

SOME FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

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This handout provides a sketch of some of the financial aid opportunities at California State University, Fresno. More information may be found from the Graduate Studies e-publication, *Sourcebook: Financial Assistance for the Graduate Student*, available at www.fresnostate.edu/academics/gradstudies/documents/epubs/FinancialAidSourcebook.pdf.

DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE

- Teaching Associateship – \$5,042 per class for one semester
 - Eligibility: Enrollment in a master's program, GPA of 3.0 or better, and demonstration of competence in the major field.
 - Typical semester assignment: 2 classes.
- Tutor (for the math department) – \$10 per hour

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- California Graduate Equity Fellowships
 - Goal: Increase diversity of students completing graduate programs in the CSU.
 - For economically disadvantaged students, especially from underrepresented groups.
 - Must be a California resident for payment of fees at the University.
 - FAFSA required, and financial need of at least \$1,000.
 - Conditions of the fellowship: performing between 5 and 20 hours per week mentored activity, based on the amount of the award (up to \$4,500 per academic year).
- California Predoctoral Fellowships
 - Goal: Increase pool of potential faculty by supporting the doctoral aspirations of CSU students with economic and educational disadvantages.
 - Emphasis: increase the number of CSU students entering doctoral programs in the UC.
 - Eligibility: all students interested in obtaining doctoral degrees.
- Robert & Norma Craig Fellowship
 - Goal: foster student development through performance of mentored activities with faculty (e.g., research or instructional assistance).
 - Maximum stipend: \$1,000 (based on 100 hours @ \$10/hour).
 - Eligibility: students must be at least conditionally classified, in good standing, and making good progress toward their degree.
- President's Graduate Scholars Fellowship
 - Merit-based.
 - \$3,500 fellowship, with the possibility of qualifying for a second year of the award.
 - Eligibility: only new, incoming, first-semester graduate students; must be nominated by graduate faculty.

- Graduate Student Research & Creative Activities Support Awards
 - Awards are up to \$1,000.
 - Major consideration: the scholarship of a student's proposed thesis/master's project.
 - Eligibility: all graduate students with a GPA of 3.0 or better who have been advanced to candidacy and who have secured their thesis/project committee.

LOANS

- Perkins Loan
 - A campus-based, federally-funded loan program with a low interest rate (5%).
 - Graduates may borrow up to \$6,000 per year to a maximum of \$40,000 (including any amount borrowed as an undergraduate).
 - Payment of interest and principal is deferred while the student maintains at least half-time status.
 - Repayment begins 9 months after the student stops attending school half-time.
- Stafford Loans
 - Two types: subsidized and unsubsidized.
 - Subsidized: awarded based on financial need; no interest charged before payments begin or before periods of deferment.
 - Unsubsidized: available to any student; interest charged from the time the loan is disbursed until it is repaid.
 - Interest rate: a fixed rate of 6.8% through 2013.

TUITION/FEE WAIVERS

- A limited number of non-resident (i.e., U.S. citizens who are not residents of California) tuition waivers are available to outstanding graduate students who will enter graduate programs the ensuing academic year.
- To obtain a waiver, the student must demonstrate the potential to make significant academic and professional contributions in his/her discipline and in the graduate program.
- There are some waivers for international students, as well, but students do not apply for these awards.

OTHER

- rGrant program
 - Provides financial support for research, projects, and other scholarly endeavors under faculty supervision.
 - Students, with supervision of a professor, may apply.
- GRE Fee Reduction
 - May be issued for GRE test dates from July 1 through June 30, respectively, during an academic year.
 - Student will only be responsible for 50% of the test fee (i.e., \$65 for the subject test).
- International Students
 - International students may qualify for consideration for institutional support through campus-based assistanceships and scholarships.