

Sourcebook

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE GRADUATE STUDENT

From the President

Dear Graduate Student:

I am delighted to be able to pass along to you this brief summary document detailing the financial opportunities currently available to assist you in your pursuit of a graduate degree at California State University, Fresno. We owe these opportunities to many varied sources: the donations of generous community members and university alumni, and the successful efforts of our faculty and staff in the acquisition of grants and special funds from California state, the federal government, and private foundations.

To all of these we are grateful for their valuable contributions in helping you meet your goals for graduate study. Your potential status as a graduate student and your future contributions to scholarship and public service serve as points of special pride to us at this university.

Sincerely,

John D. Welty
President

From the Dean of Graduate Studies

Dear Graduate Student:

It is my pleasure to present to you this handbook that describes various types of financial support available to graduate students at California State University, Fresno. The handbook has been developed at the request of many students who wanted to have a single source of information that could direct them to funding opportunities. Please bear in mind as you are reading it that this document is intended to be an instructional guide rather than an exhaustive compilation of opportunities for funding.

As you will see from the examples presented herein, there are a number of assistantships, fellowships, grants, loans, and employment options that are open to qualified students each year. I wholeheartedly encourage you to apply for all types of assistance for which you may be eligible and to make use of the university offices identified for additional suggestions. Awards and appointments thus received can be of enormous benefit in increasing your knowledge, skills, and ability to present a vigorous resume in the pursuit of future career interests.

My best regards to you as you pursue your graduate degree.

Sincerely,

Karen T. Carey, Dean
Division of Graduate Studies
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General Information

THE VALUE OF A GRADUATE MASTER'S DEGREE

Getting a master's degree has a definite payoff in terms of income, according to a 2003 report by the American Council on Education's Division of Policy Analysis and Research. The report (*Building a Nation of Learners*) indicates that over an 8-year period (1990-98), workers with a master's degree earned \$100,000 more than workers with a bachelor's degree and that the average monthly income for someone with a master's degree was \$1,000 more than for an individual with a bachelor's degree. Furthermore, the National Center for Educational Statistics found that 98 percent of master's degree recipients were employed within a year after completing their degrees. Future enrollment projections indicate that even more students will be seeking the master's degree for professional enhancement/career advancement and that these students will need some form of financial support.

BASIC EXPENSES

The [basic expenses](#) of a full-time California State University, Fresno student who is living away from home and paying resident tuition fees include resident fees, books, supplies, room and board, and transportation. These fees are subject to change at any time. It is worthwhile to note, however, that the cost of attending California State University, Fresno remains significantly lower than the cost of attending many other California colleges and universities.

AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE

The university has a number of sources available to help ease the financial responsibilities of getting an advanced education. This booklet focuses on assistance available to graduate students in the form of "gift/grant" aid—grants, fellowships, scholarships, and fee waivers—which does not have to be repaid, and "self-help" aid—assistantships, college work study, and loans—that must be repaid.

On this campus, these types of support are administered through three basic sources: (a) Fellowships, Grants, and Awards; (b) Teaching Associateships, Research Assistantships, and Graduate Assistantships; and (c) Loans, State Graduate Fellowships, College Work Study, and Institutional Scholarships.

Financial support is also provided by the university through several other means, listed in this publication under the heading, **Additional Financial Aid Resources** (p. 14).

Final sections point the student to external sources of financial aid available through public and private funding agencies, as well as the help accessible through the Internet and World Wide Web.

As a word of caution, students are reminded that financial aid information and amounts reported are **always subject to change**, and that no directory or listing, electronic or printed, can be considered reliably complete and accurate at all times. The wise applicant will check carefully for the most current information when constructing plans for financing graduate study.

APPLICATION HINTS

Because the title, amount, and purpose of awards are in a constant state of change, it is suggested that students master certain application “hints” so that, despite these variations, they can still be in the best position to get financial assistance.

Before applying for financial support, graduate students should:

- Consult this sourcebook, the university's [General Catalog](#), individual departments, the deans' offices, the [Financial Aid Office](#), campus bulletin boards, the Internet, and the [Henry Madden Library](#) to find all available sources of support for which they are eligible.
- Develop an annual planning calendar with the dates of application deadlines.
- Meet—in advance—application deadlines.
- Keep a current resume on file that notes achievements and positions held, as well as a list of potential references by name and address.
- Prepare accurate statements of purpose and autobiographies that give the grantor a strong sense of the student's worthiness as a financial investment.
- Secure official documents, including transcripts, standardized test scores (GRE, GMAT, MAT), and financial statements.

