Navigating University Funding
Financing Your Graduate Education

UC Davis
Graduate Studies
09.15.2015
Today’s agenda

- Introductions
- Financial Systems
- Cost
- Types of funding
  - Internal fellowships
  - External fellowships
  - Academic appointments
  - Student loans
- Tax teaser
- Reminders
- Questions?
Types of Funding

• How to fund your Graduate Education?

• Fellowships

• Academic Appointments

• Student Loans

• Personal Resources
Why does this presentation apply to you?

Fall 2014-15 – variety of student financial support:

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Percentage of students who receive mixed support (any combination of fellowship, academic appointment, and/or loan) is above 50%
Introductions

- **Graduate Studies**
  - 250 Mrak Hall
  - Role of advocacy
  - Responsible for the administration and oversight of academic & administrative polices that impact graduate students and post doctoral scholars
- 95 Graduate Programs
- 4,600 academic graduate students
Graduate Studies

- GS has 9 units with about 43 total staff: 
  http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/about-us/staff-directory

  - **Deans and Dean’s Staff** – Vice Provost and Dean, Associate Deans, Assistant Dean, and Development (gifts and endowments)
  
  - **Diversity and Professional Development** - This unit offers resources for career services and professional development
  
  - **Graduate Admissions & Academic Services** - They sent you your admission letter and keep track of your progress during your graduate career
  
  - **Business & Financial Services** - responsible for Grad Studies’ operational budget, for supporting graduate programs with academic appointments, and annual commencement
  
  - **Information Technology** – Online Application, keep our web sight and computers running
  
  - **Analysis & Policy** – Report generation, data analysis, and responsible for administrative support for the Graduate Council
  
  - **Communications and Marketing** – Responsible for all Web, social media, print, and electronic publications
  
  - **Counseling and Psychological Services** - available to meet with all graduate students individually in a confidential setting to discuss any problems or concerns you are experiencing
  
  - **Graduate Student Financial Support**
Graduate Student Financial Support

**Responsibilities**
- Assist with the entire fellowship process from:
  - Finding & applying for fellowships
  - Post award administration
- We oversee the process of awarding fellowships
- Provides training & support for the program staff

**Student Support team**
- Steven Albrecht – Director
- Lisa Finnegan – Graduate Student Support Specialist
- Ruth Lee – Internal Fellowship Adviser
- Deborah McCook - External Fellowship Adviser for Post-docs and graduate students in programs under the CA&ES Dean’s Office
- Kristin Provost – External Fellowship Adviser for all graduate students in programs not under the CA&ES Dean’s Office
Other UCD departments

• **Your Graduate Program**
  - Your Graduate Program Academic Advisors and Program Coordinators should be your first contact point for any funding questions you may have.

• **Graduate & Undergraduate Departments**
  - Are responsible for hiring you for all academic appointments and processing all of the associated payroll paperwork (including payroll direct deposit).

• **Student Accounting**
  - Collects your payments and disburse your stipends and refunds that are paid through Banner (fellowship stipends for non-US Citizens paid via payroll).
  - Located in Dutton Hall, 2nd floor.
  - [http://studentaccounting.ucdavis.edu](http://studentaccounting.ucdavis.edu)
Other important UCD departments

- **Payroll Department:**
  Students with academic appointments (job) or international students receiving a fellowship stipend; your paycheck or stipend is processed through the payroll department. If you have direct deposit, your check or notice is delivered to your home department.

- **The Financial Aid Office:**
  Responsible for administering and processing your financial aid including loans and work study employment - located in Dutton Hall, first floor.

- **The Registrar’s Office:**
  CA Residency for Tuition Purposes
  Class Schedule and Registration Guide

- **Services for International Students and Scholars:**
  - A major role for SISS is to assist international students, scholars and UC Davis departments with visa and immigration issues. SISS also provides orientation, assistance, information, and referral to international students regarding financial, personal, cultural, and academic concerns.
  - [http://siss.ucdavis.edu](http://siss.ucdavis.edu)
Online Financial Applications and Systems

• **Banner**
  - The BANNER Student Information System is a computerized database of UC Davis student information organized into several modules, including Admissions, Registration, Billing/Accounts Receivable, Financial Aid, and Graduate Student Data.
  - Feeds SISWEB & MyBill
Online Financial Applications and Systems

- **UC Davis login** information (your UC Davis Login ID), please visit the Computing Accounts web page (http://computingaccounts.ucdavis.edu).

