



Graduate Financial Aid Resources (Domestic Students)

Graduate students are eligible for \$20,500 each FAFSA/Academic year (Starts in Fall and ends in Summer)—or 10,250 per semester in a non-credit based unsubsidized loan. If the 10,250 is not enough to cover your educational/living expenses or last you until the end of summer, then you may apply for a credit-based Graduate PLUS Loan. Information regarding the various loans can be found here: <http://www.csuohio.edu/financial-aid/loans>. To apply for a GRAD PLUS – you do so online via: <http://www.studentaid.gov>

There are no scholarships offered by the University financial aid office for graduate students— however, you may inquire with your respective academic department for the discipline to which you are studying. Access to each College’s Scholarship site can be found by utilizing the vertical navigation bar on the University scholarship page:

<https://www.csuohio.edu/financial-aid/scholarships>

You can also access the following graduate funding database through College Now Greater Cleveland. You will need to click the link below and scroll down to click the Search Outside Scholarships button and choose Graduate Student from the drop down list:

<http://collegenowgc.org/find-scholarships/>

Sallie Mae offers a free scholarship database for graduate students:

<https://www.salliemae.com/student-loans/graduate-school-information/graduate-school-scholarships/>

And offers a Bridging the Dream scholarship nation-wide to all graduate students

<https://www.salliemae.com/landing/bridging-the-dream-for-graduates/>

Check out the External Funding Resources and Databases on the Graduate Student Resource Center website: <https://www.csuohio.edu/gsrc/external-funding>

Utilize the careeronestop scholarship finder:

<https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx>

If you are looking for Graduate Assistantships (GAs)— contact your department. If your department is not offering any GAs—look university-wide by accessing the Career Success Network Online Job Board— some departments post GA openings through Career Services.

<https://www.clestatecareers.com/ocsestudent>

If you are looking to borrow outside the federal financial aid system—you can compare lenders and apply for a private loan utilizing our FASTChoice tool:

<https://www.csuohio.edu/financial-aid/private-loans>

Join a professional association or society for your discipline. Contact your graduate program director for the name of your national organization. Membership fees as a graduate student are probably nominal—and you may be able to apply for scholarships directly through the association.