- Ask a friend or faculty member to critique the application and make suggestions for improvements. Proofread and edit all aspects of the application, including letters of support.

While applying for financial support, graduate students should:

- Properly fill out application forms and include all required supporting documents.
- Remember to sign the application.
- Make a copy of all forms and supporting documents.
- Remember that it is the student's responsibility to ensure that campuses forward official transcripts and that references forward letters of recommendation in a timely manner.

After applying for financial support, graduate students should:

- Follow up with a telephone call to check on the status of the application. Write a thank-you note to the department, office, or organization to which they sent an application—regardless of whether or not they win an award. Notify individuals who wrote recommendations and let them know of the outcome. Add to their resume any awards, honorable mentions, positions obtained, titles, etc., that result from the application.

DISBURSEMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

After being selected for an award or being determined to be eligible for financial aid, graduate students will receive correspondence from the appropriate source that states the terms of assistance. Information regarding the disbursement of funds (dates, amounts, and location) is also usually included. To claim checks, students must present a valid driver's license and current university identification card with a “fees paid” sticker at the location stated by the department, division, or office providing the funding.

TAX TREATMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

[The Tax Reform Act of 1986](#) and subsequent Technical and Miscellaneous Revenue Amendments of 1988 profoundly affected the tax treatment of scholarships, fellowships, and assistantships. The main points are as follows:

The component of fellowships that provides living allowance is considered taxable income.

The component of teaching and research assistantships that is given in return for services rendered is considered taxable income.

The component of scholarships, fellowships, and assistantships that provides tuition, fees, books, or equipment required for a degree program, **is not** considered taxable income.

Students are strongly advised to seek the counsel of qualified tax specialists regarding specific tax situations. It is also suggested that students retain all receipts of financial assistance and education-related purchases.

University Resources

DIVISION OF GRADUATE STUDIES

The Division of Graduate Studies offers financial assistance to qualified graduate students in the form of fellowships, grants, and awards. In addition, the division also offers occasional workshops on applying for these special awards and honors. Students may also obtain important information on financial aid and other aspects of graduate school by visiting the [Division of Graduate Studies](#) Web site.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Fellowships and grants are competitive and open to most graduate students. (International students are not eligible for the Graduate Equity Fellowship due to residency requirements.) Recipients of these awards must remain in good standing and maintain satisfactory progress toward their degree objective throughout their tenure.

California Graduate Equity Fellowships

Program Description: This program seeks to increase the diversity of students completing graduate degree programs in the CSU and encourages continuation on to doctoral programs and consideration of university faculty careers. Fellowships are for economically disadvantaged graduate students, especially from groups that are underrepresented among graduate degree recipients in their areas of study, and promote faculty mentoring and research opportunities. The applicant must qualify as a resident of the State of California for payment of feeds at the university. The applicant must demonstrate a minimum financial need of \$1,000 and file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the [Financial Aid Office](#).

Conditions of the Fellowship: The successful recipients of this fellowship will be required to engage in a mentored activity for a minimum of 5 hours a maximum of 20 hours per week, based on the amount of their award.

Application Deadline: Third Thursday in May.

Contact: Louise Neal, Division of Graduate Studies, (559) 278-2448.

**California
Predoctoral
Fellowships**

Program Description: The California Pre-Doctoral Program is designed to increase the pool of potential faculty by supporting the doctoral aspirations of California State University students who have experienced economic and educational disadvantages. A special emphasis is placed on increasing the number of CSU students who enter graduate programs at one of the University of California campuses.

Each of the applicants selected will be designated a Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholar and will work closely with a California State University faculty sponsor to develop an overall plan which leads ultimately to enrollment in a doctoral program. The plan is to be tailored to the specific goals and career objectives of the student.

Eligibility: The program is designed for students interested in obtaining doctoral degrees. Students interested in entering professional schools to obtain professional degrees in law, medicine, dentistry or related fields are not eligible. Current or previous California Pre-Doctoral Scholars are not eligible to apply. (Further eligibility criteria can be found in the program description at the DGS Web site.)

