

While narrowing your search for a good fit U.S. university, it is critical to determine how you will fund your studies. Tuition rates and scholarship opportunities vary widely. Create a budget and target universities that have either affordable tuition and/or generous scholarships.

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University financial aid: This is the most likely place that international students receive scholarships. Universities may have some or all of the following options available:

- **Needs-based aid:** scholarships given based on a family's income and assets. This is not very common at the graduate level, and if given will not meet full need.
- **Merit-based aid:** scholarships given based on the student's academic profile, usually with emphasis on the grade point average (GPA) and test scores (GRE, MCAT, etc).
- **Residence-based aid:** some universities provide reduced tuition or special scholarships for Canadians or residents of specific provinces (see back for more details).
- **Graduate, Teaching, or Research Assistantships:** it is very common for students pursuing a thesis-based Master's degree or PhD to receive this kind of funding. Students assist a professor in their department and are paid as a university employee.
- **Fellowships:** this is the most common funding for students pursuing a PhD. This is funding that specifically supports a student's research.

Government funding:

- Provincial: you can apply for your province's student financial aid system which typically includes scholarships and loans.
- Federal: list available on the Canadian government website international.gc.ca/education/

External scholarships: There are a few, competitive scholarships that graduate students can apply for towards study in the United States.

- Fulbright Student Awards: Fulbright.ca (up to \$25,000 USD)
- Mackenzie King Scholarships: mkingscholarships.ca (up to \$10,500 CAD)
- Organization of American States
- Fellowships: if you are a researcher, professional organizations in your field often have fellowships. Subscribe to journals and list serves in your field to stay up-to-date on this information.

Loans: money that you will need to pay back. You cannot take out a loan in the United States without an American co-signer. You can use Canadian bank loans to study in the USA.

EducationUSA Resources:

Scholarship search engine:
educationusa.state.gov

Most recent version of this document:
educationusacanada.ca/resources

American Citizens:

Government loans:
FAFSA.gov

Fulbright award for American Citizens:
us.fulbrightonline.org

Many U.S. universities provide generous scholarships and financial aid for international students (beyond what is listed here). The following includes Fulbright Canada opportunities and scholarship highlights connected to specific states and/or public higher education systems.

Fulbright Canada highlights

Traditional Fulbright Student Award (\$25,000 USD)

This award is intended for graduate students, prospective graduate students, and junior professionals. Canadians can take up the award in one of three ways:

Formal Enrollment Awards

Intended for Canadians who plan to enroll in a graduate program at a U.S. university.

Research Awards

Intended for Canadian students enrolled in a graduate program in Canada who wish to conduct research at a host institution in the United States for one academic year.

Independent Research Awards

Intended for Canadian researchers who have completed an Undergraduate degree or a Master's degree and wish to pursue one academic year of independent research in the United States.

Killam Fellowships Program (\$6,000 USD/semester):

This award provides an opportunity for exceptional undergraduate students from Canadian universities to spend one semester or a full academic year as an exchange student in the United States.

Contact Fulbright Canada

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Florida Canada Linkage Institute

global.ucf.edu/linkages/fcli/

Canadian citizens who have been accepted to one of Florida's 40 public universities or colleges may apply for a scholarship which reduces tuition to the in-state rate.

Manitoba-Minnesota Reciprocity

edu.gov.mb.ca/ie/domestic/minnesota.html

Residents of Manitoba are eligible for in-state tuition at any of Minnesota's 41 public universities or colleges.

Maine public universities and colleges

Canadian citizens pay a reduced tuition rate at all 7 University of Maine campuses.

Texas Good Neighbor discount

Students born in Canada can receive in-state tuition for the first year of study at any of Texas' 101 public universities and colleges.