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Ways to fund your Graduate Degree at UC Davis

Types of funding

- Fellowships
 - Program fellowships
 - Grad Studies fellowships
 - External fellowships
- Academic Appointments
 - Teaching Assistant (TA)
 - Graduate Student Researcher (GSR)
 - Work Study
 - Reader
- Student Loans

Fellowships

- A fellowship is the equivalent of a scholarship. You do not have to pay back this award as it is free money with a few strings attached ([see eligibility requirements here](#)).
- If the student is receiving a fellowship from the EPM program or from Grad Studies, they will be directly notified of their award via the email that they used in their admission application.
- Students are encouraged to apply for External Fellowships. See tips for finding external funding [here](#).

Academic Appointments

- All on campus positions are posted on our online platform, [Handshake](#). All admitted students will be given access to handshake once they:
 - Submit their Statement of Intent to Register (SIR).
 - Register for classes for the fall quarter (typically in mid-June).
- Teaching Assistantships
 - Teaching Assistants are responsible for the conduct of recitation, laboratory or quiz sections under active direction and supervision of a regular member of faculty to whom the final responsibility for the course's entire instruction is assigned.
 - Teaching Assistantships are awarded by academic departments. EPM does not directly award students TAships, but we encourage all students to apply.



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- The application for our department (Environmental Science & Policy) will be sent to all admitted students in Mid-April. You will be notified if you are selected for a TA position directly. You will not be notified if you do not receive anything.
- You may be qualified to TA for a course through a different department. We recommend that you contact [departments](#) directly to request an application. Each department may have a different process and deadline.
- Any TA position 25% or greater covers tuition & fees + you will receive salary. For more on Salary Scales, please see [here](#).
- Graduate Student Research Assistantships
 - Graduate Student Researcher assists in performing research under the direction of a ladder-rank faculty member or authorized Principle Investigator (PI).
 - Research Assistantships are awarded by individual faculty members from faculty research grants. These positions are typically awarded to students within research programs, however some EPM students have obtained these positions.
 - Any GSR position 25% or greater covers tuition + fees **and** nonresident supplemental tuition (NRST). The student will also receive salary.
 - Salary is determined by your hiring unit. See salary steps [here](#). Typically a first-year student will begin between Step 3- Step 5, but while this is the general norm this is **not** a rule.
 - Summer GSR's can be worked up to 100%, and percentage is determined between the PI, Accounting Staff and the student. Tuition + fees are not accessed in the summer and **are not included even if you register for summer courses.**
- Work Study
 - Work study allows a student to earn financial aid through employment.
 - Work study requires a student to receive a GSR position and be deemed eligible by Financial Aid, which is determined based on their review of your FAFSA.
 - It is only available for GSRs, it is not available for any other position.
 - EPM does not provide you with a GSR position. If you find one, we do have available work study credits **which will only be available to you if Financial Aid deems you eligible.**
 - If you receive a GSR and would like to inquire about work study, please email [Jessica Penrose](#).
- Reader
 - The title Reader is given to a graduate or undergraduate student appointed for the ability to render diverse services as a course assistant, which will normally



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include the grading of student papers and examinations. Job duties can vary depending on the instructor.

- Any reader position 25% or greater covers tuition & fees + an hourly wage.

Student Loans

- If you would like to utilize student loans, you'll need to submit a FAFSA application.
- Please note, Pell Grants are generally for undergraduate students only.
- For questions on FAFSA, please contact [UC Davis Financial Aid](#).

Financial Tips for Newly Admitted Graduate Students

- Please see a list of 10 financial support tips [here](#).