Financial Aid

The information in this catalog is current as of July 2016. Please contact individual programs for any additional information or changes.

Graduate Assistantships and Fellowships

Graduate Assistantships are available through individual academic units. Stipend rates paid are determined by the employing academic unit. Interested students should ask their academic-unit offices about the availability of assistantships and the procedure for applying. Early inquiry is essential to be assured of meeting application deadlines. Appointments are made on the recommendation of the academic unit chair, subject to admission to the Graduate School and to the approval of the Dean of the Graduate School. Initial appointment requires clear evidence of superior ability and promise. Reappointment to assistantships requires evidence of continued good scholarship.

For fall appointments, apply to the appropriate academic unit chair, on or before February 15th of each year, unless otherwise specified. Deadlines for appointments for other terms are determined by the employing unit.

Fellows, trainees, and graduate assistants must pay appropriate tuition and fees. Fellows receiving stipends of $4,000 or greater per term (prorated for summer) are expected to devote full time to their studies. Students who accept fellowships and traineeship are required to register appropriately. Trainees are also expected to devote full time to their studies. Graduate assistants have part-time teaching or research duties; they are required to register for reduced credit loads, according to the schedule for their appointment. Students on appointment are financially liable for excess credits beyond the required registrations. **If a student on appointment drops below the required registration at any time in the semester, the student becomes financially liable for the entire registration.**

University-wide Fellowships

Graduate School Fellowship Program

The Graduate School Fellowship program (GSF) represents one of the most prestigious graduate student award available at the University. Funded at competitive levels, these desirable awards support students in all programs and departments of the University awarding a Ph.D. or M.F.A.

To ensure that Graduate School Fellows receive every opportunity to succeed, the GSF will provide four years of stipend support. Tuition and health insurance are also provided for new students formally admitted into Ph.D. programs. M.F.A. students receive three-year GSF awards. Students may be appointed as graduate assistants, research assistants, teaching assistants, or fellows.

The University expects Graduate School Fellows to demonstrate high levels of academic achievement and active participation in university life. GSF recipients are selected by their departments or programs of their major field of study. For more information on the GSF program, please contact the graduate coordinator for the degree program of interest.

Grinter Fellowship

Named in honor of Dr. Linton E. Grinter, Dean of the Graduate School from 1952 to 1969, this fellowship provides stipend supplements to assist in recruiting exceptional graduate students. Currently enrolled graduate students are not eligible, except when entering a Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) program. Stipend supplements are $2000 to $4000 per year for up to three years. Continuing the Grinter Fellowship beyond the first year depends on satisfactory student progress. Students in the Colleges of Engineering and Law are not eligible for this award.

For further details, please contact the appropriate major academic unit.

Title VI: Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship

Title VI fellowships are available to graduate students whose academic programs are Latin America, Africa, or Europe oriented.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents and must be registered for a full-time course load including a language relevant to the area of their choice: specifically, Portuguese or Haitian Creole for recipients through the Center for Latin American Studies; Akan, Amharic, Arabic, Swahili, Wolof, Yoruba, Zulu or other African languages for which appropriate instruction can be arranged, for recipients through the Center for African Studies; and Czech, Greek (modern), Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Turkish, or other lesser and least commonly taught European languages for which appropriate instruction can be arranged for recipients through the Center for European Studies. The fellowships provide a $15,000 stipend for the academic year and $2,500 for the summer plus payment of all tuition and fees up to 12 credits. Academic year and summer fellowship programs have separate application processes.

For more information, contact:

Center for Latin American Studies
(319 Grinter Hall, http://www.latam.ufl.edu);

Center for African Studies
(427 Grinter Hall, http://www.africa.ufl.edu); or

Center for European Studies
(3324 Turlington Hall, http://www.ces.ufl.edu).

Veterans Administration and Social Security Administration Benefits Information

Veterans Benefits

For information regarding veteran education benefits please visit the UF Office of Veterans Affairs.
For further GI Bill information, please visit http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/

Social Security Benefits

Inquiries related to Social Security benefits should be directed to the student's local Social Security Office. The Office of the University Registrar will complete enrollment certificates issued by the Social Security Administration for students eligible to receive educational benefits. A full-time graduate load is nine hours.