- **Student Information System (SISWEB):**
  - http://sisweb.ucdavis.edu/
  - enroll in classes
  - adjust your class schedule
  - view and print your class schedule
  - print your unofficial academic record
  - change your address
  - **enter your Social Security Number**
    - go to “Personal Information”, and click the “Report SSN” link
  - view your account – can see current balance at any time
  - view your financial aid status
Online Financial Applications and Systems

• **MyBill**: [https://mybill.ucdavis.edu](https://mybill.ucdavis.edu)
  - Check your student account balance
  - Make payments
  - Store your payment methods
  - Set up your parents and/or other persons to view and/or pay your bill online

• About MyBill:
  [http://studentaccounting.ucdavis.edu/bills/mybill.cfm](http://studentaccounting.ucdavis.edu/bills/mybill.cfm)

• Students are responsible for viewing the most up-to-date status of their student account via the **Recent Account Activity screen on MyBill** and/or **SISWEB**
Student Financial Applications and Systems

- Reading the Student Billing Statement
Online Financial Applications and Systems

- **Direct Deposit**
  - Payments made to students, through Banner and Payroll, are eligible for direct deposit service: https://accounting.ucdavis.edu/DirectDeposit/
  - No paper statements, all notification via email.

- **AggieCard**
  - Official UC Davis identification card
  - 1210 Dutton Hall: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thurs 9:30 to 4:30
Online Financial Applications and Systems

- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at [http://www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- **California Dream Act Application** at [https://dream.csac.ca.gov/](https://dream.csac.ca.gov/)
  - The application to determine your financial need to determine your eligibility for educational loans.
  - You will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) that provides you with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

- **MyAwards**
  - Continuing or new students with a valid Student Aid Report (SAR) will be able to view your UC Davis aid package and requirements using MyAwards.
Online Financial Applications and Systems

- **GLACIER Nonresident Tax Compliance System:**

- GLACIER is a secure online Nonresident Alien (NRA) tax compliance system that foreign visitors use to provide their immigrant and tax data to UC Davis. GLACIER helps determine tax residency, withholding rates, and income tax treaty eligibility. GLACIER also manages NRA paperwork, maintains NRA data, and prepares tax forms and required statements.
Calendar

- Published due date for fall 2015-16 fees is September 15\textsuperscript{th}.
- For Graduate Students: If your account balance is not paid by the 8\textsuperscript{th} week of the quarter (November 12\textsuperscript{th}):
  - $110 late fee will be charged
  - You will be dropped from winter classes – no impact on fall enrollment
  - Or, if you haven’t registered, a hold will be placed on winter enrollment
- http://registrar.ucdavis.edu/tuition/non-payment.cfm
- http://registrar.ucdavis.edu/calendar/fees.cfm
Students Are Shouldering A Larger Share of the Cost of Funding Public Higher Education

Tuition revenue as a percent of total educational revenue, FY 1987 - FY 2012

Note: Total educational revenue combines net tuition with state and local appropriations for higher education, excluding medical students, and represents the vast majority of instructional funding.

Source: State Higher Education Financing FY2012, State Higher Education Executive Officers Association
Figure 1
States Have Cut Higher Education Funding Deeply in Recent Years

Percent change in state spending per student, inflation adjusted, FY08 - FY13

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Tuition Has Increased Sharply at Public Colleges and Universities

Percent change in average tuition at public, four-year colleges, inflation adjusted, FY08 - FY13

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### Annual Revenues by Source of Funds

**2000-2009 (in millions)**

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**Source of Funds, Excluding Medical Center**

**2001-02**
- State: 44.9%
- Federal: 16.2%
- Auxiliary Enterprise: 6.1%
- Sales and Services: 12.5%
- Private: 6.8%
- Local / Other: 1.2%

**2009-10**
- Federal: 19.9%
- Auxiliary Enterprise: 4.7%
- Sales and Services: 12.2%
- State: 28.2%
- Student Fees: 20.5%
- Private: 10.6%
- Local / Other: 3.3%
Budget Overview

UC Davis revenues come from many sources, but 80 percent are designated or restricted. For example, revenues from the UC Davis Medical Center, campus auxiliaries such as housing, and federal, state, and private sources to fund research support only these operations. The primary source for the campus’ teaching mission comes from unrestricted state funds and student tuition, as represented in the highlighted slices of the pie chart.

State support for the University of California dropped substantially over the five years beginning in 2007-08. State support at UC Davis dropped by one third over that time while fixed costs continued to increase. For 2014-15, the state is once again investing in the university. State funding for the entire UC system increased by 5 percent, which meant an additional $16.1 million for UC Davis. Despite this increase in state support, the campus continues to carry a $20 million shortfall in state support and tuition (so-called 19900 funds) because fixed costs for salary, benefits and deferred maintenance exceeds this amount.

Unrestricted state funds and student tuition are budgeted across campus units as outlined in the table below. Approximately 27 percent of student tuition funds is spent on student financial aid, per UC Regental policy.
Graduate Student Tuition & Fees 2015-16

2015-16 Graduate CA resident Tuition & Fees
• Total = $17,118.29
• We have held graduate Tuition ($11,220) level and implemented only a 5% increase to the Student Services Fee ($972 to $1,020) since 2011-12

2015-16 Graduate Nonresident Tuition & Fees
• $17,118.29 Tuition & Fees
• $15,102.00 Nonresident Supplemental Tuition (NRST)
• We have not increased graduate NRST since 2004-05
• Total = $32,220.29

• Student Fee and Tuition Overviews – Descriptions and Uses:
## Graduate Student Fees 2015-16

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2015-16 Graduate Student Fees, not full-time enrollment

PELP: $70.00

Withdrawal from the university through the Planned Educational Leave Program (PELP) is available to graduate students who need to take a leave from their academic program for various reasons, including health-related issues, family crises, or to clarify educational goals. Charged to your student account. 

