Student Aid

Graduate assistantships available to students in this program and other forms of student aid are described in the Tuition & Funding (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-funding/) section of The Graduate School’s website. Students on graduate assistantships must adhere to the course load limits (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gsad/gsad-900/gsad-901-graduate-assistants/) set by The Graduate School.

In addition, the following awards typically have been available to graduate students in this program:

James Hamilton Hartzell and Lucretia Irvine Boyd Hartzell History Award
A $200 to $300 award made annually to a graduate student in the Department of History whose field of interest is Pennsylvania history.

James Landing Fellowship and the Warren Hassler Fellowship for Study in the Civil War
Each fellowship is available each year to doctoral candidates who are working on their dissertations. The award consists of a stipend that earns the successful candidate one semester of release time for research and writing. No tuition waiver is offered.

Hill Fellowships for Study in History
Awarded annually by the Department of History to doctoral candidates who are working on their dissertations. The amount of the award varies, but it generally supports one semester free of duties.

Edwin Erle Sparks Fellowship in the Humanities
One fellowship is available each year to doctoral candidates in the Department of History who are working on their dissertations.

Mark and Lucy Macmillan Stitzer Award
Awarded by the Department of History each year to support graduate student travel for the purpose of research. The number and value of these awards depends on the quality of proposals received, the level of funding required by each meritorious project, and the funds available in the endowment. Preference is given to request for doctoral dissertation research.

The E-Tu Zen Sun Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Assistant
One or two awards are made each year to recognize excellence in teaching by a History graduate assistant in the conduct of discussion sections, review sessions, or lecture presentations. The value of the award varies depending on funds available, but it is normally about $200.