External Fellowships for Graduate Students

For information on external fellowships, small grants, and other funding opportunities:
http://research.ufl.edu/faculty-and-staff/finding-funding/external-funding-opportunity-resources.html

The COS/Pivot Funding Opportunities database and the GrantForward Database are keyword searchable and highly recommended as information resources
http://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/content.php?pid=215478&sid=1953084.

The Graduate School posts information concerning external funding opportunities at
http://graduateschool.ufl.edu/finances-and-funding/financial-aid-bulletin-board

Graduate School Support Programs

Dissertation Completion Assistance

Graduate School Dissertation Awards: The Graduate School Dissertation Award is a competitive award created to provide final term funding for UF Ph.D. candidates in selected majors in the humanities, arts, and social sciences to complete their dissertations through defense, final clearance by the Editorial Office, and graduation. This program is for students who have exhausted all funding and is meant to allow recipients the time and resources to focus exclusively on completing their dissertation by the end of the award period.

The program provides a stipend for approximately four to six months. The award periods will be 1) Summer B plus Fall, 2) Fall, 3) Spring, or 4) Spring plus Summer A. Up to 5 credits of tuition at the in-state rate will be provided depending on the award period. Students are expected to graduate at the end of the award period. While under this award, applicants may not receive a fellowship, assistantship, or other funding with this award.

The application and deadlines are posted on the website: http://graduateschool.ufl.edu/prospective-students/funding/dissertation/

Graduate School Doctoral Research Travel Awards: The Graduate School Doctoral Research Travel Award provides support for research-related travel expenses for UF Ph.D. students in the humanities, arts, and social sciences. This program is for students who have inadequate departmental funding to effectively conduct doctoral dissertation research away from UF.

Students selected for the Graduate School Doctoral Research Travel Award can receive up to $6,000 for doctoral research-related travel for one semester—Fall, Spring, or Summer C. A limited number of awards will be available each semester depending on the level of available funding.

For more information and application process and deadlines, see website:
http://graduateschool.ufl.edu/prospective-students/funding/travel/graduate-school-doctoral-research-travel-award-/

Supplemental Retention Scholarship Award: This award assists doctoral students in completing their degrees by providing tuition support at the in-state level and involves their participation in Graduate School-sponsored workshops. Students within three semesters of completing their Ph.D., who no longer have funding available through an assistantship or fellowship, are eligible to receive limited tuition assistance for the remaining semesters. The tuition assistance is not given in the form of cash, employment, tuition, or fee waiver; it is paid directly to Student Financial Services as a scholarship.

Applications may be obtained at
http://graduateschool.ufl.edu/prospective-students/funding/dissertation/supplemental-retention-scholarships/

Office of Graduate Minority Program (OGMP) Student Support

The following fellowships and programs are administered by the Graduate School's Office of Graduate Minority Programs (OGMP)
http://graduateschool.ufl.edu/about-us/offices/division-of-graduate-student-affairs-dgsa/graduate-minority-programs-ogmp/
Mailing address: 121 Grinter P.O. Box 115500 Gainesville, FL 32611
Phone: (352) 392-6444, (800) 753-9798
Email: ogmp@ufl.edu

Florida Board of Education (BOE) Summer Program: BOE is held during Summer B and is an orientation program for ethnic/cultural minorities, first-generation college students, students from a low socio-economic background, and students who are underrepresented in various academic disciplines. This program provides opportunities for newly admitted Ph.D. students to build support networks and become acclimated to UF and the Gainesville community. Participants receive a $3,500 stipend, health insurance, and payment of four credits for Summer B. Students who meet the criteria for eligibility and who have been admitted to a UF graduate program are invited to apply online at:

http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/about-us/offices/division-of-graduate-student-affairs-dgsa/graduate-minority-programs-ogmp/ogmp-programs/board-of-education-boe-summer-fellowship/

