FUNDING & OPPORTUNITIES
FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS AT CSUF

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Workshop Agenda

• Office of Graduate Studies
• Cost of Attendance
• Financial Aid
  – FAFSA
  – California Dream Act
  – State University Grant
  – Loans
• Scholarships
  – Office of Graduate Studies
  – Office of Financial Aid
  – External Scholarships
• Opportunities
  – Graduate Assistant, Research Assistant, Teaching Associates
  – Newsletter
  – Support
• McCarthy Hall—MH 112
• Hours: 8am-5pm M, Th, F
  – Late hours on T & W: open 8am to 7pm
• Website: www.fullerton.edu/graduate
Office of Graduate Studies

- Resources and support for students
  - Graduate Student Handbook
  - Newsletter
  - Faculty/Grad Student Mentoring Program
  - Workshops for graduate students
  - Tutoring for graduate students
  - Advising for graduate students
  - Graduate Assistantships
  - Federal grant projects “EPOCHS” and “SOAR”
  - Regular communications to graduate students
# Cost of Attendance

**What is “cost of attendance”?**

The estimated cost of attendance reflects estimated expenses for the nine-month academic year. Standard expenses include the cost of state tuition fees, books and supplies for two semesters of full-time enrollment, as well as an allowance for room and board and other living expenses based on where you plan to live while in school. See How Cal State Fullerton assigns your COA. If you attend Cal State Fullerton only one semester, or if you attend summer session in addition to the regular semesters, we prorate your costs. Tuition and fees reflect the new tuition fee costs approved by the CSU Board of Trustees and can be subject to change.

*Note: All CSU tuition fees listed are estimates that are subject to change upon approval by the CSU Board of Trustees.*

**Standard 9 month Student Budget 2015-2016**

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- Part Time Tuition Fees (Enrolled in 6 or less units per semester)
- Full Time Tuition Fees (Enrolled in 7 or more units per semester)
Financial Aid Office

- Office of Financial Aid @ CSUF
  - [http://www.fullerton.edu/financialaid](http://www.fullerton.edu/financialaid)
- FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- California Dream Act
- State University Grant
- Scholarship Bulletin
- Loans
Financial Aid Applications

• Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
• California Dream Act
• CSUF School Code: 001137
• Deadline: March 2 – Apply Yearly!

— These applications determine your eligibility to receive the State University Grant and/or Loans
Student: Submits FAFSA or CA Dream Act online no later than March 2nd.

CSUF OFA: Application is received in 7-10 business days. Student is notified via campus email about additional documents that are needed.

Awards & Disbursement: All steps associated with accepting awards must be completed for funds to be released during the 1st week of the semester.

Documentation: Student prints, completes, and submits all requested documentation to the Office of Financial Aid.

Review Period: Documentation is reviewed to determine student’s eligibility. Award offer is sent via campus email 4-6 weeks from the date of submission.

Annual Financial Aid Cycle
State University Grant (SUG)

• SUG Recipients
  – Must file FAFSA or California Dream Act by priority filing date of March 2nd
  – Must be California resident or AB 540 Eligible, and demonstrate need
  – Must be enrolled at least half-time (6 units) through the main campus (not UEE)

• SUG
  – Covers Tuition
  – Eligibility determined by information provided on financial aid application (FAFSA or CA Dream Act)
Loans

• 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)
  – Federal Perkins Loan
  – Private Loans
  – California Dream Act applicants may be eligible to receive loans in the near future
CSUF Office of Financial Aid website offers Loan information and additional resources.
Loan Maximums Link

Graduate Annual Max.: $20,500

Graduate Lifetime Max.: $138,500

Please note: Graduate students qualify for the Unsubsidized Direct Loan program only.

Fees for Direct Loans: 1% origination fee

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### Stafford Direct Loan Maximums

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For financial aid purposes, you must have earned a minimum of 30 units to be considered a sophomore; 60 units to be considered a junior; 90 units to be considered a senior. Your loan will be processed at the grade level assigned by the office of Admissions and Records.

