Learning how to finance your education as a graduate student can be quite overwhelming. We understand that financial need is an important factor in attending graduate programs. Please use the following links and tools for more information on available methods and positions.

To determine how much federal aid is available for a student, you must start the process by filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), [www.fafsa.edu.gov](http://www.fafsa.edu.gov)

### Ohio State Assistantships

The College of Public Health offers a limited number of graduate student positions. These positions are:

- Graduate Research Assistant (GRA)
- Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA)
- Graduate Administrative Assistant (GAA)

These assistant positions are awarded to students who meet eligibility requirements and who have been chosen by selected faculty members. Even though there are a limited number of positions, new positions often open throughout the school year. The tuition assistance varies upon the position, with most positions providing one-half to full tuition reimbursement as payment for working 15-20 hours per week. Other colleges and departments at Ohio State offer GRA, GTA, and GAA positions, so please contact other individual departments for further opportunities. For example:

- OSU Center for the Study and Teaching of Writing
  - [www.cstw.osu.edu](http://www.cstw.osu.edu)
- Department of Chemistry
  - [https://chemistry.osu.edu/graduate/jobs](https://chemistry.osu.edu/graduate/jobs)
- Student Service Center (Student Financial Aid)
  - [http://ssc.osu.edu/](http://ssc.osu.edu/)
- OSU Department of Recreational Sports (RPAC)
  - [http://recsports.osu.edu/employment/graduate-assistantships](http://recsports.osu.edu/employment/graduate-assistantships)
- OSU Multicultural Center
  - [http://mcc.osu.edu/jobs/](http://mcc.osu.edu/jobs/)
- OSU Student Wellness Center
  - [http://swc.osu.edu/get-involved/employment-opportunities/graduate-associates/](http://swc.osu.edu/get-involved/employment-opportunities/graduate-associates/)

**Note:** There is no central posting service for GA positions; however, other departments and service units on campus occasionally send position descriptions to the OAPSS. Those are then forwarded to the student listserv.

Master of Health Administration (MHA) students are considered for division funded scholarships. In addition, many MHA students obtain part-time jobs in the health administration field. Those students benefit financially and in terms of professional development. The Division of Health Services Management and Policy assist students in locating these positions.

Other MHA scholarship opportunities can be found at:

- Foster McGraw Graduate Student Scholarship/Albert Dent Graduate Student Scholarship for Minority Students: [http://www.ache.org/Faculty_Students/mcgaw_scholarship.cfm](http://www.ache.org/Faculty_Students/mcgaw_scholarship.cfm)
Ohio State Graduate School Fellowships

Ohio State is proud to offer Graduate Fellowships. In order to be eligible for this award, domestic and international applications must be received by dates posted on the College of Public Health website. The number of fellowships granted to individual schools at Ohio State varies each year. Therefore, the number of awards granted to the College of Public Health is not known until early spring. Each recipient will be awarded full tuition and a monthly stipend. Individuals receiving Graduate Fellowships are expected to devote full-time to their academic studies. For more information, please visit the Graduate School website.

http://www.gradsch.ohio-state.edu/graduate-school-fellowships-for-first-year-graduate-students.html

Grants and Federal Fellowships

Other forms of financial aid are available such as grants and federal fellowships. Grants do not need to be repaid but require submission of a grant proposal to receive the award. Most grants are awarded to predoctoral and postdoctoral candidates in research. The National Institute of Health (NIH), National Library of Medicine, and the Office of Minority Health offer funding to selected individuals.

Predoctoral and postdoctoral candidates are also often funded through federal fellowships. The following links are useful to obtain a list of available fellowships:

- National Institute of Health: http://www.nih.gov/
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov/
- National Science Foundation: http://nsf.gov/
- The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi: http://www.phikappaphi.org/Web/Awards/Fellowship.html

Scholarships

Scholarships are available from a variety of private organizations outside of the university. Below is a list of free and useful websites for quick and easy access to hundreds of available scholarships:

- FastWeb: http://www.fastweb.com/
- Gates Millennium Scholars: http://www.gmsp.org/
- FinAid: http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/
- GradSchools.com: http://www.gradschools.com/article-category/financial-aid-34
- Petersons: http://www.petersons.com/graduate-schools/graduate-loans-scholarships.aspx
- Minority Scholarships (Granted by The Ohio State University): http://www.odi.osu.edu/

International Students

The U.S. Department of Education does not award financial aid to international students so you are not eligible to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA). The Office of International Affairs provides some options for financing your education. To learn more about these options and their specific eligibility requirements, please visit the Office of International Affairs webpage: http://oia.osu.edu/grants-and-scholarships/graduates.html.

Since the U.S. government does not fund international students, the College of Public Health recommends that you ask your country’s government or private organizations for funding. One possible form of support is from the Fulbright Foreign Student Program: http://www.iie.org/en/Fulbright, based in over 100 foreign countries.