FUNDING GRADUATE SCHOOL 101
LEARN THE BASICS

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Agenda

1. Undergraduate Vs. Graduate
2. Types of Financial Aid
3. Financial Aid Applications
4. AB 540 & CA Dream Act
5. Questions
SIMILAR & DIFFERENT

Undergraduate

- Federal Grants

Graduate

- FAFSA or CDA
- Some State Grants
- Federal & Private Loans
- Scholarships
- Federal Work Study

- Graduate Assistantship
- Fellowship
- Teaching Assistantship
- Research Assistantship

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FINANCIAL AID

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- Graduate Research and Fellowship Opportunities
  Outside CSUF

http://www.fullerton.edu/financialaid/
Available Loans

- Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan (5.84%)
  - Must complete loan entrance counseling and Master Promissory Note (www.studentloans.gov)

- Federal Direct PLUS Loans for Grad Students (6.84%)
  - Must complete credit check (www.studentloans.gov) and application available on FA website
    (http://www.fullerton.edu/financialaid/dloan/gradplus_direct.htm)

- Alternative Loans
  - Must apply with lending institution and rates vary based on credit. See www.finaid.org for a list of various private loan programs
STATE UNIVERSITY GRANT

- SUG- (Only available at a CSU)
  - Must file FAFSA by priority filing date of March 2\textsuperscript{nd}
  - Must be California resident
  - Covers State University Fees – up to state tuition per semester
  - Eligibility determined by information provided on financial aid application (FAFSA or CA Dream Act)
  - Must be enrolled at least half-time (6 units)
  - Maximum for graduate students: 125\% of graduate program units
FEDERAL WORK STUDY

- FWS is a federal program that provides students the opportunity to work a maximum of 20 hours a week with both on and off-campus employers to earn money to help pay for educational expenses.
APPLICATIONS

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Priority deadline to file March 2\textsuperscript{nd} every year
- File Online: \url{www.fafsa.ed.gov}
- FSA ID required

Eligibility:
- U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Valid SSN
CA DREAM ACT

- AB 540
- Undergraduate and Graduate students
  - Eligible for private scholarships and state funded aid
- Application
  - Online: [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org)
  - Priority filing deadline March 2nd every year
Ab 540

- Exemption from non-resident tuition in public postsecondary institutions

- A student who:
  - Attended a CA high school for 3 or more years
    - AB 2000-3 years at K-12 in CA
  - Graduated from a CA high school or attained equivalent
  - Enroll in a public college in CA
  - File an affidavit with college certifying student has or will file to legalize immigration status, if student does not have lawful immigration status
CSU System-wide Scholarships
Associated Students Scholarship
University Awards
University Scholarships
College of Arts
Mihaylo College of Business & Economics
College of Communication
College of Education
College of Engineering & Computer Science
College of Health & Human Development
College of Humanities & Social Sciences
Natural Science & Mathematics Scholarship

Outside Scholarships
The Gates Millennium Scholars
Edison Scholarship

Additional scholarship resources are available at the following websites:
Finaid.org
Fast WEB
CollegeNet
College Board Scholarship Search
Graduate Assistantships On Campus

Resources:
- Career Center
  - LH-208
  - www.fullerton.edu/careercenter
- Individual Colleges
- Departments
- Faculty (Teaching Assistant)
- Office of Graduate Studies
Awards
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

- **Amount:** $1,000
- **Criteria:** Academically outstanding ♦ Demonstrates service to the department, university and/or community ♦ Active in extracurricular, academic or professional activities.
- **Application Procedure:** 1) Faculty or staff member to directly submit both a nomination and biographical data form to the George G. Golleher Alumni House 2) All forms can be found on the Alumni Association website at fullerton.edu/alumni/scholarship/graduateaward.asp
- **Application Deadline:** March 15

http://www.fullerton.edu/financialaid/scholar/uabody.pdf
GILES T. BROWN THESIS AWARD

