Funding Your Graduate Education

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Financial Aid Brochure
for Graduate Students

- Here is a one-stop-shop for all graduate school funding opportunities for grad students, along with the requirements for each individual opportunity.

- Please save the link to come back to this brochure when you might need to reference it!

The Graduate Equity Fellowship

- Award amounts $500 - $4,500

- Apply through the CSUSB Scholarship portal, November 1st – March 2nd, for the next academic year.

- More information: Graduate Studies Graduate Equity Fellowship

The California Pre-Doctoral Program (Pre-Doc)

Benefits

- Travel Funds
- Professional Development Funds
- A Summer Research Experience

Eligibility

- Upper-division or master's degree students enrolled at a CSU
- Applicants must have a faculty mentor

CALIFORNIA PRE-DOCTORAL PROGRAM

Commitment to Excellence with Diversity

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Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP)

Benefits

- Loans of up to $10,000 per year over five years, up to a maximum amount of $30,000

- Full-time & Part-time teaching in the CSU are considered for loan forgiveness

- Professional development workshops

- Networking

- Grant and research support

Eligibility

- Undergraduate and master's level students who are, or will be enrolled full-time in a doctoral program at an accredited university within the US

- Full or part-time lecturers
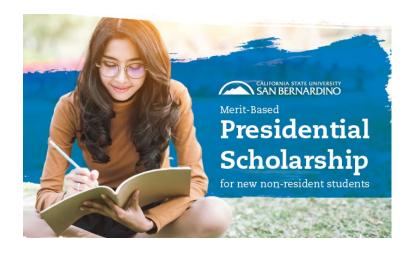
- Must be eligible to work in the United States

THE CHANCELLOR'S
DOCTORAL
INCENTIVE
PROGRAM
— COMMITMENT TO —
EXCELLENCE WITH DIVERSITY

The Merit-Based Presidential Scholarship

Details

- For new non-resident students

- Graduate Student Award Amount - $4,000/year

- Two years maximum award duration

Eligibility

- Must be admitted to CSUSB

- Must be a degree-seeking, non-resident student

- Must be enrolled in no fewer than 9 units per term

- Must have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 in the last 60 semester/90 quarter units attempted.

Contact CSUSB's International Admissions at internation@csusb.edu or call (909) 537-5288 for more information and to apply.

Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships

Two categories of financial aid:

- Achievement-based

- Need-based

Basic Types of Financial Aid Available

- FAFSA

- State University Grant

- Grants

- Loans

- Scholarships

- [Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships](#)

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Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Free and easy to apply
- If you don't fill it out, you may miss out
  - Apply early
  - Apply yearly
- Federal Work Study

Scholarships

- On Campus
- Department fellowships
- Off Campus Scholarship Search Engines
  - FastWEB
  - iGrad Scholarship Search engine
  - Scholarships.com

State University Grant (SUG)

- The maximum annual SUG award is up to the tuition/fee
- Does not cover additional campus charges
- *Limited funding and based on availability of funding at time of review*
- May not receive a SUG if you are receiving another type of aid that pays your tuition fee costs.

Over 60 Program

Allows a limited number of California residents, sixty years of age or older to enroll in regular session courses without payment of certain specified fees.

- Open to California residents, 60 years of age or older

- All regular admission requirements must be met

- Excludes books, parking, and lab/supply fees

- [Office of the Registrar Over 60 Program](#)

Office of Student Research

Funding & Resources

- Student Research and Travel

- SSI Graduate Student Culminating Project Fund

- Graduate Extended Reality Research Scholarship

- Faculty/Student Grants

- Peer Lab Consultant

- Peer Research Consultant

Professional Development

- Palm Desert Taste of Research

- CSUSB Student Research Competition

- Meeting of the Minds Research Symposium

Other Graduate Education Funding Sources

- Graduate Teaching Assistantships

- Employee Fee Waiver Program

- Student Assistant Positions

- Internships

- Program grants/fellowships

- Employer tuition reimbursement

Other Graduate Education Resources

- **Career Center**
  - Workshops
  - Career Resources
  - Career Fairs
  - Appointments and Drop-In hours
  - Handshake
  - Coyote Connection

- **HOWL Program**
  - Financial workshops & events
  - Financial Literacy 101 platform

- **SMSU Financial Literacy Center**
  - Learn healthy financial habits
  - Build community

Funding Resources

- **Graduate Equity Fellowship:** https://www.csusb.edu/graduate-studies/financial-support/graduate-equity-fellowship

- **California Pre-Doctoral Program**: https://www.csusb.edu/graduate-studies/financial-support/california-pre-doctoral-program

- **Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program:** https://www.csusb.edu/graduate-studies/financial-support/chancellors-doctoral-incentive-program

- **The Merit-Based Presidential Scholarship:** https://www.csusb.edu/sites/default/files/CEGE%20-Presidental%20Merit-Based%20Scholarship%20Award%20Guide%20to%20Students%2020210607%20with%20hyperlink.pdf

- **Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships**: https://www.csusb.edu/financial-aid

- **Fastweb:** https://www.fastweb.com/

- **iGrad:** https://www.igrad.com/tools

- **Scholarships.com:** https://www.scholarships.com/

- **Over 60 Program:** https://www.csusb.edu/registrar/over-60-program

- **Office of Student Research –**
    - **Student Research and Travel**: https://www.csusb.edu/student-research/students/student-research-and-travel
    - **SSI Graduate Student Culminating Project Fund**: https://www.csusb.edu/student-research/students/ssi-graduate-student-culminating-project-fund
    - **Graduate Extended Reality Research Scholarship:** https://www.csusb.edu/student-research/students/graduate-extended-reality-research-scholarship

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Funding Resources Cont.

- **Professional Resource Engagement Program:**

  https://www.csusb.edu/graduate-studies/prep-program

- **Graduate Studies Financial Support Page:**

  https://www.csusb.edu/graduate-studies/financial-support

- **Federal Student Aid Page:** https://studentaid.gov/

- **The CSUSB Career Center:** https://www.csusb.edu/career-center

- **SMSU Financial Literacy Center:**

  https://www.csusb.edu/smsu/resources/financial-literacy-center

- **HOWL Program:** https://www.csusb.edu/howl-program