



Introducing **BUCKY'S PELL PATHWAY**, a program to provide all Wisconsin Pell-eligible undergraduates an achievable pathway to graduate from UW-Madison without any college debt.

Bucky's Pell Pathway meets the full financial need for all Pell-eligible first-year Wisconsin resident students for four years. Transfer students from Wisconsin meeting the same criteria will receive two years of funding.

What does this mean? Under Bucky's Tuition Promise (BTP), all families with an adjusted gross income under \$65,000 pay no tuition or fees.

Bucky's Pell Pathway goes further: it guarantees grants, scholarships and work study opportunities sufficient to meet the full financial need (defined as Cost of Attendance minus any Expected Family Contribution) for all Wisconsin resident, Pell-eligible students. This includes not only tuition and fees, but housing, meals, books, additional educational expenses, as well as funding for study abroad opportunities and summer term courses.

In practical terms, it gives Pell-eligible students a realistic pathway to completing a four-year degree, without taking on debt to cover educational expenses, thereby bringing a world-class education fully within reach for even more of Wisconsin's students.

### QUICK FACTS

- Many Bucky's Tuition Promise students will also be eligible for Bucky's Pell Pathway, which will provide additional financial aid beyond tuition and fees.
- Full financial need (Total Cost of Attendance minus Expected Family Contribution) is covered for 8 semesters for incoming freshmen and 4 semesters for transfer students.
- Incoming freshmen and transfer students for Fall 2023 will be eligible for the program.
- Students must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year.
- No separate application is needed; Bucky's Pell Pathway is automatically awarded to eligible students by the Office of Student Financial Aid.

### Bucky's Pell Pathway



## A SIMPLIFIED ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Like Bucky's Tuition Promise and the Badger Promise, UW's original commitments to Wisconsin families, the eligibility for Bucky's Pell Pathway is straightforward and requires no separate application.

- The student must be a Wisconsin resident.
- Students are automatically enrolled based on information they provide on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- To qualify, students must also qualify for a Pell Grant, a federal program for students with significant financial need.
- Funding is guaranteed for four consecutive years for new freshmen and two consecutive years for new transfer students who qualify.

### How many students does UW-Madison expect to benefit from Bucky's Pell Pathway?

We expect over 800 incoming students will be eligible in the upcoming year.

### If I qualify, is Bucky's Pell Pathway a promise that I will graduate without debt?

No. It is a *pathway*, not a promise. Individual circumstances may vary and some students benefiting from Bucky's Pell Pathway may have additional expenses or specific circumstances that lead them to incur educational debt. But this commitment to meet full financial need for cost of attendance will provide a pathway for most Pell Wisconsinite students to avoid needing to take on debt to pursue their undergraduate education.

### Where does funding from Bucky's Pell Pathway come from?

The program is made possible through private gifts and other institutional resources. It is not funded with tax dollars.

## BUCKY'S PELL PATHWAY

A WORLD-CLASS  
EDUCATION



FOR  
WISCONSIN STUDENTS

COVERS  
100%



OF  
FINANCIAL NEED



NO  
SEPARATE APPLICATION

FUNDING FOR  
STUDY ABROAD  
OPPORTUNITIES



AND SUMMER  
TERM COURSES

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