

The **Graduate Student Aid Fund** has been established to assist graduate students experiencing financial hardships with paying University fees for the current academic year.

Amount: no more than the amount of Campus Health Service Fee and Cardinal Care Insurance per quarter of enrollment. These funds directly offset required fees and are, therefore, non-taxable.

Student eligibility: Students enrolled in any graduate degree program in the Graduate School of Education; School of Engineering; School of Humanities & Sciences; School of Earth, Energy & Environmental Sciences; and School of Medicine (PhD program only) are eligible to apply. Students in the Graduate School of Business, Law School, or School of Medicine (MD program) should consult their respective Financial Aid Offices. Eligibility is limited to students making satisfactory academic progress. The fund is limited; students will be assisted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Examples of typical situations in which students will be eligible for grant assistance:

- Students with dependent children or other family members
- Students with non-discretionary expenses above and beyond the customary cost of attendance
- Students with significant debt burdens
- Students with limited resources who are not eligible for loans
- Students with unusual situations which result in higher than standard Cardinal Care charges

Application Requirements

Applicants are asked to complete loan application requirements. Whether or not you are eligible for grant funds, loan funds may be available to assist with educational expenses.

1. Use the attached form to explain your financial circumstances and indicate your need for aid.
2. Graduate Loan/Federal Work-Study Application through the Financial Aid Office's web site at <http://financialaid.stanford.edu/grad/apply/>.

Either:

- 3a. US Citizens and Permanent Residents (who are eligible for federal financial aid) submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Use school code 001305 for Stanford. The application form and instructions are available at <http://fafsa.gov/>.
- 3b. International students (who are not eligible for federal financial aid) submit the student's (and spouse's if applicable) most recent federal income tax return or other documentation of income directly to the Financial Aid Office.

The Financial Aid Office will review the applicant's financial aid history and academic record and make a determination of eligibility.

This is not a Fee Waiver.
Enrolled students who are not living in the Bay Area may apply for a waiver of the Campus Health Services Fee. See <https://vaden.stanford.edu/insurance/frequently-asked-questions-about-insurance>.

