



UTSA Graduate School Tips: Funding Your Education



Types of Funding

Assistantships

- May cover tuition, fees, or include a stipend. This varies by program, department, and individual faculty funding
- Contact faculty with similar research interests directly for information and to inquire if there are positions available

Grants

- You can apply before or during graduate school. Grants can be available through organizations (e.g. National Science Foundation), federal or state agencies, and Financial Aid.

Fellowships

- Typically merit-based and can be internal or external
- Internal: some graduate schools offer “full funding” packages or full or partial merit-based fellowships to the applicants at acceptance. The college or department sponsor any internal funding or fellowships.
- External: may be more competitive and will require a separate application to an organization or agency.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

- FAFSA, TAFSA, scholarship hub (UTSA), or external scholarships.



Tips for Funding Your Graduate Education

- Contact faculty some may be taking students either under their own grant, as fellows, or as teaching/research assistants.
- Talk to students who are receiving funding to learn how they were able to obtain it. Get feedback on your application or view theirs.
- Search for opportunities in research competitions and view winner profiles/applications.
- Take time to search for external scholarships.