Application Deadline: April.

Contact: Louise Neal, Division of Graduate Studies, (559) 278-2448.

**Outstanding
Thesis
Award**

Program Description: The Outstanding Thesis Award is awarded on an annual basis to the author of the thesis considered to represent the highest standards of scholarly accomplishment for each academic year. The recipient of this **\$1,000** award is determined by a panel of judges selected from present active and emeriti faculty of the university. The winner of the competition will be eligible to represent the university at all regional and national thesis contests.

Eligibility: Students must be nominated by faculty for this award.

Nomination Deadline: March, for the current academic year.

Contact: Chuck Radke, Thesis Consultant, Division of Graduate Studies, 278-2418.

***Robert &
Norma Craig
Fellowship***

Program Description: The Robert and Norma Craig Graduate Fellowships are designed to provide benefits to both graduate students and faculty. The fellowship stipend must be used to foster student development through mentored activities such as providing research or instructional assistance or by conducting some faculty-assigned duties, thus freeing faculty members to proceed with the development of research, instruction, or some other professional activities.

The maximum stipend is **\$1,000** (based on 100 hours @ \$10/hour), which will be allocated directly to the graduate student. The faculty mentor will be required to submit a final report of the mentored activities within one year following completion of the work by the student receiving support.

Eligibility: Faculty members must be tenured or tenure track and have experience working with graduate students. Students must be *at least* conditionally classified, in good standing, and be making satisfactory progress toward their graduate degree.

Application Deadline: First Friday in October.

Contact: Louise Neal, Division of Graduate Studies, 278-2448.

**Graduate
Student
Research
& Creative
Activities
Support
Awards**

Program Description: Graduate Student Research & Creative Activities Support Awards in the amount of \$1,000 are available on a competitive basis. The merit and scholarship of a student's proposed thesis/dissertation research or project activity is the major consideration for these grants.

Eligibility: All graduate students with a GPA of 3.0 or better who have been advanced to candidacy for the master's or doctoral degree and who have secured their thesis/dissertation or project committee are eligible.

Application Deadline: March/October. Each proposal must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation.

Contact: Louise Neal, Division of Graduate Studies, 278-2448.

**President's
Graduate
Scholars
Fellowship**

Program Description: This fellowship is a merit-based award. Two \$3,500 fellowships are available each year, with the possibility of recipients qualifying for a second year of the award, assuming conformity with developed standards and the need for a second year to complete the master's course of study.

Eligibility: A candidate must be nominated by the graduate faculty consultative group of the graduate or doctoral program to which he/she has applied. Nominees must be new, incoming, first-semester master's degree or doctoral students.

Application Deadline: Second Friday in April.

Contact: Louise Neal, Division of Graduate Studies, 278-2448.

**Travel
Grants**

Program Description: Travel grants are available to graduate students who have been invited to present a paper or poster at a major professional association conference or society meeting.

Eligibility: All graduate students who have had papers accepted for presentations.

Application Deadline: Ongoing. Applicants must submit a travel grant application to the Dean of Graduate Studies requesting funds for travel. An abstract of the paper to be delivered, as well as a copy of the letter of acceptance and information regarding the conference (e.g., copies of brochures and programs) must be attached. A proposed budget for travel, hotel, registration, and meals must also be included. Letters of support from the department chair and department graduate program coordinator are required.

Contact: Gus Perez, Division of Graduate Studies, 278-2448.

Administrative Assistantships

Administrative assistantships are supported by university monies and vary in terms of availability. Graduate students selected for these assistantships work in a number of capacities determined by each administrative office. Past tasks have included administrative research, publicity, organization of events, publications and reports, and clerical work. All graduate students who are enrolled in a master's degree program and have a GPA of 3.0 or better are eligible to apply for these positions. Available positions will be announced by individual administrative offices. Students should consult the Division of Graduate Studies or college/school offices.

DEPARTMENTS

Departments may provide financial assistance to qualified graduate students in the form of assistantships, associateships, and scholarships. To find out what opportunities are available, students are advised to consult their particular department or college/school offices.

