YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE.

Pursuing graduate studies is an important choice in your life and we hope you take the time to review the financial resources The University of Texas at Arlington has available. In recent years, UT Arlington has drastically increased the amount of financial assistance for its graduate students.

There are various types of need-based and merit-based funding opportunities for graduate students pursing a degree at UT Arlington, and nearly 50% of our graduate students receive some form of financial assistance. This brochure will walk you through what those types of funding include and which offices on campus will have additional information and what their processes are for you to be considered for funding.

Please contact our office after viewing the information in this brochure if you have any questions.

Fellowships

Fellowships are merit-based funding intended to attract the most highly qualified students to graduate programs. Fellowships can be either supported by an organization or a federal agency for study at an institution of the student’s choice or supported by an institution or university for study in that specific institution/university or a particular program.

UT Arlington’s competitive fellowship opportunities include packages with competitive graduate assistantships and 75% to 100% tuition remission. A UT Arlington competitive fellowship of at least $1,000 also qualifies the recipient to receive in-state tuition for the full academic year (From August to the following August), if their original tuition rate was designated as out-of-state or international.

Nominations for UT Arlington fellowships are made by the departmental graduate advisor and appointments may last for a period of two to five years. Students are encouraged to contact their intended graduate advisor about fellowship opportunities. A list of UT Arlington fellowships and external fellowships is available on the Office of Graduate Studies’ website: http://grad.uta.edu/fellowships.

Assistantships

Graduate research and teaching assistantships are available in most departments. The typical appointment involves working approximately 20 hours per week. These assistantships may involve teaching courses, supervising a laboratory, grading papers, meeting with students, or assisting faculty on research projects. Students holding assistantships are eligible to pay tuition at resident rates, providing a significant reduction in tuition costs.

Prospective and current graduate students are encouraged to contact their program’s graduate advisor for more information.

Federal and State Financial Aid

Federal and state financial aid is available to eligible graduate students. To be eligible for grants, loans, and Federal Work-Study (FWS), a student must be:

- A U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Working toward a degree or certification at UT Arlington
- Enrolled at least half-time (5 hours for graduate students)
- In satisfactory scholastic standing according to the University

Apply for federal and state financial aid programs by completing and submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by visiting: www.fafsa.gov, or obtain a paper copy of the FAFSA at public libraries, other colleges and universities or UT Arlington’s Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. Processing takes approximately three weeks. International students are eligible for aid through institutional programs.

Grant Programs

Grants are available to graduate students at UT Arlington. Grants are funds that normally do not require repayment, and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Grant recipients will receive funding from only one of the following: the Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG)* or the May Grant. Awards for either of these two grant programs are available to graduate students with established financial need. Graduate grant awards vary from $1,200 - $4,000 for fall and spring. An additional $1,000 may be available for students who enroll at least half-time in summer. Qualified doctoral students may also be eligible for an additional $1,700 based on need. Funds may be available for summer, fall and spring semester.

* TPEG funds are available to international students. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships to complete an International TPEG application.

Graduate Student Loan Programs

There are several types of graduate student loan programs available to graduate students including the Federal Perkins Loan, the Stafford Loan, and the College Access Loan (CAL). Both full-time and part-time students are eligible for student loans. Students may qualify for loans up to $20,500. Interest rates do vary and may be as low as 5%.

Federal Work Study Program

The Federal Work-Study (FWS) program enables graduate students to fund a portion of their educational expenses with part-time work earnings. FWS jobs are available both on and off campus. FWS recipients may work a maximum of 19 hours per week. Information about FWS jobs and other on- or off-campus jobs is available through the Office of Human Resources’ website: http://www.uta.edu/snapjob.

Financial Aid Priority Deadlines

Financial aid applications and documents must be received in the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships by:

- Summer 2012: May 15, 2012
- Fall 2012: August 1, 2012
- Spring 2013: November 15, 2012
- Summer 2013: April 1, 2013
- Fall 2013: May 15, 2013

For more information about applying for these three opportunities, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at: http://uta.edu/faq.

Veteran’s Benefits

Veterans are encouraged to contact the Veteran Affairs Office to obtain information about eligibility for and payment of VA benefits and other matters for veterans attending or planning to attend UT Arlington.

To learn more, visit: http://www.uta.edu/vets/