*WARNING: If you withdraw or break registration without filing for PELP you are not guaranteed readmission.*

Filling Fee Status: $162.00

The Filing Fee program was established expressly to assist those students who have completed all requirements for degrees except filing theses and dissertations and/or taking final examinations and are no longer using university facilities. 

[http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/sites/default/files/upload/files/current-students/gs305-filing-fee-app.pdf](http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/sites/default/files/upload/files/current-students/gs305-filing-fee-app.pdf) The Filing Fee is a reduced fee, paid in lieu of registration fees. It is assessed only once. You are no longer considered a full-time registered student by the university and are not entitled to the same benefits and privileges as a registered student. Not charged to your student account, pay the Filing Fee at the Cashier's Office: [http://cashier.ucdavis.edu/student/svcsfees.cfm](http://cashier.ucdavis.edu/student/svcsfees.cfm).

In Absentia Registration: $1,930 per academic quarter (15% of Tuition & the Student Services Fee plus Health Insurance) Nonresident Alien students must also pay NRST ($5,034), if applicable.

Available to regularly enrolled and registered students who have an academic need to conduct research or study outside of California for at least one full academic term. Promotes continuous enrollment of graduate and professional degree students by providing an appropriate enrollment incentive. Charged to your student account. [http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/current-students/admissions-academic-services/absentia-faq](http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/current-students/admissions-academic-services/absentia-faq)
Types of Funding

• How to fund your Graduate Education?
  • Fellowships
  • Academic Appointments
  • Student Loans
  • Personal Resources
Fellowships & Grants

• **Fellowship** (used interchangeably with "grant")
  • The equivalent of "scholarship" in the undergraduate world, is an "award," that is "free money" with few, if any "strings attached."
  • Can be support for stipend or "living expense," fees, tuition, research, travel or any combination of these.
  • The value can be from $500 (e.g., a travel award) to $50,000/year.
  • Time period - can be a one-time payment, a 1-yr, 3-yr or even 5-6 yrs of support.
  • Different fellowships for different periods of your academic career, i.e., there are fellowships that you can apply for at the beginning of your graduate career, there are pre-dissertation, and dissertation research fellowships, and postdoc awards.
  • The majority are "merit based" (GPA/GRE scores/letters of reference) and there are also "need-based" (e.g. the federal criteria for financial need based on the FAFSA). There are a myriad of other eligibility factors listed in the application instructions (residency, discipline).
  • They are prestigious and make an impression on your CV. “Fellowships beget fellowships.”
Student Eligibility – Undocumented Students & California Dream Act

- **AB 540**
  - Not subject to nonresident supplemental tuition
  - Attended CA high school for three, or more, years and graduated
  - Residency Deputy must make determination
  - Can be undocumented (but cannot be on J-1 or F-1 Visa)

- **AB 130**
  - Undocumented, AB540, students qualify for UC gifts and endowments designated for scholarships by the donor.

- **AB 131**
  - Makes undocumented AB 540 students eligible for awards from other institutional aid funds, including Tuition & Fee revenue.
Fellowships & Grants

- **Timing**
  - Must look for funding every year at least a year in advance
  - Many application deadlines are in the fall for the next academic year (fall 2015 application deadline to receive funding for the school year starting in fall 2016)
  - Offers often made in Feb, March, April
  - The graduate student is, in many cases, a “commodity.” Negotiate for your support – use your external fellowship as a bargaining tool
Internal Fellowships

- **Internal Fellowships are funds controlled by UC Davis**
  - **Graduate Program Fellowship Allocation**
    - Fellowship funds allocated to the Graduate Programs
    - Processed by your Graduate Program Coordinator (return award letters to your program)
  - **Restricted Endowments**
    - Gifts for fellowships targeted to specific student populations
    - Processed by the Office of Graduate Studies
  - **Travel Awards**
    - Offered twice/year in Oct (for travel from July - June) & March (for travel from January - December)
Continuing Student Internal Fellowship Competition

• **Deadlines**
  
  • **December 1st**: Fellowship applications from *continuing* students through our online application form.
    - Letters of reference should be submitted by December 7th
  
  • **December 17th**: Graduate Programs forward nominations for *continuing* students to the Office of Graduate Studies
  
  • **February**: The Office of Graduate Studies begins emailing offer letters to students; copies are sent to graduate programs.
  
