

The George Washington University offers a variety of funding options for international students pursuing graduate study, including fellowships and assistantships. GW also assists students in finding part-time employment opportunities and other external funding sources.

This brochure provides an overview of the types of funding available to graduate students. Full information on costs and funding options is available at www.gwu.edu/gradcosts.

Most graduate students at U.S. universities fund their education through a variety of sources. As GW merit-based financial assistance is highly competitive, students often seek funding from non-profit organizations, agencies, foundations, their home countries, or companies for which they work.

To apply for GW assistantships and fellowships, you should review your academic program's website for details about the types of available support. Application for these awards simply requires that you answer "yes" to the question about fellowships/assistantships on the graduate application for admission. The deadline for most

GW fellowships and assistantships is **January 15** for the fall semester and **September 1** for the spring semester, but individual programs may have earlier deadlines. All admission materials must be submitted by the funding deadline.

Most decisions on assistantships and fellowships are made by faculty committees within the academic program, begin in the fall semester, and are awarded for the full academic year.

Other types of graduate student support may require separate application forms and have different deadlines.

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS *At GW*

For information on graduate programs and admission requirements, or to apply for admission, please visit www.gwu.edu/gradapply.

Information on fellowship opportunities is available on the Office of Graduate Student Assistantships and Fellowships website at www.gwu.edu/~fellows.

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ASSISTANTSHIPS

Assistantships are related to students' programs of study and are available in many GW departments. International applicants for assistantships must demonstrate strong English language skills by meeting the minimum test scores requirements detailed on the graduate admissions website (graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/english-language-requirements).

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS (GAs)

Graduate assistantships primarily involve teaching support, but may also include some research or administrative duties related to your program of study. These awards provide an excellent opportunity to fund both your graduate education and prepare you for a possible future in academia. GA positions are highly competitive and, although prior teaching experience is not required, it is considered an asset.

Upon arrival at GW, all GAs must pass an Oral English Proficiency Screening and complete the GTA Orientation Program. During their first semester of their appointment, GAs are also required to complete a no-cost GTA online certification course.

GAs receive salaries for their services, and departments sometimes package the salaries with fellowship stipends and tuition awards. They are also eligible for special GA student insurance and parking rates.

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS (GRAs)

Graduate research assistantships provide an opportunity to assist with a faculty member's research and are funded by the university or through sponsored projects.

All GRAs receive salaries for their services, and departments sometime provide tuition awards. They are also eligible for special GRA student insurance and parking rates. The length and renewability of awards funded by a sponsored project are dependent upon available funding.

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Fellowships and scholarships are merit-based awards to fund master's and doctoral study. They offer stipends and/or tuition awards and have various deadlines. Listed below are a few examples of these types of awards. Information on the full range of available fellowships and assistantships, including academic department-based support, is provided on the Office of Graduate Student Assistantships and Fellowships website at www.gwu.edu/~fellows.

GW-FUNDED FELLOWSHIPS

- Daewoo Chinese Scholarship
- Daewoo Vietnamese Scholarship
- Global Leaders
- GW Hyundai Scholarship
- Poncelet Scholarship

FELLOWSHIPS FROM OTHER SOURCES

- American Association of University Women International Fellowships
- American-Mideast Educational and Training Services, Inc. (AMIDEAST)
- CONACYT Fellowships for Foreign Study (for Mexican students only)
- Ford Foundation International Fellowship
- Fulbright Grants for Non-U.S. Students
- Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund (MMMMF) and World Bank Volunteer Services Grants for Women from Developing Countries
- Organization of American States (OAS) Regular Training Program Fellowships (PRA)
- PEO International Peace Scholarship
- Society of Women Engineers Graduate Scholarships

OTHER FUNDING OPTIONS

RESIDENCE ASSISTANTSHIPS

The GW Housing Program hires graduate students to help to develop programs and co-curricular activities and to assist with the administrative tasks of managing a residence hall. Compensation includes either a fixed or hourly wage, and may include a furnished room. Information about available positions is provided online at living.gwu.edu (click on Employment and Volunteer Opportunities).

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

The GW Center for Career Services (<http://go.gwu.edu/careerservices>) posts part-time, summer, and internship positions for which graduate students may apply, and your academic department may also be aware of other job openings. However, some restrictions apply to international students seeking either on- or off-campus employment. Although students with F-1 or J-1 visa status are invited to take advantage of the opportunity to supplement their classroom experiences and personal funds through employment, students must obtain proper employment authorization from GW's International Services Office BEFORE beginning work.

EMPLOYER/GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Many larger corporations, as well as some governments, pay part or all tuition costs for employees pursuing graduate study. In most cases, your program of study must be related to your career field and may require a commitment to continue working for the organization for a specific time period following graduation. Check with your employer and your government to determine if such support is available.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

EducationUSA | www.educationusa.state.gov

eduPASS | www.edupass.org/finaid

International Education Financial Aid | www.iefaf.org

Institute of International Education | www.fundingstudy.org

Latin American Network Info Center (LANIC)
www.lanic.utexas.edu/la/region/scholarships