The Department of French offers highly competitive, personalized research packages to outstanding incoming graduate students. These Departmental financial awards are specifically tailored for highly-qualified prospective students in fields represented in the Department.

For applicants of the highest standing, a Departmental financial award may be offered together with a campus-wide Fellowship. Campus-wide Fellowships include:

- The Illinois Distinguished Fellowship, which provides $20,000 paid over a 12-month period for three years.
- The School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics (SLCL) Fellowship, which provides $20,000 paid over a 12-month period for a period of two years.
- The Graduate College Fellowship for Underrepresented Students, which provides doctoral-level students with $17,000 per 12-month period for one, two, or three years.

These fellowships include a waiver of full tuition. Qualified applicants need take no action beyond applying to the graduate program. The Department automatically nominates top applicants for all fellowships. In addition to recruitment fellowships, the Department of French offers summer and/or partial fellowships, research assistantships, support for research summer institutes, and conference travel support.

About the Department:

* The Department of French has faculty representing a broad spectrum of fields. In addition to all periods of French and Francophone literature, they regularly offer courses in cinema studies, civilization, cultural studies, gender and women’s studies, post-colonial theory, second language acquisition (SLA), and theoretical and applied linguistics.
* In addition to its degree programs, students in the Department can obtain certificates in cinema studies, gender and women’s studies, medieval studies, second language acquisition and teacher education (SLATE), and theory and criticism.
* Currently 32 graduate students are working closely with 14 faculty members. Students not only receive close attention from their professors but are also educated as professionals and trained for the job market. As a result, in the past 5 years, the Department has placed 100% of its graduating PhD students in top research institutions (e.g., Indiana University, University of Texas, University of Wisconsin). 85% of these placements were in tenure-track positions.
* The University’s world-renowned Library, ranked among the top public libraries in the US, affords access to exceptionally rich collections including the Proust-Kolb Library.
* The Department offers non-native speakers of French the opportunity to participate in year-long exchange programs with Dijon, Liège, Lyon, Metz, Poitiers, and Quebec.

For further information on the Department including how to apply to the graduate program, go to http://www.french.illinois.edu or write french@illinois.edu.