Assistantships and Associateships

Assistantships and associateships are designed to provide qualified graduate students with relevant training experience for academic and academic-related careers.

Graduate Assistantships *Program Description:* Graduate assistants are supported by university monies. Graduate students selected for these assistantships undertake a variety of tasks determined by each department. Typical assignments include research, grading papers, library

searches, and cataloging. Stipends for graduate assistants range from \$1,774 to \$2,789 per month for the academic year.

Eligibility: All students who are enrolled in a graduate degree program and have a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Application Deadline: Set by each department.

Contact: Department Chairs.

**Research
Assistantships**

Program Description: Under this program, faculty members who have been awarded grants or contracts may use a portion of their funding to establish assistantships. Graduate students selected to serve in this capacity assist in the conduct of authorized research, engaging in activities ranging from data collection to analysis of findings.

Eligibility: All graduate students who are enrolled in a master's degree program, show noteworthy competence in the major field, and possess the special qualities necessary to the duties assigned.

Application Deadline: Established by project faculty member.

Contact: Department Chairs, Program Faculty Members.

**Teaching
Associateships**

Program Description: Teaching associates (TAs) work under the direction of faculty members and engage in such functions as supervising laboratories and other small groups, teaching courses and preparing course materials, and evaluating student work.

Eligibility: All graduate students who are enrolled in a master's degree program, have a GPA of 3.0 or better, show noteworthy competence in the major field, and possess the special qualities necessary to the duties assigned.

Application Deadline: Set by each department prior to the beginning of each semester.

Contact: Department Chairs, Graduate Coordinators.

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

The [Financial Aid Office](#) administers financial assistance in the form of loans, scholarships, and grants. Awards from the Financial Aid Office are based principally on need. The Financial Aid Office is located in Joyal Administration, Room 296.

Eligibility

The Financial Aid Office defines financial aid eligibility as the difference between the cost of education and the student/parent expected contribution. This is illustrated in the following formula:

Cost of Education less Student/Parent/Spouse Contribution = Financial Aid Eligibility.

Federal regulations require the university to define and enforce standards of satisfactory academic progress in order for financial aid recipients to maintain their eligibility.

Application Procedure

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is an all-purpose application used to apply for grants, loans, and college work-study. The FAFSA is available on the Web and in paper version from the Financial Aid Office in December for the following academic year. This form should be filed as soon as possible after January 1 in order to meet the priority filing date of March 1 and to allow better chance for receiving limited funds. Applicants failing to submit the FAFSA by early March will probably be disqualified from a number of financial aid programs and may have to rely more heavily on loans. Students using the paper version are encouraged to obtain a "certificate of mailing" from the post office when they mail the FAFSA. It is strongly suggested that the FAFSA not be sent by certified or registered mail, as it will delay processing. Other colleges may have earlier deadlines and other procedures; students should check with the college they are interested in for further information. In four to six weeks after the FAFSA has been filed, a U.S. Department of Education Student Aid Report will be mailed to the student.

Any incorrect information noted on the form should be reported. Colleges listed on the FAFSA will receive an electronic copy of the information on the SAR. Students should keep the SAR in a safe place for future use at their financial aid office, which will need this form in order to disburse financial aid funds.

Loans

(Loans must be paid back)

Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP)

Program Description: This program provides financial assistance to graduate students and is designed to increase the pool of individuals with the qualifications, motivation, and skills to teach the diverse student body in the California State University. It is a competitive program directed by the California State University but open to doctoral students at accredited universities across the country. Specifically, the program provides loans of up to \$10,000 per year, not to exceed \$30,000. Following the completion of a doctoral program, recipients who are employed on any of the CSU campuses in an instructional faculty position will have their loan reduced by 20% per year for full-time teaching beyond the doctorate.

Perkins Loan

Program Description: This is a campus-based, federally funded loan program with a low-interest rate (5%). Under this program, graduate students may borrow up to \$6,000 per year to a maximum of \$40,000 (including any amount borrowed as an undergraduate). Payments of interest and principal are deferred while the student maintains at least half-time status. Borrowers begin repayment nine months after they stop attending school at least half-time, in a degree or certificate program.