- $1000 and name on engraved plaque in OGS
- Completed thesis nominated by department in late February
- Judging criteria: originality and significance
- Selection of winning thesis made by committee of emeriti professors
- Announcement in May
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- California Pre-Doctoral Program
- Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program
- Graduate Equity Program
- Giles T. Brown Travel Grant
- Elevar Scholars Program
- Graduate Research & Fellowship Opportunities

http://www.fullerton.edu/graduate/funding/
CALIFORNIA PRE-DOCTORAL PROGRAM

- Provides assistance with process of applying to PhD program
  - Travel to visit doctorate-granting institutions
  - Application fees
  - Test fees: GRE
  - Summer research internships

- **Number Available:** Varies

- **Dollar Amount:** $3,000
  - Next AY—during application process for PhD
  - Summer internship opportunities

- **Application:** personal statement, action plan, faculty sponsor letter

- **Deadline:** Mid February – Check with Graduate Studies on exact dates.
CHANCELLOR’S DOCTORAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

- Provides student loans for pursuing full-time PhD degrees at universities throughout the United States. After participants receive their PhD degrees and obtain a qualifying teaching position in the CSU, a portion of their loan from this program will be forgiven each year.

- Number: varies
- Dollar Amount: varies
- Application: personal essay, action plan, faculty sponsor
- Deadline: Mid February – Check with Graduate Studies on exact dates.
Giles T. Brown Graduate Student Travel Grant

- Supports CSUF graduate students’ conference travel to present their research.

- **Number Available:** Varies

- **Dollar Amount:** $200-$500 each application cycle.

- **Deadline:** Throughout the semester
GRADUATE EQUITY PROGRAM

- Provides fellowships to economically disadvantaged CSUF students who have overcome educational disadvantages or hardships

- **Number Available:** varies
- **Dollar Amount:** up to $2000
- **Application:** personal statement and 2 letters
- **Deadline:** Mid April – Check with Graduate Studies on exact dates.

- See www.fullerton.edu/graduate/funding
**ELEVAR SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

- Provides fellowships to economically disadvantaged CSUF students who have overcome educational disadvantages or hardships.

- **Number Available:** varies
- **Dollar Amount:** $2000 split between fall/spring
- **Application:** personal statement and 1 letter
- **Deadline:** May 25, 2016
- **Requirements:** Attend professional development workshops (2 in fall, 1 in spring)

See [www.fullerton.edu/graduate/funding](http://www.fullerton.edu/graduate/funding)
Graduate Research and Fellowship Opportunities Outside CSUF

Art Administration Internships at American Dance Festival

Biological and Bio-Inspired Motion Systems Operating in Complex Environments (CiBER-IGERT) Program at University of California at Berkeley

Capital Fellows Program - Sacramento State Center for California Studies

Charles G. Koch Summer Fellow Program at Institute for Humane Studies

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) Graduate Fellowship Program

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) Public Policy Fellowship

Critical Language Scholarship Program

Department of Commerce Internship for Postsecondary Students

Dr. Gerald A. Soffen Memorial Fund for the Advancement of Space Science Education (Travel Grant)

East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes for U.S. Graduate Students (EAPSI)

Glimmerglass Opera Summer Internships

Graduate Equity Fellowship at California Polytechnic State University

Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP)

Heliophysics Summer School

IHS Journalism Internship Program

Institute for Recruitment of Teachers Intern Summer Workshop
TIPS FOR GETTING FUNDED

- Start early – get organized!
- Align statements with priorities of sponsor
- Write with review process in mind – review committee may not be in your field.
- Capture reviewers’ attention: well organized essay, engaging language, clear focus.
- Follow instructions precisely.
- Review and edit – ask for feedback!
- Submit on time.
- Advising
- Online Communities
- Elevar Scholars Program
- SOARing Graduate Student Association (SGSA)
- Graduate Student Success Center (GSSC)
EPOCHS SERVICES CONTINUE

- Graduate Learning Specialists
- Faculty/Student Mentoring Program
Clubs and Professional Associations @ CSUF

- Discipline-based by department
  - Chicana & Chicano Studies Alliance

- Cultural
  - Hispanic Scholarship Fund

- Special Interests
  - National Society of Leadership & Success

http://www.fullerton.edu/deanofstudents/studentlife/clubsOrg.html
TAKE AWAYS

- Do your research early for funding options
- Apply every year by deadline
- Follow up with the financial aid office and scholarship departments at your university
- Each school and department is different
- Get involved!
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS