

## GRADUATE FINANCIAL AID AT-A-GLANCE

### Scholarships

All graduate students (domestic and international) admitted to an on-campus program are automatically eligible for *institutional* scholarships. There is no separate application for scholarship consideration. For more information, visit [Graduate Scholarships](#) or contact [Graduate Admissions](#).

For a list of scholarship search engines that provide *outside* scholarship opportunities, email [artaid@bu.edu](mailto:artaid@bu.edu).

### Loans

Graduate students who are citizens of the United States may be eligible for a [Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan](#) and a [Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan](#).

- Unsubsidized loans allow graduate students to borrow up to \$20,500 per academic year
- Graduate students who have exhausted their Unsubsidized loan eligibility may apply for a Graduate PLUS loan. PLUS loans are credit-based and allow graduate students to borrow up to total cost of attendance.
- The [FAFSA](#) serves as your application for an Unsubsidized Loan (School Code 002130).

Students who prefer not to complete the FAFSA or with exceptional credit history may pursue a private “alternative” loan. Like PLUS loans, private loans are credit-based and allow students to borrow up to total cost of attendance. For more information, visit [Credit-Based Loans](#).

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Loan options for international students are extremely limited.

For information and instructions, visit [Credit-Based Loans Available to International Students](#).

### Federal Work-Study

Graduate students who are citizens of the United States may be eligible for Federal Work-Study, a program that promotes access to employment for those who demonstrate need, as determined by the [FAFSA](#).

For information and instructions, visit [Federal Work Study](#).

### Assistantships & Stipends

**Graduate Assistantships** (or service stipends) include instructional, research, and/or administrative positions. Domestic and international students may be eligible. **Non-Service Stipends** permit exceptional students to focus primarily on their degree coursework with no departmental responsibilities. For information and instructions, visit [Graduate Assistantships & Stipends](#) or contact [Graduate Admissions](#).

Email [artaid@bu.edu](mailto:artaid@bu.edu) with any questions, concerns, or requests.