***Short-Term
Loans***

Program Description: The purpose of short-term loans is to assist students with unanticipated educational expenses. Loans are not given after the third week of November for the fall semester nor after the second week of April for the spring semester and the first week of July in the summer semesters. A maximum of \$600 is available for awarded financial aid students and \$400 for students with verifiable resources to repay the loan. Loans must be paid back by the due date on the contract.

Read instructions and apply online or contact the Student Aid Accounting Office in Joyal Administration, Room 275.

***Robert
Stafford
Student
Loans***

Program Description: Federal Stafford Loans are fixed-rate student loans for graduate students attending a college or university at least half-time. Stafford Loans are the most common and one of the lowest-cost ways to pay for school. There are two different types of graduate federal student loans: the subsidized Stafford Loan and the unsubsidized Stafford Loan.

Subsidized Stafford Loans are awarded to graduate students based on financial need. Students will not be charged interest before beginning repayment or periods of deferment.

Unsubsidized Stafford Loans are not awarded based on financial need. Any eligible graduate student can take out unsubsidized Stafford Loans. Students will be charged interest from the time the loan is disbursed to the time the loan is repaid in full.

Both graduate Stafford Loans have a fixed rate of 6.8% through 2013.

College Work Study

Program Description: This is a federally funded, need-based campus employment program. Graduate students receiving College Work Study awards are placed with on-campus or selected off-campus agencies. Recipients may work up to 20 hours per week. For further information, students should contact the University Financial Aid Office.

Scholarships

Scholarship application forms are available from the Scholarship Office at the University Financial Aid Office in Joyal Administration, Room 296. *Please note:* The filing period is between **October 1** and **February 28** for the next academic year.

Fresno State Alumni Trust Council Scholarships *Program Description:* The CSUF Alumni Association offers numerous scholarships for which graduate students in various categories and majors may apply. Scholarship awards range from **\$250 to \$1,250**.

Institutional Scholarships *Program Description:* California State University, Fresno awards over a thousand scholarships totaling more than \$2.5 million to incoming and continuing students. Institutional scholarships range from \$100 to almost \$8,000 and are awarded to both undergraduate and graduate students. Regardless of accomplishments, interests, or background, all students are encouraged to apply for scholarships.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

rGrant Program The rGrant Program is designed to provide financial support for undergraduate and graduate research, projects, and other scholarly endeavors under faculty supervision in all academic disciplines. Students, with the supervision of a professor, may apply for funds to complete an educational project.

Contact: ASI Executive Director Annie Tremp, 278-2656; asi@csufresno.edu

GRE Fee Reductions

The GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) Fee Reduction Certificate may be issued for GRE test dates from July 1 through June 30, respectively, during an academic year. The Fee Reduction Certificate may be applied toward the test fees for up to one General Test and/or one Subject Test. **Individuals who receive GRE Fee Reduction Certificates will be required to pay 50 percent of the full test fee; \$70 for the General Test and \$65 for a Subject Test.** Eligibility for participation on the Fee Reduction Program is limited to one time only.

Job Listings, Career Counseling, BulldogLink

Career Services, located in Joyal Administration, Room 256, has partnered with a national recruiting network in BulldogLink, which provides students the opportunity to access local jobs, paid internships, and dozens of positions posted on national job boards and apply for positions directly through the system. BulldogLink is available through the Student Self-Service section in the students' MyFresnoState account or through the [Career Services Website](#).

Resident Advisers

The University Housing Office offers free room and board to students who have lived in residence halls for a minimum of one year and who are familiar with dormitory living and would like to serve as resident advisers (RAs). Applications for these leadership positions are available in the University Housing Office, located in the Lodge, starting in February for the fall semester and in October for the spring semester.

Tuition/Fee Waivers

A limited number of non-resident (i.e., U.S. citizens who are not officially residents of the State of California) tuition waivers are available to outstanding graduate students who will enter graduate programs during the ensuing academic year. These students must demonstrate the potential to make significant academic and professional contributions in their disciplines and the graduate program.

***Tuition/Fee
Waivers***

For additional information, students should contact individual graduate degree program coordinators. Written waiver of the non-resident fee may be made by the dean of student affairs or the director of admissions and records for children or spouses of California State University full-time employees who are not yet legal residents of California. Full or partial tuition waivers are available to selected international students. For further information, interested students should contact the [International Student Services and Programs](#) (559) 278-6452.

