

Guide to Financial Support for Graduate Students

To be considered for the awards listed below, you must submit your application for admission and fellowships by the departmental deadline. See the list of departmental deadlines on pages 37 – 40.

Graduate Division Awards for Entering Students

2010 – 2011 Award Amounts for Multi-Year Awards

The Graduate Division offers a variety of awards for entering students, including:

- Berkeley Fellowships which are awarded to outstanding applicants to doctoral programs in all fields;
- Chancellor's and Cota Robles Fellowships which are awarded to exceptional applicants who enhance the diversity in the graduate student population at Berkeley; and
- Regent's Intern and Predoctoral Humanities Fellowships which are awarded to exceptional applicants to doctoral programs in the humanities and social sciences who are planning a career in university teaching and research.

All awards are competitive, based on merit, and offered to doctoral students of outstanding achievement.

To be considered for graduate funding, applicants must complete the Fellowship Application for Domestic Students, or, if international, the Fellowship Application for International Students.

U.S. citizens and permanent residents must also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the March 1, 2010, deadline for priority processing.

Notification: Recipients will be notified by the Graduate Division by April 1, 2010.

Award amounts: Stipends range from \$18,600 to \$26,600 per academic year for two years, in addition to departmental support years which add at least two years of support in the form of fellowships and/or research or teaching assistantships. All university awards include educational, registration, and health insurance. Nonresident tuition is paid for U.S. citizens and permanent residents only on the first year of the fellowship, if needed. For international students, nonresident tuition is included for all years of their fellowship tenure. Many awards include a summer stipend and fees as well. Some awards are not deferrable. Yearly renewal of all multi-year awards is based on continued academic excellence.

Other Awards and Eligibility

2010 – 2011 Award Amounts

Departmental Block Grant Fellowships

Departments assign the awards and notify recipients. Please contact your home department for information on the application process. To be considered, U.S. citizens and permanent residents must complete the Fellowship Application for Domestic Students and submit a FAFSA; international applicants must complete the Fellowship Application for International Students.

Award amounts vary.

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS)

This one-year award is for students in the humanities, professional schools, and social sciences who need to acquire a high level of competency in a modern foreign language for their field. You must show potential for high achievement and plan to enroll in a language and an area studies course of the award. Students applying to master's or doctoral programs are eligible. To be considered, U.S. citizens and permanent residents must complete the Fellowship Application for Domestic Students and Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Application and submit a FAFSA.

Stipend of \$16,000, plus tuition and educational, registration, and campus fees.

Other Financial Assistance

Assistance	Eligibility	2009 – 2010 Award Amounts	Whom to Contact/ How to Apply	Deadline	Notification
Academic Appointments	Varies by appointment.	http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/appointments	Department chair or professors directly.	Apply after acceptance.	Department discretion.
Family Student Housing	Registered student and spouse or partner with or without children; single parents with children.	Monthly rents vary; Information is available online (http://www.housing.berkeley.edu/livingatcal/graduatestudents.html).	University of California, Family Student Housing, 2610 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94720-2272.	As soon as possible; do not wait for admission to apply.	Depends on date of application and desired facility.
Early Childhood Education Program	One parent must be a registered student. Priority given to low-income families. Day care for children three months to seven years old.	Sliding scale fees (\$0–\$37 per day). Two hours per week of parent participation requested.	University of California, Early Childhood Education Program, 2610 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94720-2272.	By May 31 for fall; by mid-November for spring.	July for fall; December for spring.

Need-Based Financial Aid (must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident)

Assistance	Eligibility	2010 – 2011 Award Amounts	Whom to Contact/ How to Apply	Deadline	Notification
Subsidized Federal Direct Loan*	Financial need is determined by an analysis of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).	Up to \$8,500 per year, with a maximum of \$65,500 over your entire academic career (including student loans accrued as an undergraduate).	Complete the FAFSA (or FAFSA renewal), which is available on the website (http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).	Priority deadline: March 1, 2010. Late applications accepted until March 2011.	Depends on date of application.
Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan*	Same as above.	Up to \$20,500 per year (students may borrow both a subsidized and unsubsidized Direct Loan, but the combined borrowing cannot exceed \$20,500 annually), with a maximum of \$138,500 over your entire academic career.	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.
Parent Grant	Low income students with high financial need who have dependent children living with them will be considered for this grant based on FAFSA need analysis and other information.	Award amounts will be based on available funding.	The Financial Aid Office will mail a follow-up verification form to students who have indicated a dependent child on their FAFSA. The applicants will return the verification form with copies of their most recent federal income tax return and W2s, estimates of child care costs, and other information.	Same as above.	Same as above.
Work-Study	Same as above.	Maximum award is \$10,000 per academic year. Wages vary; usually \$10–\$15 per hour.	Complete the FAFSA (or FAFSA renewal), which is available on the website (http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).	FAFSA due March 1, 2010.	Same as above.
Perkins Loan	Same as above.	Perkins funds are very limited. Students with highest need after other sources have been exhausted may be awarded Perkins funds.	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.
Health Professions Student Loan (HPSL)	Same as above, except that parent information and signature must be included on the FAFSA for HPSL consideration. (Optometry only)	Award amounts will be based on the available funding.	Same as above.	Same as above.	Same as above.
American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) Fellowships	Enrolled member of federally recognized tribe or at least 1/4 American Indian or Alaska Native, as recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Award limit is based on student need and availability of funds. Applicants must apply for financial aid.	Will vary.	American Indian Graduate Center, 4520 Montgomery Blvd., NE, Suite 1-B, Albuquerque, NM 87109. Applications are available on the website (http://www.aigc.com).	June 1, 2010.	Varies.

*All federal regulations subject to change.