

# Financial Information

## Financial Aid

The Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts strives to provide financial assistance to as many students as possible. Financial aid packages most often consist of a combination of fellowships or scholarships, teaching and/or technical assistantships, and loan assistance.

An application for financial aid will have no effect on decisions for admission to the Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Design. Financial aid awards, including merit-based scholarships, are identified through the admissions process and are based on separate considerations of academic excellence, architectural ability and financial need. Instructions for applying for financial aid are available on our Financial Aid (<https://samfoxschool.wustl.edu/admissions/graduate/financial-aid/architecture/>) webpage.

Through the Sam Fox Ambassadors Graduate Fellowship Program (<https://samfoxschool.wustl.edu/admissions/graduate/financial-aid/ambassadors/>), the School will award 10 full-tuition scholarships each year to outstanding candidates for graduate study. Ambassadors will also receive an annual \$750 travel stipend to support individual research or school-sponsored travel. The tuition waiver and stipend will be renewed annually for Ambassadors in good standing. Ambassadors will be selected from top applicants to the following degree programs: Master of Architecture, Master of Fine Arts in Visual Art, Master of Fine Arts in Illustration & Visual Culture, Master of Landscape Architecture, and Master of Urban Design. Recipients will demonstrate exceptional potential for advanced studies and creative research in their discipline. In addition to the tuition waiver and stipend, Ambassadors will participate in a series of events each year designed to build deep and meaningful connections across disciplines that advance their creative work and scholarship.

## Tuition Payment Policy and Billing Procedures

### Financial Obligations

Washington University reserves the right to change the fees stated or to establish fees at any time without prior written notice. Whenever changes or additions are made, they become effective with the next payment due.

Students are responsible for fulfilling their financial obligations to the university. If a student account becomes overdue, a late payment fee will be assessed, and a hold will be placed on the account. Students with a poor payment history may be restricted from utilizing certain payment options or receiving tuition remission until course credit has been earned. Non-payment of tuition and other expenses due to the university will be cause for exclusion from class or refusal of graduation,

further registration, or transfer credit. In addition, students are liable for any costs associated with the collection of their unpaid bills, including but not limited to collection agency costs, court costs, and legal fees. Past due amounts can also be reported to a credit bureau.

## Withdrawals and Refunds

Students wishing to withdraw for any reason from the Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Design before the end of the semester should consult in person with the program chair. No such withdrawal will be official until the request in writing has been approved and the appropriate changes have been made in the student's record.

A written request for a refund must be submitted to the Sam Fox School Registrar's Office for consideration. Tuition adjustments will be processed based on information received and according to the schedule below. Tuition refund checks will be issued only after the fourth week of classes each semester. Materials fees for Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Design courses will not be refunded after the fourth week of classes. For any student whose medical condition makes attendance for the balance of the semester impossible or medically inadvisable, the university will make a pro rata refund of tuition as of the date of withdrawal when the date occurs prior to the twelfth week of classes, provided that the condition is verified by the Habib Health and Wellness Center or a private physician. The date of withdrawal may correspond to the date of hospitalization or the date on which the medical condition was determined.

Withdrawal Date	Refund
Within the 1st or 2nd week of classes	100%
Within the 3rd or 4th week of classes	80%
Within the 5th and 6th week of classes	60%
Within the 7th or 8th week of classes	50%
Within the 9th or 10th week of classes	40%
After 10th week of classes	0%

## Summer Withdrawals and Refunds

The Sam Fox School reserves the right to cancel a course if it has not enrolled enough students by the first day of class. If a course is canceled, all enrolled students will be notified and dropped from the class, and they will not be charged tuition and fees.

If a course is not canceled, a student may be released from their obligation to pay full tuition and fees by canceling their registration according to the schedule below:

Withdrawal Date	Refund
Prior to the first class meeting	100% tuition + fees
Prior to 15% of published meeting dates	100%
Prior to 30% of published meeting dates	80%
Prior to 45% of published meeting dates	60%
Prior to 60% of published meeting dates	40%
After 61% of published meeting dates	0%

Requests for refunds must be made in writing to the Sam Fox School Registrar's Office.

Students may drop a summer course without penalty through the 80% tuition refund deadline, and they may withdraw from a course through the 40% tuition refund deadline.