  • **If you did not win**: Because we award fellowships through October (due to funding timing), you will not receive notification that you did not win.
## Internal Fellowships

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Internal Fellowship Application Process

• 37 restricted endowment fellowships for Continuing Students (11 open to Nonresident Alien students)
  • Application and descriptions of each fellowship: http://www.gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/ssupport/continuingfellowships.html
  • Approximately 130 awards (range from $1,500 research allowance to $70,000 multi-year award)

• Required Application Materials
  • 2 Essays (statement of purpose & personal history statement)
  • 3 Letters of Recommendation
  • Biographical Data

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Internal Fellowship Formula

• **Factors:**
  - GPA
  - Graduate Council Financial Support Subcommittee Member Rating (2)
  - Program Rank

• **Continuing student formula:**
  \[
  \frac{\text{GPA score} + \text{Reviewer1 score} + \text{Reviewer2 score} + 2\times\text{Program Rank Score}}{5} = \text{Fellowship score}
  \]

Faculty reviewers are assigned to students in their same broad field (Humanities, Social Sciences, and Engineering), but not from their exact major discipline, and via stratified randomization.
Travel Awards

• Offered twice/year in Oct (for travel from July - June) & March (for travel from January - December)
  • Nominations due to OGS November 15th and April 15th
  • Awards announced the week of December 15th and May 15th
• Students may only win once
• Award amount varies by destination ($250 for CA, $500 CONUS, or $1,000 OCONUS)
• $25,000 awarded twice per year
• Three nominations allowed per Grad Program
• Application form and instructions here: http://www.gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/ssupport/internal_travel.html
• Different from the GSA Travel Award - http://gsa.ucdavis.edu/Travel_Award
Internal Fellowships

- Tuition & Fee Fellowships
  - Tuition & Fee fellowships may include only those University and campus fees that are required of all students (http://budget.ucdavis.edu/studentfees).

- Miscellaneous fees such as those for PELP, Filing Fee, advancement to candidacy, course materials, SISS services, library charges, health center charges, late fees, the $150 Document Fee, etc. may not be paid on behalf of students as a fee fellowship. Those fees are wholly the responsibility of the student.
## Graduate Student Fees 2015-16

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Internal Fellowships

• Nonresident Supplemental Tuition (NRST) Programs

  • UCOP NRST Waiver Program
    • NRST is automatically waived for doctoral students for the first three calendar years post-candidacy.

  • UC Davis Post-candidacy NRST Fellowship Program
    • After the UCOP NRST Waiver period, nonresident doctoral students are again charged NRST until they complete their degrees.
    • The Post-candidacy Nonresident Supplemental Tuition Fellowship Program is a non-competitive fellowship program that covers the cost of NRST during the fourth and fifth years after advancement to candidacy.
External Fellowships

• Are offered from outside, non-campus, agencies: non-profits, state and federal government, private foundations.
  • NIH, NSF, USDE, EPA, DOT, NASA
  • Private organizations, e.g. Howard Hughes Foundation, Hertz, Packard Foundation,
  • Non-profit Groups: American Heart, American Lung, American Cancer, Nat’l Physical Science Consortium
  • INTERNATIONAL Opportunities: Fulbright, Social Science Research Council
  • Diversity Fellowships: Ford Foundation Minority Fellowships, UNCF - Merk, NASA
External Fellowships

- **Success – UC Davis currently maintains about $11.4 million in external fellowships ($2.5 million is for post-docs)**
  - **FEDERAL FELLOWSHIPS:**
    - NSF GRFP – 128 fellows, 3.7 million annual and 12 million in the next three years.
    - EPA STAR Fellowship – 7
    - Fulbright U.S. Student Program - 3
    - NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG) and the (DDIG) – 14
    - NIH NRSA 18 (11 predoc and 7 postdoc)
    - NASA Earth Sciences Fellowship (3)
    - USDA Borlaug Fellowship (3)
    - USDA NIFA – 9 (2 predoc, 7 postdoc)
    - USDE Fulbright-Hays - 1
    - U.S. DOT/DOD - 2
External Fellowships

- **Success – UC Davis currently maintains about $11.4 million in external fellowships ($2.5 million is for post-docs)**
  - **PRIVATE | NON-PROFIT FOUNDATIONS:**
    - ARCS (Achievement Reward for College Scientists – 12
    - American Assoc of University Women - 1
    - American Society for Engineering – 3
    - American Heart Associations – 6
    - Ford Foundation Predoctoral, Dissertation and Postdoctoral - 1
    - Howard Hughes Medical Institute – 2
    - National Physical Science Consortium – 2
    - Social Science Research Council – 2
  - **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS**
    - Various governments: China, Korea, Taiwan, etc.
    - UC Mexus/Bucas/CONICYT/CONACYT/Fulbright – 30+
    - Vietnam Foundation – 10
External Fellowships

• Application Process
  • The Student applies directly as the Principal Investigator (P.I.) to the agency following the agency’s guidelines and application instructions - although institutional support is often required.
  • Institutional Support: Signature and/or endorsement from the affiliate university is often required, i.e., the student’s faculty mentor, chair, or an institution official might need to sign the application, offer a letter of support, or submit the application online.
  • If UC Davis institutional support required, student must complete External Fellowship/Grant Application Data Form and obtain required signatures: http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/ssupport/external-fellowships-pol-proc.html

