



Funding Your Graduate Education: Sources of Information

Federal Student Aid

...from the U.S. Department of Education (ED)

Federal student aid accounts for the largest percentage of aid received by graduate and professional students. For information about types of federal student aid, eligibility criteria, and repaying student loans, and to fill out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA), visit www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov

...from other federal agencies

To find out about funding from agencies other than ED, take a look at www.students.gov

Don't forget to research tax benefits at the Internal Revenue Service's Web site! www.irs.gov

State Aid

Many states offer assistance for graduate or professional school: www.ed.gov/Programs/bastmp/SHEA.htm

Institutional Aid

Statistics say your school will provide nearly as much of your funding as the federal government will. To find out what aid your school offers, contact the financial aid office as well as a faculty member in your area of study.

Other Aid

Here are some other places you should consider looking for funding:

- ✓ the reference section of your school or public library
- ✓ the Internet (there is a free scholarship search at www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov)
- ✓ foundations, religious organizations, community organizations, local businesses, and civic groups
- ✓ organizations (including professional associations) related to your field of interest
- ✓ ethnicity-based organizations
- ✓ your employer
- ✓ your state vocational rehabilitation agency (if appropriate); a list of state agencies is at www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/rsa/index.html – also try www.disabilityinfo.gov

Points to Consider

Save your money

Information about aid is free. Learn about scams and find research ideas at www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/LSA

The FAFSA is free. If you're charged a fee, you're not at the official ED site. Go to www.fafsa.gov

Know how to handle your student loans

Check out information on repaying your loans at www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/repayingpub

Questions?

Visit www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov or call 1-800-4-FED-AID (TTY: 1-800-730-8913)

Print out this fact sheet from www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/grad and share it with other graduate students.

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