

RESOURCES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Assistance Available

Georgetown University admits and enrolls students from many countries. Students who are neither citizens nor permanent residents of the United States are considered "international students". These students are usually in the United States on either an F-1 or J-1 visa, and will return to their home country upon completion of their studies.

International students are not eligible for the loan, work and grant programs offered by the United States. These programs are offered only to U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Although financial assistance is limited for international students, resources are available to help meet educational expenses. This publication was developed to provide information about financing options available to international students enrolling at Georgetown University. All international students should visit the Georgetown University Office of International Programs (OIP) to determine their rights and responsibilities while in the United States and as a student at Georgetown University. OIP is located on the 2nd Floor of Poulton Hall, (202) 687-5867.

Georgetown University Monthly Payment Plan

Georgetown offers monthly payment plans that allow students to pay all or a portion of their bill in monthly installments. For more information about these plans, contact the Office of Student Accounts at (202) 687-4092.

Loans for Educational Expenses

With a U.S. citizen as co-signer, international students may be eligible to borrow through the *SHARE* and *GRADSHARE* loan programs offered by Nellie Mae. Information about these programs is available from the Office of Student Financial Services or by calling Nellie Mae at 1-800-634-9308.

Employment Opportunities

During their first year of study, international students may be eligible to work a limited number of hours on campus, provided they obtain permission from both their international student advisor and their Dean or academic advisor. After their first year of study, international students may be eligible for work both on and off campus for a limited number of hours and under limited circumstances, again with the appropriate permission.

For more information concerning employment-related immigration regulations governing international students, please contact the Office of International Programs, 2nd Floor Poulton Hall. (202) 687-5867.

Grants, Scholarships and Fellowships

Georgetown University grant and scholarship assistance for undergraduates is offered only to U.S. citizens or permanent residents, i.e., those students who qualify for U.S. government aid programs.

The Georgetown University Graduate School annually offers a limited number of awards based on academic qualifications to students in various departments of the Graduate School. Scholarships are tuition grants, while fellowships include a full tuition scholarship plus a stipend. All awards are based on departmental recommendations. International students compete for these awards on an equal basis with U.S. citizens. For more information, graduate students should contact their department or graduate program.

Many foreign governments offer assistance to their citizens for study in the United States. International students are encouraged to contact their country's higher education administration for more information about funding opportunities from their government.

PUBLICATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SEEKING FUNDING

Listed below is a sampling of publications that describe aid opportunities for international students and organizations which provide assistance to international students. Some of the publications are available at the following locations at Georgetown University: Lauinger Library, the Office of Student Financial Services Scholarship Library, and the Office of International Programs Resource Center. This list is not an endorsement of the publications or organizations described.

The Grants Register, Roland Turner, St. Martin's Press, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010. Lists awards available to graduates, young professionals, academic staff, and scholars for study and research around the world. Published biennially.

Peterson's Grants for Graduate Students. Peterson's Guides, P.O. Box 2123, Princeton, NJ 08543-2123. A comprehensive source of information on over 700 grants and fellowships exclusively for graduate students. Published annually.

A Selected List of Fellowship Opportunities and Aids to Advanced Education for United States Citizens and Foreign Nationals, copies available from the Publications Office of the National Science Foundation, 1800 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20550; (202) 357-7861.

Funding for US Study - A Guide for Foreign Nationals. This publication lists more than 600 sources of funding for international students (mostly for graduate and postdoctoral programs). It is published by the Institute for International Education, 809 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017-3580; (212) 883-8200.

The International Student's Guide to Going to College in America, Sidonia Dalby, Sally Rubenstone, and Emily H. Weir, Macmillan, New York, 1996.

Additional reference sources may be found at: The Foundation Center, Grant and Scholarship Information Center, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, NW 9th Floor, (corner of Connecticut and K Streets); (202) 331-1400.

An organization that may be able to provide some information to international students is NAFSA: Association of International Educators, located in Washington, DC. Contact NAFSA at (202) 462-4811 and ask for the "Recording on Financial Aid" which provides information for international students interested in studying in the United States and United States students who are interested in studying abroad. NAFSA does not provide grants to international students, with the exception of a small grant program for students from East Central Europe, the Baltic States, or the former states of the Soviet Union.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International provides grants to university students and teachers to act as "goodwill ambassadors" around the world. The Rotary Foundation also sponsors international exchanges of business and professional people, and provides grants to improve the quality of life around the world. An example of this is their Ambassadorial Scholarship Program. For more information about their programs, write to the Rotary Foundation, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201.

The AAUW Education Foundation provides graduate fellowships to women with the equivalent of a bachelors degree who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States. International Fellowships support graduate students writing doctoral dissertations and postdoctoral scholars conducting research in the United States. Upon completion of studies, fellowship recipients must return to their home countries to pursue a professional career; preference will be given to applicants who can verify that they have a definite position awaiting them. For more information contact the American Association of University Women, 1111 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20036-4873; (202)-728-7603.

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