• Resources for External Support
  • Look for “Graduate Student & Postdoctoral Scholar Funding Opportunities” emails from Deborah McCook that were sent to your graduate program coordinator
  • Self-serve Online Search Engines
  • http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/current-students/financial-support/external-fellowships
External Fellowships

• **Required Application Materials**
  • Campus Forms (if institutional signature required)
  • Basic Data Information
  • Statement of Research Goals or Planned Study
  • CV (Curriculum Vitae - an academic resume)
  • Letters of Reference
  • Copies of Transcripts
  • Listing of Publications, Presentations & Posters, and Fellowships received
  • Affiliate Letter (sometimes)
  • Certification & Protocols (Responsible Conduct of Research)
    • Human Subjects
    • Hazardous Materials
    • Vertebrate Animals
    • Ethics
External Fellowship Resources

• **WEB RESOURCES**
  
  • Most Commonly Used Search Engines:
    
    • **Community of Science** = The most comprehensive list of research support available is listed in the funding opportunities database, which has over 400,000 funding opportunities. Web site: [http://pivot.cos.com/funding_main](http://pivot.cos.com/funding_main)
    
    • Yahoo Education/Financial Information Site = [http://dir.yahoo.com/education/Financial_Aid/Grants/](http://dir.yahoo.com/education/Financial_Aid/Grants/)
    
    • Grant Forward (formerly IRIS) = Search the Grant Forward Database for funding opportunities in every field from agriculture to zoology. web site: [https://www.grantforward.com/index](https://www.grantforward.com/index)
    
    • UCLA GRAPES – “Graduate & Postdoctoral Extramural Support”: [http://www.gdnet.ucla.edu/grpinst.htm](http://www.gdnet.ucla.edu/grpinst.htm)
    
  • Help with Grant Writing Tips
    
    • The Foundation Center Web Site: grant seeking on the web, grant writing seminars and tips, sources (see URL [http://fdncenter.org/](http://fdncenter.org/))
    
    • Faculty & Program Advisors = "your new best friends"
    
    • Professional Organizations
External Fellowship Resources

• Office of Graduate Studies
  • Current grants and fellowships:
    http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/ssupport/fellowships-approach-deadlines.html
  • External Fellowship Application Procedure:
  • Comprehensive list of fellowships and grants:
    http://www.gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/programs/external_fellowships.cfm
  • Resources: http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/ssupport/external-resources.html
    • Fellowship Announcements
    • International Student Resources
    • Search Engines
    • Writing Resources

• GradLink
  • A weekly e-newsletter publication (e-GradLink) that is e-mailed to graduate students and postdoctoral scholars through graduate program staff and postdoctoral listservs.
  • http://www.gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/publications/gradlink/index.html
Fellowship Essays

- All different. Answer the stated question or instructions
- Well expressed essays that demonstrate your motivation, creativity and insight
- A realistic research plan with specific aims and methods that targets a significant problem or need and is backed by the literature/previous findings
- The judging process is subjective. Reviewers read through hundreds of applications as quickly as possible
  - engage the reader with a unique story
  - demonstrate application of knowledge & skills
  - write clearly, concisely, and specifically
  - avoid jargon; avoid acronyms; use active voice
  - have consistent format and adhere to guidelines for content, outline or length
  - essays should be free of typos and grammatical errors
- Have peers unfamiliar with your work read for clarity
- Allow ample time for peer/tutor review & feedback on early drafts. Revise, revise, revise...
Letters of Reference

- Network and Build Relationships with faculty
  - Research experience beyond courses
- Ask, “Can you write me a strong, positive, detailed, letter of reference for a fellowship?”
  - Give them the opportunity to decline
- Confirm deadline for obtaining reference letters.
  - Ask at least a month in advance!
  - Provide them with a CV, draft proposal, personal statements, etc.
- Reference letters may need to be sent directly from mentors (electronic submission).
  - Reminder or “thank you note” near the due date
  - Confirm they were submitted and received
## External Fellowships - *Guidelines for Payment*

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<td>Initiate OP Fund number and report to Graduate Program</td>
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Matching Commitments for External Fellowships

- The Office of Graduate Studies, in partnership with the graduate programs, provides matching commitments to encourage students to compete successfully for external awards.
- Matching commitments refer to the use of campus funds to supplement graduate student support that is provided by an external sponsor. With increasing frequency, external agencies are limiting the amounts of the Tuition & Fee payments that are provided. Thus the primary purpose of the Graduate Studies matching commitment policy is to address this shortfall.
- Matching commitments are usually arranged by graduate program staff contacting the Office of Graduate Studies on the student's behalf. Students should notify their programs when they receive an external award so the faculty and staff can work with Graduate Studies to furnish the student with an appropriate level of funding.
Regulations for Receiving Fellowships

- Must report changes in major, program, deferring admissions, below minimum GPA, reduction in enrollment units, or multiple fee awards (GSR or TA fee remission), etc.

- Must be enrolled in, and maintain, 12 units each quarter

- Not eligible for fellowships if on PELP (Planned Educational Leave Program) or Filing Fee status (non-registered status when in the last stages of your degree)

- May not be portable

- Minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)

- Maintain satisfactory academic progress

- May not be able to accept multiple offers concurrently
Types of Funding

• How to fund your Graduate Education?
  
