters (students are rarely funded in the summer). To be considered for a stipend or tuition scholarship, a student must submit a completed application by **April 1st**, with the intent of starting the on-campus MSCJ program the following summer (May), fall (August), or spring (January) semester (e.g., complete an application by April 1, 2024, for a fall 2024 semester start).

Graduate funding is awarded to students on a competitive basis. The aim of our funding is (1) to provide competitive and meaningful funding awards to exceptional and promising students, (2) to provide valuable and collaborative learning experiences for graduate students and faculty, and (3) to facilitate program completion.

### What types of funding awards are available?

- **Stipends**
  - A student is assigned to work with a faculty member for a set number of hours per week (typically 10 hours). Responsibilities may include research activities such as data collection and input, literature reviews, or may include teaching assistance.
- **Tuition Scholarships**
  - Provides financial assistance for instructional fees (tuition).
- It is possible for a student to be awarded both a stipend and tuition scholarship as well as receive funding for the fall and spring semesters.

### Who is eligible to apply?

- Must be admitted as a graduate degree seeking student to the on-campus program.
- Must have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0, though funded students typically have higher GPAs.

### What criteria are considered for selection?

- Undergraduate cumulative GPA
- Quality of personal statement
- Strength of letters of recommendation
- Resume

### Special items to note:

- General fees are not covered under any type of funding offered in the MSCJ program.
- Specific hourly service requirements and duties will be determined by the graduate program awarding the stipend, but students are not permitted to work more than 20 hours per week per term. Typical hourly stipend awards are for 10 hours per week in the Criminal Justice Program.
- Stipend and tuition scholarship contracts are electronically processed through MyBGSU and require a BGSU email address. Awardees will receive an email indicating they have received an award and will need to follow directions as noted therein to accept and electronically sign their contracts.
- Stipend payments are only made electronically through direct deposit. Students will receive the appropriate bank forms and tax forms from the Graduate College.