Florida A&M University (FAMU) Feeder Program: UF is one of over 40 universities in the FAMU Feeder Program aimed at increasing the number of FAMU students in graduate programs. FAMU administrators nominate students with at least a 3.0 GPA to participating feeder institutions for admission into their graduate programs. OGMP is UF's main contact for the feeder program. UF offers five fellowships every year to qualified FAMU Feeder students who have been admitted to a Ph.D. program. Each fellow receives a base annual stipend of $12,000, in-state tuition, and health insurance for up to three years. For more information, please visit:
http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/prospective-students/funding/fellowships/famu-feeder-program/

McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Program: The Florida Education Fund (FEF) awards McKnight Doctoral Fellowships (MDF) to African American and Hispanic students who are U.S. citizens and newly admitted into Ph.D. programs at Florida institutions. However, students must submit an application for the McKnight Doctoral Fellowship to FEF by January 15. Awardees are selected from students who are newly admitted to Ph.D. programs and who have submitted a complete application to FEF. The Fellowship provides a base annual salary of $12,000, in-state tuition, fees, and health insurance for up to five years, provided there is satisfactory progress toward completing the degree. To apply for the McKnight Doctoral Fellowship, students should contact FEF for applications and more information and visit the MDF website: http://www.fefonline.org/mdf.html

Application deadline: January 15

Florida Education Fund
201 East Kennedy Blvd.
Suite 1525
Tampa, FL 33602
Phone (813) 272-2772

University of Florida/Santa Fe College Faculty Development Project: This partnership initiative allows UF doctoral students to teach as adjunct professors at Santa Fe College. Participants who teach three courses per year at SFC and help SFC recruit and retain minority students are appointed on an annual basis. The program provides a $13,000 stipend for nine months, in-state tuition, fees, and health insurance for fall and spring semesters. Students are selected for participation based on the academic and personnel needs of Santa Fe College. Faculty Development Project applicants must be from a minority or underrepresented group, and hold a master's degree or 18 credit hours of graduate level credit in one of the approved disciplines. For additional information:
http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/prospective-students/funding/other/ufsfc-development-project/

National Consortium for Graduate Degrees for Minorities in Engineering and Sciences, Inc. (GEM) Fellowship: This fellowship program supports African American, Native American, and Hispanic students in pursuing the Master of Science degree in engineering and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in engineering and/or science disciplines. The GEM Fellowship Program provides funding for under-represented minority students at the master's and Ph.D. level through fellowships and paid summer internships. The GEM Consortium assists in the matching of industry with students for paid internships. Students matched for a paid internship are eligible to receive a stipend for both masters and doctoral fellowship recipients. Each M.S. applicant must be a junior, senior, or graduate of an engineering program with at least a 2.8 GPA. Each Ph.D. applicant must be a junior, senior, or graduate of an engineering program with at least a 3.0 GPA. For additional information:
http://www.gemfellowship.org or call (703) 562-3646

Delores Auzenne Dissertation Award: The Delores Auzenne Dissertation Award is a competitively awarded program for underrepresented Ph.D. students in the advanced writing stages of their dissertation. While under this award, applicants may not receive a fellowship, assistantship, or other funding with this award. The award provides for half a year (Spring semester and the following Summer C or Summer C and the following Fall semester) of support, which includes in-state tuition assistance of up to three hours of in-state dissertation credit hours, and up to a $12,000 stipend. This award does not provide health insurance coverage. Recipients may only receive this award once. The application deadlines are in April and November each year. Students must adhere to the following application guidelines to qualify for full consideration: Awardees will be expected to participate in at least two Professional Development Programs organized by the Graduate School, and provide regular updates of their writing

progress. For more information:
http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/prospective-students/funding/dissertation/delores-auzenne-dissertation-award/

Ronald E. McNair Graduate Assistantship Program: UF provides a limited number of two-year research assistantships for newly enrolled McNair scholars who are entering a Ph.D. program. It provides a base stipend of $12,000, in-state tuition, fees, and health insurance. It assists students who have successfully completed the McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program as undergraduates. The student will be appointed and perform research assistant duties under faculty supervision. Since this program is intended to increase enrollment in Ph.D. programs, currently enrolled doctoral students are not eligible. Interested students who meet the eligibility requirements are invited to apply. For more information:
http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/prospective-students/funding/graduate-assistantships/mcnair-graduate-assistantship-program/

Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship: The Bridge to the Doctorate (BD) Grant is awarded to UF by the National Science Foundation through the Florida-Georgia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (FG-LSAMP) to enhance recruitment and retention of underrepresented minority students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines. The BD provides stipends of up to $32,000 per year for the first two years of doctoral studies for former LSAMP students who are entering Ph.D. programs after completing baccalaureate degrees. In addition, the grant provides funds for in-state tuition, fees and health insurance. The grants are awarded to Florida institutions in two-year cycles.