  • Fellowships
  
  • Academic Appointments
  
  • Student Loans
  
  • Personal Resources
Academic Appointments

- **Academic Appointment = Student Employment**
  - Appointment time (also called FTE or Full Time Equivalent)
    - A full-time employee is 100% and a half-time employee = 50% FTE (20 hours/week).
    - Max student appointment is 50%
    - [http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/faculty-staff/academic-personnel/salary-scales](http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/faculty-staff/academic-personnel/salary-scales)
  - Minimum qualifications for being employed are:
    - Full-time, registered, graduate student (12 units)
    - 3.00 GPA (on a 4.0 point scale)
    - Student must be in good academic standing
    - Maximum Length of Service restrictions = 15 quarters for teaching titles and 18 quarters for research titles
Student Eligibility – Undocumented Students & California Dream Act

- Federal “Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)”
  - Undocumented persons allowed to apply for a Employment Authorization Document (work permit).
  - If they receive work permit, undocumented students can work as TA or GSR

- AB 540 and Undocumented Student Center
  - http://undocumented.ucdavis.edu/

- Graduate Studies info for AB 540 and Undocumented Students
  - https://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/undocumentedgrads
Academic Appointments

• **GSR = Graduate Student Researcher**
  - A Graduate Student Researcher is a graduate student who performs research related to the student's degree program in an academic department or research unit under the direction of a faculty member or authorized Principal Investigator.
  - First paycheck is November 01st (always a month in arrears).
  - Usually includes Tuition & Fee remission and NRST remission as a benefit of employment: [http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/current-students/employment/tuition-and-fee-remission](http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/current-students/employment/tuition-and-fee-remission)
  - GSR salaries usually follow a compensation plan and have multiple salary steps depending on the employee's level of experience and education. E.g. bachelors degree, < 1 year grad study, without extensive applicable work experience = you start at salary step 1. If you've completed your dissertation research then you could be salary step 7-10.
  - For example, gross monthly pay at lowest salary step, working 25% time, is around $731. (50% time at highest step, X, is $2,865/ month)
  - To obtain research jobs, the best way to start is to inquire within your own graduate group or department.
Academic Appointments

• **Work Study**
  • Work-study is a program for students with financial need; the federal government pays for a percentage of the costs of research employment (GSR)
  • Start with your Graduate Program Coordinator
  • There are a limited number of work study units available to graduate students at the university, so even if you are eligible, your program may not have the units to give you.
Academic Appointments

• **TA = Teaching Assistant**
  • Employed by department to assist with tasks related to teaching undergraduates.
  • Usually includes partial Tuition & Fee remission: [http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/current-students/employment/tuition-and-fee-remission](http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/current-students/employment/tuition-and-fee-remission)
  • First paycheck is November 01\(^{st}\) (always a month in arrears).
  • Students appointed to the title Teaching Assistant receive a monthly salary related to the percentage of appointment time, e.g. gross monthly pay working 25% time (10 hrs/wk) is $1,030.
  • Each department has its own applications for Teaching Assistant positions, which you should fill out annually if you are interested in a TA position.
## Tuition & Fee Remission Summary


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# Tuition & Fee Remission Summary


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**Subtotal - Graduate fees 2015-16**  
$5,706.11 | $5,706.09 | $5,706.09 | $17,118.29

| Nonresident Supplemental Tuition                          | $5,034.00 | $5,034.00 | $5,034.00 | $15,102.00|

**Total - Nonresidents 2015-16**  
$10,740.11 | $10,740.09 | $10,740.09 | $32,220.29
### Tuition & Fee Remission Example

**Spring GSR remission = $5,706.11**

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**Fall Tuition & Fee charges = $5,706.11**
Types of Funding

• How to fund your Graduate Education?

  • Fellowships
  
  • Academic Appointments
  
  • Student Loans
  
  • Personal Resources
Glossary

- **2015-2016 Graduate Student Expense Budget**
  (Non-University Housing)

- Fees - $17,162
- Books & Supplies - $1,172
- Basic Living - $15,030
  - Housing
  - Food
  - Personal
- Transportation - $1,763
- TOTAL = $35,083

- For citizens who are not CA residents add $15,102 for supplemental nonresident tuition = $50,185
Financial Aid

• Loans
  • Loans via UC Davis are available to US Citizens & Permanent Residents
  • Loans are available to meet, but not exceed, the Graduate Student Budget.
  • Students may apply for loans throughout each academic year
  • Graduate students are eligible for Unsubsidized, Graduate Plus, or Alternative loans which will need to be repaid.
  • First-time borrowers of federal loans must complete Entrance Loan Counseling and complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN), before money will be released.

• Emergency, Short-Term, and Assistant Loans
  • If you are experiencing a temporary shortage of funds, the Financial Aid Office offers Emergency, Short-Term, and Assistant Loans. Applications with instructions for applying are available online at the link below
  • http://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/graduate/types/loans.html
Financial Aid

• **Fall Quarter 2015 Loan Disbursement Dates**

  • REMINDER: All financial aid documents must be received and requirements must be satisfied before financial aid can disburse. Check the status of your financial aid through MyAwards.

