Doctoral Program Financial Information

Tuition and Fees

Doctor of Business Administration in Finance

Students enrolled in the DBA program are assessed tuition on a per-credit-hour basis. Any tuition increase approved by the Washington University Board of Trustees takes effect during the summer semester. The current per-credit-hour rate can be found on the DBA Students page (https://sites.wustl.edu/olinfinancialservices/tuition-rates-and-billing-procedures/dba-students/) of the Olin Financial Services website.

Olin's DBA program does not offer scholarship funding. However, financing in the form of federal or private student loans may be available. Federal loan options and terms as well as a private loan research tool can be found on the Student Loan Options page (https://sites.wustl.edu/olinfinancialservices/student-loan-options/) of the Olin Financial Services website.

Health Insurance Fee

Washington University has a health insurance requirement for all full-time, degree-seeking students. Students must either purchase the Student Health Insurance Plan or demonstrate comparable coverage via another plan. Students will automatically be enrolled in the health insurance plan and billed accordingly. Spousal and/or dependent coverage is available at an additional charge. For details about policy options or the waiver process, please visit the Student Health Insurance Plan Information page (https://students.wustl.edu/student-health-insurance-plan-information/) of the Washington University Student Affairs website.

Financial Aid

The Olin Financial Services team can help students understand the billing process at Washington University and provide information about loan options and eligibility requirements. Please reach out to the Olin Financial Services (https://sites.wustl.edu/olinfinancialservices/) team for assistance.

Doctor of Philosophy Fellowships

Enrolled PhD students who are making satisfactory progress in the program are guaranteed financial support for five years. This includes full tuition remission plus a stipend for living expenses that is distributed over 12 months. The annual stipend for students entering the PhD program in the fall of 2023 is $40,000. All applicants are automatically considered for Olin Business School fellowships; no separate application is required. New applicants are encouraged to apply for other fellowships with generous stipends that are available to outstanding new students at Washington University, including the Mr. & Mrs. Spencer T. Olin Fellowship for Women in Graduate Study and the Chancellor's Graduate Fellowship Program for students who bring diversity to the graduate program.

Olin PhD Research Grant

Olin PhD students can apply for up to $500 to help support research projects. This funding can be used for things like purchasing databases or providing honorariums for projects involving human research participants. Students may only be awarded this grant once per year, and the applications must be approved and signed by the student’s area coordinator. The PhD Office will provide this award to up to 10 students per year. Application forms may be requested from the program office.

Tuition Refund

Tuition refunds are determined by the program director.

External Funding

Working outside of the school or obtaining external grants and fellowships may be other sources of funding for students.

Teaching Outside of the School

Students are encouraged to limit their teaching and research experiences to areas within Olin Business School and, more broadly, Washington University. Knowledge gained from interacting with faculty on research and teaching projects enhances the formal curriculum and, ultimately, the caliber of the student’s learning during their PhD program. Olin doctoral students are therefore required to obtain explicit permission from their area coordinators and the Doctoral Programs Office to teach outside of the university during the first five years, since such assignments may distract students from acquiring the knowledge and skills needed to successfully complete the PhD program.

External Grants and Fellowships

Olin encourages all students to apply for external grants and fellowships. Students should regularly read the brochures and applications that the Doctoral Programs Office posts on bulletin boards in doctoral suites. Students are also encouraged to speak with their advisors or the grant development specialist regarding grants.
and fellowships in their specific fields. Most awards are directed to individuals who have prepared a dissertation proposal or pre-proposal, with only a limited number of awards available to students at the pre-candidacy level.

Because external grants are awarded in a variety of ways, it is not possible to set a standard regarding how the Olin funding available to a student receiving an external award will be adjusted. However, the program is committed to ensuring that there is a financial advantage for PhD students who receive such awards.

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