

FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

SIS Fellowships

SIS offers 4 different fellowships to incoming students at the time of admission:

1. **SIS Dean's Fellowship (PhD students only):** This award is offered for up to 4 years to admitted PhD students. It includes full tuition remission, a \$19,200 stipend (during the academic year), and the opportunity to work with an SIS faculty member.
2. **SIS Graduate Assistantship Award:** This award, open to all eligible incoming master's students, usually includes 18 credits of tuition remission per academic year (9 credits per semester), a monthly stipend (during the academic year), and the opportunity to work with an SIS faculty member.
3. **SIS Dean's Scholar Award:** This award, open to all eligible incoming master's students, usually includes 12 credits of tuition remission per academic year.
4. **Hall of Nations Award:** This award is designed for incoming international students who do not have U.S. permanent residency or citizenship status. This award typically includes 18 credits of tuition remission per academic year, a monthly stipend (during the academic year), and the opportunity to work with an SIS faculty member.
5. **Special Opportunity Awards:** This award is designed for incoming US-born students of color and usually offers 18 credits of tuition remission per academic year, a monthly stipend (during the academic year), and the opportunity to work with an SIS faculty member.

Need Based Aid

Need-based aid is administered through the University's Central [the Office of Financial Aid](#). At the graduate level, it generally takes the form of a federal low-interest loan package with a work-study option. All eligible and interested students should fill out the FAFSA form upon application to SIS to begin the need-based financial aid process; there is no need to wait until you have an admissions decision from SIS. The FAFSA form is available online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

Both part-time and full-time students may apply for need-based assistance. The FAFSA code for American University is 001434. Please contact American University's Financial Aid office if you have any questions regarding need-based aid. They can be reached by phone at 202-885-6100 or via email at financialaid@american.edu

Additional Funding Resources

There are various private or commercial funding opportunities available for graduate students. Below are some popular websites that provide such opportunities:

For U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents

www.fastweb.com

www.fafsa.org

www.collegeview.com

www.scholarships.com

www.petersons.com

For International Students

www.nafsa.org/

www.fundingusstudy.org/

www.petersons.com

www.fordfound.org/

www.rotary.org/

Employment Opportunities

Many AU graduate students are able to supplement their financial resources by working at the university or with off-campus organizations. For American University employment opportunities, visit the Human Resources website at <http://www.american.edu/hr>

For off-campus employment, graduate students are encouraged to review the Career Center's Job Listing Service at their website <http://www.american.edu/studentjobs/index.cfm> where over 4,000 jobs are listed each month.