  • Monday, September 14th: Fall Quarter financial aid is released to student accounts to pay fees and other university charges.

  • Financial Aid Refunds are available on September 21, 2015. If not signed up for direct deposit, check pickup is available at the Student Accounting Window on the Second Floor of Dutton Hall.
Financial Aid

• **Graduate Financial Aid Office**
  - http://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/graduate/gradstudies/index.html
  - The Financial Aid Office Window is open in Dutton Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday. However, we have extended hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the first two weeks of the Fall 2015 quarter.
  - If you have questions for Graduate Financial Aid, we are committed to returning inquiries within a 24-48 hour time frame. You may contact us at (530) 752-9246 or https://students.my.ucdavis.edu/ask_us/index.cfm.
Financial Aid

To be considered for grants and loans, you must apply for financial aid every year by submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [http://www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or California Dream Act Application at [https://dream.csac.ca.gov/](https://dream.csac.ca.gov/)

- Priority filing deadline for grant eligibility is March 2\(^{nd}\). The information provided on the FAFSA will help you determine an estimate of need based-aid.

- Graduate Student Expense Budget: Fees & Tuition, Books & Supplies, Basic Living (Housing, Food, Personal), Transportation

- Student budget minus EFC = Need based-aid
Financial Aid for International Students

• Though rare, there are loans available to international students who meet certain criteria. Most loans require a cosigner*. A variety of organizations and institutions provide private loans to international students. Many provide assistance that is targeted to students from specific regions or countries and who meet certain criteria. The best ways to search for a loan is by contacting your bank and by doing online research (for example: http://www.elmselect.com/Results/Index). It is essential that you read and understand all loan terms before signing a contract.

• *A cosigner is someone who guarantees and is responsible for payment to the loaning institution if for any reason you are unable to pay back the loan. Most loans in the U.S. will require that your co-signer is a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident and have stable employment and income.
Over Awards

• Only applicable if you have need-based aid (e.g. loans)

• Every student’s financial situation is unique

• If you are paid a loan and then later receive additional financial support (TA, GSR, Fellowship), you may be required to immediately repay some of the loan

• To minimize the impact of this situation, report all TA and GSR appointments, departmental fellowships, grants, and external funding to the Financial Aid Office as soon as you confirm the amount you will receive
Prepared statement:

The information I'm presenting today is intended only to introduce you to the tax rules applicable to recipients of scholarships and fellowships. The University of California does not provide tax advice; you should contact your personal tax advisor with any questions or concerns.

Taxation of Grant/Scholarship Awards:

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 makes taxable: scholarships, grants, fellowships, traineeships, and other forms of gift aid that exceed the costs of tuition, fees, required books, and supplies.

Tax year (the calendar year) versus the academic year (Oct – June)

If you had income, you may be required to file two income tax returns: (1) Federal, and (2) State
Tax

• **Forms:** [http://studentaccounting.ucdavis.edu/taxes/index.cfm](http://studentaccounting.ucdavis.edu/taxes/index.cfm)
  
  - **1098-T**
    - "Tuition Payments Statement"
    - sent to Resident Aliens, for Tax Purposes, and U.S. Citizens
  
  - **W-2**
    - W-2's are issued to everyone who worked and were paid by an employer during the previous calendar year unless all wages were exempt under a tax treaty
  
  - **1042-S**
    - 1042S's are issued to anyone who received a nonqualified scholarship or tax treaty benefit (which means some or all of your previous year's salary was exempt from Federal Taxes) during the previous year

Miscellaneous Funding

UC Davis Student Parent Child Care Funding Program

Student Parent Child Care Funding has two sources:
1. Community Based Care Grant (CBCG): (for undergraduate, graduate and professional students)
2. Graduate Student Child Care Grant (GSCCG): (for graduate and professional students only)
   - Provides $600 to $1,300 per quarter for child care expense

Dean Witter Fund

A limited amount of money is available through the Dean Witter Fund to help offset the cost of room rental and food & beverage expenses for events intended to promote faculty/student academic interaction in informal settings
   - Graduate students or faculty may act as a sponsor and apply for Dean Witter funds
   - The sponsor may be reimbursed for up to $10 per individual with a maximum of $100 per event.
   - Apply here: http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/current-students/financial-support/internal-fellowships/dean-witter-fund
Review Types of Funding

The most common types of payment transactions are:

1. **Academic employment salary**
   a. Paid via the Payroll System (not visible in MyBill or SISWEB)
   b. [http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/current-students/financial-support/academic-employment/understanding-your-student-salary](http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/current-students/financial-support/academic-employment/understanding-your-student-salary)

2. **Academic employment remission**
   a. Paid via banner (visible in MyBill & SISWEB)

3. **Stipend fellowships**
   a. Paid via banner for US Citizens (no withholding tax)
   b. Paid via Payroll for Nonresident Aliens (withholding tax deducted)

4. **Tuition & Fee and NRST fellowships**
   a. Paid via banner (visible in MyBill & SISWEB)

5. **Educational loans**
   a. Paid via banner (visible in MyBill & SISWEB)

6. **Travel Expenses**: Reimbursement of authorized Travel Expenses processed via the MyTravel System and not visible via MyBill or SISWEB

7. **Supplies & Equipment**: Reimbursement of authorized Supplies & Equipment purchases processed via the Kuali Financial System (KFS) (not visible via MyBill or SISWEB)
Where is my money (who do I ask)?