* Includes Dependent students whose Parents are PLUS loan denied.

** Graduate/Professional $20,500 annual loan limit is Unsubsidized Loan only.
Additional Loan Resources

• U.S. Department of Education’s Student Loan Website (www.studentloans.gov)
  – Credit check for Federal Direct PLUS Loans
  – Loan entrance counseling (Required – 1st time borrowers)
  – Master promissory note (Required)
• U.S. Department of Education’s Student Aid Website (www.studentaid.ed.gov)
• National Student Loan Data System (www.nslds.ed.gov)
Financial Aid Disbursement

- Disbursements for spring semester are starting now.
- There will be two disbursement cycles per week until all disbursements are completed.
Financial Aid Next Steps

• Review your TO DO LIST through the Student Center.
  – Some documents may be required for verification.

• Student Center can be found by logging into your CSUF Portal ➔ Titan Online ➔ Student Self Service
TO DO LIST
Scholarships

• Cal State Fullerton is pleased to offer a wide variety of scholarships and awards to honor outstanding achievement. Nearly $2 million in scholarships and awards is paid annually at Cal State Fullerton. Students apply for scholarships and are nominated for awards.

• In addition to scholastic achievement, financial need and other factors may be considered in the selection process. Read and follow the “application procedure” for each scholarship or award in which you are interested. Most applications are due the last Friday in February and recipients are notified by the selection committee, usually in late May. Due to the large number of applications received, non-selected applicants are not notified.
Scholarships for International Students

• International students may apply for scholarships – some scholarships may have restrictions – Do your research to find available scholarships

• To ensure that all international students have an equal opportunity to apply for scholarships and awards, they may file a financial need form with Office of Financial Aid

• You may contact international programs for further information
Elevar Scholars Program

• As part of the SOAR grant, under-represented and financially disadvantaged CSUF graduate students can apply to the Elevar Scholarship

• Awards: $2,000 ($1,000 for Fall, $1,000 for Spring)

• Application requirements: personal statement and 1 letter of recommendation

• Deadline: 5:00 pm on May 27, 2016

• For further details:
  – www.fullerton.edu/graduate/funding
Graduate Equity Program

- Provides fellowships to economically disadvantaged CSUF students who have overcome educational disadvantages or hardships
- **Dollar Amount:** up to $2500
- **Application:** personal statement and 2 letters
- **Deadline:** 5:00 pm on April 18, 2016
- For further details:
  - [www.fullerton.edu/graduate/funding](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

• **Dollar Amount:** $3,000 & Summer internship

• Apply during application process for PhD

• **Deadline:** March

• [www.fullerton.edu/graduate/funding](http://www.fullerton.edu/graduate/funding)
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
- **Deadline**: February
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Campus Scholarships

CSU System-wide Scholarships

Full details for scholarships and awards at Cal State Fullerton are available by clicking on the links below:

- 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
Students may also log into their student portal via www.fullerton.edu and click on the “Scholarships” button.

Online scholarship applications are available on this tab. One application can match you with various scholarship opportunities.
Get Involved
Learn about additional opportunities as they become available!

About Us
The SOARing Graduate Student Association (SGSA) promotes the retention of graduate students throughout their program at CSUF. SGSA aims to promote a culture of academic and professional development through a strong network of like-minded students in an environment that is centered on community, social and professional support.

SGSA provides Graduate Students with a:

- **Platform** to develop a strong professional network with faculty, fellow students, and other University partners;
- **Resource** sharing community through the Graduate Student Success Center;
- **Attend** social events that strengthen your academic and professional support network.

To join SGSA, please contact us at csufsgsa@fullerton.edu.

Office of Graduate Studies

https://fullerton.collegiate-link.net/organizations/SGSA
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

Department of Energy (DOE) Scholars Program

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

• Some GA/TA/RA Opportunities are available at CSUF.
  – Work opportunities available throughout the school. Up to 20 hours/week. Variety of assignments.

• Resources:
  – Career Center (www.fullerton.edu/career)
  – Department Adviser
  – Department Chair
  – College Dean
Questions?

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