

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO

This handout provides some of the financial aid opportunities at California State University, Fresno. More information may be found from the Graduate Studies website:

[Division of Research & Grad Studies Financial Aid.](#)

DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE

- Teaching Associateship – \$14.00 per hour.
 - Eligibility: Enrollment in a master's program, GPA of 3.0 or better and demonstration of competence in their major field.
 - Typical semester assignment: no more than 3 classes.
- Tutor for the math department – \$14.00 per hour

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- California Graduate Equity Fellowships
 - Goal: Increase diversity of students completing graduate programs in the CSU.
 - For economically disadvantaged students, especially from underrepresented groups.
 - Must be a California resident for payment of fees at the University.
 - FAFSA required, and financial need of at least \$1,000.
 - Conditions of the fellowship: enrolled in minimum of six units per semester to the master's degree and performing between 5 and 15 hours per week of mentored activity.
- California Pre-doctoral Fellowships
 - Goal: Increase pool of potential faculty by supporting the doctoral aspirations of CSU students with economic and educational disadvantages.
 - Emphasis: Increase the number of CSU students entering doctoral programs in the UC.
 - Eligibility: All students interested in obtaining doctoral degrees.
- President's Graduate Scholars Fellowship

Merit-based awards are available each year with the possibility of recipients qualifying for a second year of funding (must reapply), assuming conformance with developed standards and the need for a second year to complete the graduate/doctoral course of study. Applicants must have 3.5 GPA or higher, must secure support for the award from Graduate Program Coordinator/Program Facilitator. Must apply by logging in to the [Scholarships website](#)
- Robert & Norma Craig Scholarship
 - Goal: foster student development through performance of mentored activities with faculty (e.g., research or instructional assistance).
 - Maximum stipend: \$1,000 (based on 100 hours @ \$10/hour).
 - Eligibility: students must be at least conditionally classified, in good standing, and making good progress toward their degree.

- Graduate Student Research & Creative Activities Support Awards
 - Awards are up to \$1,000.
 - Major consideration: the scholarship of a student's proposed thesis/master's project.
 - Eligibility: all graduate students with a GPA of 3.0 or better who have been advanced to candidacy and who have secured their thesis/project committee.

LOANS

- Stafford Loans
 - Two types: subsidized and unsubsidized.
 - Subsidized: awarded based on financial need; no interest charged before payments begin or before periods of deferment.
 - Unsubsidized: available to any student; interest charged from the time the loan is disbursed until it is repaid.
 - Interest rate:
 - Undergraduate: a fixed rate of 4.53% until July 2020
 - Graduate: a fixed rate of 6.08% until July 2020 (direct unsubsidized)
- More information can be found at the Federal Student Aid website
 - <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>

TUITION/FEE WAIVERS

- A limited number of non-resident (i.e., U.S. citizens who are not residents of California) tuition waivers are available to outstanding graduate students who will enter graduate programs the ensuing academic year.
- To obtain a waiver, the student must demonstrate the potential to make significant academic and professional contributions in his/her discipline and in the graduate program.
- There are some waivers for international students, as well, but students do not apply for these awards.

OTHER

- Grant programs
 - Provides financial support for research, projects, and other scholarly endeavors under faculty supervision.
 - Students with supervision of a professor may apply.
- GRE Fee Reduction
 - May be issued for GRE test Fee Reduction Program for individuals who can demonstrate financial need, for those who are unemployed and receiving unemployment compensation, and for national programs that work with underrepresented groups. A GRE Fee Reduction Voucher may be used for one *GRE*® General Test and/or one *GRE*® Subject Test.
 - Student will only be responsible for 50% of the test fee.
- International Students
 - International students may qualify for consideration for institutional support through campus-based assistantships and scholarships.