- **#1 - Your graduate program coordinator**
  - [http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/programs/](http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/programs/)

- **Contact listed on your funding letter**
  - GSR, TA, Fellowship, External Agency, etc.

- **The PI who hired you**
  - Can refer you to their appropriate accounting staff

- **External Fellowships**
  - CA&ES: Deborah McCook – dlmcccook@ucdavis.edu
  - Not CA&ES: Kristin Provost – klprovost@ucdavis.edu

- **Loans**
  - Grad Financial Aid – (530) 752-9246 or [https://students.my.ucdavis.edu/ask_us/index.cfm](https://students.my.ucdavis.edu/ask_us/index.cfm)

- **Complex, multi-department, issue?**
  - **Financial Support Specialist** - Lisa Finnegan - Ilffinnegan@ucdavis.edu
    - or 530 752.8864
Important Dates

- **For Financial Aid:**
  [http://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/graduate/gradstudies/dates.html](http://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/graduate/gradstudies/dates.html)
- **Drop for Non-Payment, Graduate Students:**
  [http://registrar.ucdavis.edu/tuition/non-payment.cfm](http://registrar.ucdavis.edu/tuition/non-payment.cfm)
- **Quarter Dates and Deadlines:** [http://registrar.ucdavis.edu/calendar/quarter.cfm](http://registrar.ucdavis.edu/calendar/quarter.cfm)

- **Sept 14th:** Fall Financial Aid (loans) posts to student accounts
- **Sept 21st:** Fall loan remainders disburse to students
- **Sept 24th:** Fall quarter instruction begins
- **Oct 7th:** Last day to register for fall quarter classes
- **Nov 1st:** First fall quarter fellowship stipend payment date and the first academic appointment salary payment date
- **Nov 12th:** Grad student fall fee payment deadline ($110 late fee & winter hold)
- **Dec 1st:** The second fall quarter fellowship stipend payment date and the second academic appointment salary payment date
- **Dec 1st:** UC Davis Continuing Graduate Student Internal Fellowship application due
- **Dec 11th:** Deadline for majority of CA residency documentation
- **Jan 1st:** The third (and final) fall quarter fellowship stipend payment date and the third academic appointment salary payment date
Important Reminders – External Fellowships

• Guaranteed not to be funded if you don’t apply
• Seek opportunities to gain research, service learning, & volunteer experience
• Analyze announcement for eligibility and restrictions.
• Apply early. Apply to SEVERAL likely sources (if allowable).
• Answer questions directly & follow instructions.
• Ask several people to give you feedback on your essay drafts.
• Develop an application plan based on due dates.
  • Submit at least three days early!
  • Anticipate last minute glitches.
• If an electronic submission (e.g. Fastlane/NSF) learn the system early.
• Letters of reference
• Look for funding every year; beginning early fall for the next academic year
Important Reminders

• Check your student account balance often!
• You may not be able to hold multiple major fellowships/appointments at the same time (check restrictions)
• For US Citizens, no withholding tax is deducted from fellowship stipends. You may have a tax liability in April.
• PELP & Filing Fee can interrupt your funding
• First stipend disbursement and/or paycheck is November 01st.
• Any additional support offered to you and not reflected on your electronic financial aid notice, may put you in an over-award situation. This could result in your being billed for aid you were not eligible to receive. To avoid this situation, report all TA and GSR appointments, block grant awards, fellowships, grants, and external funding to the Financial Aid Office as soon as you confirm the amount you will receive.
• If you have a fall TA appointment, you will still owe $264.11 in Tuition & Fees
Important Reminders

• For your next book club:

  • **Graduate Student Guide:**
    http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/faculty-staff/reports-publications/guides-handbooks
  
  • **Graduate Student Employment Handbook for Teaching Assistants and Associates In_**:
    http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/faculty-staff/reports-publications/guides-handbooks
  
  • **Graduate Studies Policies** for graduate students (over 20 to choose from!):
    http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/graduate-programs/policies
  
  • **GradPathways** (Professional Development Program for UC Davis Graduate Students):
    http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/sites/default/files/upload/files/gradpathways/f14gradpathways.pdf and
    http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/professional-development/gradpathways
  
  • **IRS Publication 970** (Tax Benefits for Education), IRS website at
    http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/lists/0,,id=97819,00.html
  
  • **Class Schedule and Registration Guide:**
    http://registrar.ucdavis.edu/csrg/
• Questions?

Thank You!