Financial Support For Master’s Programs

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- AB/MA Degrees: Funding Challenges at Bryn Mawr College
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
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

Funding Challenges:
AB/MA Programs at Bryn Mawr College