

Graduate Assistantship at University of Wisconsin-Madison: "Intertribal Foodways in the Great Lakes Region"

Graduate Assistantship Opportunity – UW–Madison



A two-year Graduate Assistantship is available at the University of Wisconsin–Madison starting in Summer or Fall 2027. Funded by the USDA/NIFA Sustainable Agriculture Systems (SAS) grant, "Intertribal Foodways in the Great Lakes Region," this position is housed within the College of Agricultural & Life Sciences.

Based in Madison, the selected students will complete a Master's degree while engaging in statewide work alongside Tribal community partners.

Position Details & Eligibility

This assistantship provides the graduate student enrolled at UW–Madison with employment assisting faculty members with research, training, administrative duties, or academic projects. The ideal candidate will possess experience and demonstrated knowledge working with Tribal communities in Wisconsin and/or the broader Great Lakes region.

Compensation & Benefits

This 50% appointment (20 hours per week) includes:

- Monthly Stipend
- Tuition Remission: Covers both resident and non-resident tuition.
- Health Insurance: Access to high-quality group health insurance plans at low premiums for appointments lasting at least one full semester (for academic year positions) or six months (for annual positions). (<https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/graduate-assistantships/>)

Note: Students are responsible for paying segregated fees (approximately \$726 per semester).



Responsibilities & Academic Programs

Graduate Assistants will dedicate 50% of their time (20 hours per week) to duties assigned by their UW faculty supervisor. Depending on the student's background and focus, the supervisor may be affiliated with degree programs related to food systems, such as:

- [Agroecology M.S.](#)
- [Environment and Resources M.S.](#)
- Other relevant UW–Madison academic programs



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Research Scope & Application Process

Graduate assistantship duties are separate from and in addition to required degree coursework and research. Student research projects may integrate topics such as:

- Indigenous crop and livestock production
- Agroecology
- Food supply chains and traditional trade routes
- Nutrition and soil health

How to Apply:

- Prior to **November 10, 2026**: All interested applicants should contact **Professor Bill Tracy** at wftracy@wisc.edu for guidance on selecting the appropriate graduate program and preparing their application.
- By **December 1, 2026**: Prospective students must submit their **formal application** to the Graduate School via the **UW-Madison Graduate Application portal** (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>). FYI deadlines vary slightly by program.

For questions regarding the application process or specific program deadlines, please contact **Caitlin Collies** at caitlin.collies@wisc.edu.

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