External Resources

There are a great number of foundations, agencies, and organizations that offer financial assistance to qualified graduate students in the form of fellowships, grants, scholarships, or even special employment. In general, students must contact these organizations directly for information regarding specific awards, although school and division offices occasionally may have detailed requirements and applications available. This section provides a partial listing of some of the more highly visible and prestigious of the awards. Because of the extensive variety and number of award sources, students may find it useful to begin their search by browsing through the several very fine indexing services available on the university campus or through their own personal computer Internet offerings.

RESOURCE INDEXING SERVICES

Henry Madden Library

The [Henry Madden Library](#) has a collection of books that lists agencies providing scholarships, grants, and other forms of financial aid. Many of these works are regularly updated and are extensively indexed by funding source, area of study, regional status, ethnicity, etc. The library also provides access to Internet resources via several dedicated computers available for student use on a sign-up basis.

California Student Aid Commission, Financial Aid Programs

The [California Student Aid Commission](#) provides complete and accurate information about financing a college education in California. Comparative costs of education in California, application procedures, available grants and fellowships, requirements and deadlines are just a few of the offerings detailed here.

College Board

College Board's [Scholarship Search](#) tool helps students locate scholarships, internships, grants, and loans that match individual education level, talents, and background. Scholarship Search will find potential opportunities from its database of more than 2,300 sources of college funding, totaling nearly \$3 billion in available aid.

fastWeb

[fastWEB](#) (Financial Aid Search Through the WEB) is a highly acclaimed free searchable database of millions of scholarships, fellowships, grants and loans. Students may fill out a detailed profile through online forms and will receive a list of matching award programs. This listing will be updated with new entries as they appear.

*FinAid!
Information
Page*

The [Financial Aid Information Page](#) provides an indispensable comprehensive online guide to information about financial aid, scholarships, and fellowship resources. Included also are financial aid calculators, a glossary, a bibliography, mailing lists, reviews, links to commercial search services, and other financial aid web pages, and the above-mentioned fastWEB service.

*Minority
Scholarships
and
Fellowships*

[This site](#) offers a comprehensive, searchable index for minority students. Search may be entered by degree program, school, organization, educational level, or ethnic group. The site also includes links to college scholarships, graduate fellowships and postdoctoral awards for women.

*Peterson's
Education
Center*

[Peterson's Education Center](#) lists graduate school financing opportunities in an array of forms, including coveted teaching assistantships that can help slash a tuition bill. From this site, students can search more than \$1 billion in grants and scholarships, learn about federal and state aid for grad students, and explore loans and get smart borrowing tips.

CALIFORNIA STATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

*Executive
Fellowship
Program*

Program Description: This graduate education, public service, and leadership development program is designed to extend knowledge of California government, prepare leaders for public careers, and promote civic education. Fellows receive a monthly stipend, are placed in offices throughout the executive branch, and function as professional staff during the fellowship year. Recent graduates and mid-career applicants of all backgrounds and academic disciplines are eligible.

***Jesse
Marvin
Unruh
Assembly
Fellowships***

Program Description: This program offers full-time legislative staff experience to college students holding a bachelor's degree. All ages and ethnic backgrounds are eligible, and there are no preferred majors. Assembly fellows receive fully-paid enrollment at California State University, Sacramento (Sacramento State), and earn 12 units of graduate course credit for two graduate seminars taught by faculty from the Sacramento State government department. The graduate seminars are conducted at the State Capitol and are a required segment of the fellowship program.

***California
Senate
Fellows***

Program Description: The California Senate Fellows program was established in 1973 to provide participants with insight into the legislative process. The fellowship program's primary goals include exposing people with diverse life experiences and backgrounds to the legislative process and providing research and other professional staff assistance to the Senate. The only program prerequisite is a degree from a four-year college or university. There is no preferred major. Individuals with advanced degrees and those in mid-career are encouraged to apply. Fellows receive a monthly stipend of \$1,972 plus full health, vision and dental benefits. They also earn 12 units of graduate credit from the Sacramento State Government Department.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE TEACHING

***Community
College
Graduate
Student
Teaching
Internships***

Program Description: Part-time, temporary teaching opportunities for graduate student interns may be available at [Fresno City College](#), [Reedley College](#), [College of the Sequoias](#), [West Hills Community College](#), or any of the satellite campuses of the [State Center Community College District](#). Graduate programs and departments at California State University, Fresno have joined the above community colleges in a consortium to provide these additional teaching opportunities.