For additional information about any of the above offerings, you may contact the OGMP office at:

121 Grinter
P.O. Box 115500
Gainesville, FL 32611

Phone: (352) 392-6444, (800) 753-9798
Email: ogmp@ufl.edu

Visit online at http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/about-us/offices/division-of-graduate-student-affairs-dgsa/graduate-minority-programs-ogmp/

Please note: The UF Office of Graduate Minority Programs is not involved in processing applications or making admissions decisions. The student's academic unit is the primary contact for both. For questions about the online application process, please contact the UF Office of Admissions directly. Contact information can be found at the bottom of the UF office of admission website:
http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/

Office for Student Financial Affairs

Financial aid is available to qualified graduate students through the Office for Student Financial Affairs (SFA) in S107 Criser Hall, mainly through work or loan programs.

Applying for financial aid at UF, including loans, begins with the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. In 2016-17, apply on or soon after January 1, 2016 at https://fafsa.ed.gov/. UF's "On-Time" deadline to receive the results of your 2016-17 FAFSA from the federal processor is March 15. Apply as early as possible to be considered for the most, and best aid. Students should not forget to reapply each year. Financial aid is not renewed automatically.

Starting with the 2017-18 FAFSA, there is an earlier deadline for FAFSA submissions. Apply on or soon after October 1, 2016 for the 2017-18 FAFSA. UF's "On-Time" deadline to receive the results of your 2017-18 FAFSA from the federal processor is December 15, 2016. Apply well before December 15 to ensure that the federal processor has time to analyze and send the results of your 2017-18 FAFSA to UF SFA.

Although you must be accepted for enrollment at UF before you receive financial aid, you should apply for aid before being admitted. More information on financial aid can be found at http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/.

Loans

UF participates in the Federal Direct Loan Program. There are other loan programs available including UF Long Term Loans, UF Short Term Loans and Alternative Loans. Your eligibility is based on your classification, cost of attendance, and a number of other factors.

Short-term loans: UF has Short-Term Loans (STL) available to students enrolled at least half-time to help meet temporary, emergency financial needs related to educational expenses. Registered students with valid repayment sources may borrow up to $1,000 if tuition is paid or deferred, or the amount of their in-state tuition. Interest is computed monthly at the rate of 1% on the unpaid balance from the date the loan is disbursed. A minimum of one month's interest will be charged if the loan is paid in full within 30 days. Short-Term Loans must be repaid either when the repayment source is received, or by the established repayment deadline for the semester in which the loan was received, whichever comes first.

For more information regarding specific loan programs, please visit SFA's loan page at http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/types-of-aid/loans/.

Part-Time Employment

UF offers part-time student jobs through three employment programs: Federal Work-Study jobs, including the Federal Community Service component; Other Personnel Services (STAS); and off-campus jobs.
Federal Work-Study jobs are based on financial need. To apply for Federal Work-Study jobs, students must complete a FAFSA.
STAS jobs are not based on financial need.
To search and apply for on-campus jobs, including all Federal Work-Study (FWS), Federal Community Service, and STAS positions, go to GatorJobs. Choose "Search Postings." For "Job Type," choose "Student."

Search for off-campus jobs through the Career Resource Center website, http://www.crc.ufl.edu, using your Gator CareerLink Account.

For more information and how to apply: http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/types-of-aid/employment/

Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy for Financial Aid Recipients

Students receiving financial aid must be making satisfactory academic progress under UF's published standards. UF's financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress policy is available on the Office for Student Financial Affairs (SFA) website at http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/process/additional-information/satisfactory-academic-progress-policy/.