The Department of Art History customarily awards graduate assistantships (GAs) and tuition grants-in-aid (GIAs) to all incoming graduate students. MA students are normally awarded assistantships for both years of their program; PhD candidates in good standing may anticipate an assistantship through the 4th year, with eligibility continuing through the 5th year. Fifth-year assistantships are awarded when available. Continuing students must reapply annually for an assistantship. Continuation of support is based upon satisfactory progress toward the respective degree and satisfactory performance of assistantship duties. All GA appointments are half-time and require approximately twenty hours of work a week.