DOMESTIC PROGRAMS

NASA Graduate Researchers Program

Program Description: This program is for U.S. graduate students whose research interests are compatible with NASA's programs in space science and aerospace technology. Applicable areas are communications and information systems, earth science, life sciences, space physics, and solar system exploration. Fellowships of up to \$30,000 are awarded for one year, and are renewable, based on satisfactory progress, for up to one year.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Program Description: This program is for U.S. citizens or permanent residents of Hispanic background who are enrolled full-time. Applicants are evaluated on academic achievement and personal qualities and strengths. Letters of recommendation and demonstrated financial need are also required.

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate and Minority Fellowships

Program Description: This program is for graduate students pursuing master's degrees in mathematical, physical, biological, engineering, and social sciences, and in the history and philosophy of science. These fellowships are intended for students at or near the beginning of their graduate study. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. The NSF provides links to programs that provide either direct (i.e., from NSF) or indirect (i.e., from an awardee institution) funding for graduate students.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Blakemore Foundation Scholarship

Program Description: These grants provide monies for tuition and related educational expenses, basic living costs and transportation for an academic year of advanced study of modern Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Southeast Asian languages at an approved institution in Asia.

Fulbright Grants for Graduate Study and Research Abroad

Program Description: The purpose of this program is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other parts of the world. Grants are made to U.S. citizens for a number of educational activities abroad, such as university teaching, advanced research, graduate study, and teaching in elementary and secondary schools.

***British
Marshall
Fellowships***

Program Description: Marshall Scholarships finance young Americans of high ability to study for a degree in the United Kingdom. Up to forty Scholars are selected each year to study at graduate level at an UK institution in any field of study. Each scholarship is held for two years.

As future leaders, with a lasting understanding of British society, Marshall Scholars strengthen the enduring relationship between the British and American peoples, their governments and their institutions. Marshall Scholars are talented, independent and wide-ranging, and their time as Scholars enhances their intellectual and personal growth. Their direct engagement with Britain through its best academic programs contributes to their ultimate personal success.

CSU, Fresno campus coordinator: Chuck Radke, cradke@csufresno.edu

***Boren
Fellowships***

Program Description: Boren Fellowships provide up to \$30,000 to U.S. graduate students to add an important international and language component to their graduate education through specialization in area study, language study, or increased language proficiency. Boren Fellowships support study and research in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interest, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin American, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR VETERANS

The [Veterans Services Office](#) at California State University, Fresno has a number of special programs that financially assist graduate students who are U.S. veterans or the spouses or children of U.S. veterans. Vocational rehabilitation, work/study at the Veterans Hospital, and partial waiver of university fees for children of deceased or disabled veterans are just a few of the programs available to qualified students. Specific information on each program can be obtained through the Veterans Services Office, located in Joyal Administration, Room 106 (559) 278-7030. Veterans Service Coordinator: rgutierrez@csufresno.edu

The CSUF Alumni Association offers scholarships to veterans and children of veterans through the War Memorial Fund. Scholarships are for \$500 each. Scholarship application forms are available from the [Scholarship Office](#) at the University Financial Aid Office in Joyal Administration, Room 296. Please note: The filing period is between **October 1 and February 28** of each year.

A list of available types of financial assistance for veterans, military personnel, and their families can be found in Gail Ann Schlachter and R. David Weber's *Financial Aid for Veterans, Military Personnel and Their Dependents* in the [Henry Madden Library](#).

Students may also wish to consult the American Legion publication [Need a Lift?](#), available for free download from the American Legion, Web site, which provides excellent coverage of programs for veterans and their dependents.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Students who are not citizens of the U.S. do not qualify for most federally-funded financial aid programs. Furthermore, students entering with J visas may need their sponsors' approval before they can accept employment, and general visas have restrictions that may limit what types of employment students can consider. International students do qualify for consideration for [institutional support](#) through campus-based assistantships and scholarships.