



Funding Your Graduate Studies in the College of Education

Tuition. You can access information about current academic year tuition rates from our website (see URL below). Master's students are considered Graduate Tier 2, while doctoral students are considered Graduate Tier 1. Over the last six years, tuition rates have increased about 8% per year, on average.

- Tuition Rates: http://education.washington.edu/prospective/funding/tuition_aid.html

Federal Financial Aid (U.S. Students Only). The UW Office of Student Financial Aid is the primary source of financial assistance for most graduate students. The most common forms of federal financial aid are Stafford or Perkins (NDSL) loans and work-study awards. The UW requires students to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to be qualified for federal financial aid programs. Students must be US citizens, permanent residents, or other eligible non-citizens in order to qualify. International students may use the FAFSA to apply for Family Housing and Childcare Assistance, but are not eligible for federal loan programs.

- Office of Student Financial Aid: <http://www.washington.edu/students/osfa/graduate/>

College of Education Scholarships. The College of Education distributes a number of scholarships annually. Most of these scholarships are possible through the generous gifts of alums and other supporters of the College of Education. Only current and incoming College of Education students are eligible for College of Education scholarships. Some scholarships have additional, specific criteria based on the intent of the donor(s).

- List of Scholarships: <http://education.washington.edu/funding/scholarships/table.html>
- How to Apply: <http://education.washington.edu/funding/scholarships/index.html>

Research & Teaching Assistantships: The College of Education offers teaching, research, and staff assistantship positions to approximately 30 new graduate students each academic year. These positions involve a wide range of activities. Primary consideration is usually given to doctoral students with a strong background of successful teaching, research, and/or administrative experience. If you are interested in specifically working on funded research projects, we recommend that you make contact with faculty whose research interests most closely match your own. Students may also wish to investigate graduate student assistantships outside of the College of Education by contacting other departments in which they have an interest or aptitude, or by viewing available positions on-line through the University's Human Resources Division.

- College of Education Assistantships: <http://education.washington.edu/prospective/funding/ra.html>
- Assistantships in Other Departments (scroll up to the "Academic Student Employee" category): <https://uwhires.admin.washington.edu/eng/candidates/default.cfm?szLocationID=88>

Grants and Funding Information Services (GFIS): This service, sponsored by the UW Libraries, provides help identifying resources for external funding (not UW funding) for graduate students who have been admitted to or who are attending the University of Washington. GFIS offers workshops and individual consultations explaining print and online resources available for students to do their own searches. GFIS does not provide search services or money directly to students, but rather provides guidance in learning searching skills. It offers direction as to which resources (print, database, or web-based) might offer students better opportunities of finding useful external funding sources for themselves. In addition, GFIS hosts weblogs ("blogs") that list funding opportunities from both UW and external sources.

- Grants and Funding Information Service: <http://www.lib.washington.edu/gfis/>
- UW-Related Funding Opportunities Blog: <http://uwgfis.blogspot.com/>

Graduate School Fellowships and Assistantships: The Graduate School's Office of Fellowships and Assistantships assists students by publicizing upcoming deadlines, providing some applications, and participating in the application process or administration of some campus-wide awards. In addition, the Graduate Opportunity and Minority Assistance Program (GO-MAP) administers programs providing funding for students whose individual experiences and/or academic interests will bring diversity to scholarly perspectives and endeavors, and to the academic community. Awards are based on merit, financial need, and diversity. Students do not apply directly to GO-MAP for diversity fellowships and financial assistance; instead, applicants must be nominated by their graduate program. Students should ask their department's Graduate Program Coordinator to nominate them for any financial assistance and tuition waivers for which they may qualify.

- Office of Fellowships & Assistantships Calendar: <http://www.grad.washington.edu/students/fa/index.shtml>
- GO-MAP Financial Assistance: <http://www.grad.washington.edu/gomap/funding.shtml>

Private Educational Loans: Both U.S. and International students may be eligible for some private educational loans offered by private lending institutions. The interest rates and fees you pay on a private student loan are based on your credit score and the credit score of your cosigner (a cosigner will probably be required for international students). Because of these factors, most private loans will be more expensive than government student loan programs.

- Private Loan Overview and Links: <http://www.washington.edu/students/osfa/gradaid/alt.loans.html>

Special Note for International Students re: Employment: F-1 and J-1 visas both permit students to work for pay under certain conditions, particularly when the employment is on campus, is directly related to your field of study, and/or can be considered academic training. Students should review the information about these employment options carefully and consult the International Students and Scholars Office for clarification.

- International Students & Scholars Office: <http://iss.washington.edu/>
- J-1 Visa Holders: <http://iss.washington.edu/stu/j1j2.pdf>
- F-1 Visa Holders:
 - On-Campus Employment: <http://iss.washington.edu/stu/f1empop.pdf>
 - Curricular Practical Training: <http://iss.washington.edu/stu/cptAP.pdf>
 - Optional Practical Training: http://iss.washington.edu/stu/opt/opt_overview.pdf
 - Economic Hardship: <http://iss.washington.edu/stu/econhardship.pdf>
 - International Organizations: <http://iss.washington.edu/stu/intlorg.pdf>

Funding Opportunities Listserv: The College of Education maintains a listserv to help current students and admitted prospective students locate opportunities for funding their graduate studies. The listserv will contain posts about several different kinds of funding opportunities that are open to College of Education students, including (a) RA/TA and other Graduate staff positions, (b) scholarships, grants, and fellowships, and (c) certain part-time employment positions. Other information -- for example, announcements of FAFSA deadlines or reminders of campus web resources -- will also be distributed to the list periodically.

- To subscribe: https://mailman1.u.washington.edu/mailman/listinfo/coed_funding_opportunities. (Follow the instructions provided under "Subscribing to CoEd_Funding_Opportunities.")

Additional Ideas & Questions: Please see also the "About Financial Aid" section of our website for additional advice and ideas about funding your education, or contact the Office of Student Services.

- About Financial Aid: http://education.washington.edu/prospective/funding/financial_aid.html
- Office of Student Services: edinfo@u.washington.edu or 206-543-7834