Financial Information

Tuition Scholarships

Scholarships to cover part or all the costs of tuition are available to both new and continuing students. Since perception of academic merit is the sole criterion for the award of tuition scholarships, they are not subject to taxation under federal tax law at this time.

Research Assistantships

Except in unusual cases, research assistantships are available only to doctoral students who have completed at least one full year of graduate study. They are granted, but not exclusively, found in the natural and social sciences, and are offered through departments, committee-run programs, and research centers. Research assistantships allow participation in collaborative enterprises of research and in the discipline's community of scholars.

Traineeships

Many degree programs, especially in the biological and behavioral sciences, fund students by means of traineeships. They may be awarded on an annual basis or may be renewable for periods up to three years, subject to satisfactory academic progress. Traineeships frequently emphasize research, but in the applied social sciences they might combine theory, research, and clinical experience in the field.

Fellowships

Fellowships, which provide a living stipend, may be awarded to a student by the Graduate School, the student's degree program, or the student's adviser. In addition, a student may apply for and win certain fellowships that are awarded directly to the student. These require administration by the Graduate School, which also administers two unique university-wide fellowships: the Chancellor's Graduate Fellowships (http://pages.wustl.edu/cgf) and the Spencer T. and Ann W. Olin Fellowships (http://pages.wustl.edu/olinfellowship). These awards provide year-round funding for four to five years. Prospective students must apply for them at the time of their application for admission, not after they have enrolled here as graduate students.

Loans

Federally underwritten loans are another centrally administered resource for students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Unsubsidized Stafford loans can be arranged for graduate students. Applicants for these loans are required to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Graduate School determines eligibility and processes loan applications for all PhD students at Washington University. For more information about applying for loans, please visit the Graduate School's Loans (http://graduateschool.wustl.edu/stafford-unsubsidized-loan) webpage.

Health Fees

All full-time students on the Danforth Campus are charged a mandatory health fee. This fee gives access to Habif Health and Wellness Center. In addition, full-time students on the Danforth Campus must either enroll in the student health insurance plan or present proof of comparable coverage. Both the health fee and the health insurance premium are subject to annual change. The Graduate School subsidizes both costs for most full-time fully supported students.

There is also a health fee for full-time students in degree programs based on the Medical Campus. It includes coverage equivalent to a health insurance plan. Details can be found...
on the Student & Occupational Health Services (http://wusmhealth.wustl.edu) website.