

Graduate Division Student Parent Grant

The Graduate Division administers a need-based grant for graduate students (single, married, or registered domestic partners) living with dependent children. Grants may be applied toward housing and living expenses, dependent health insurance, child care, and/or tuition. If funding permits, awards of up to \$11,000 per year (\$5,500 per academic term) will be made to eligible applicants.

To be eligible, a graduate student must:

- Live with at least one dependent child who is under the age of 18 at the start of the term,
- File a 2018-19 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and demonstrate financial need,
- Be making satisfactory progress in his or her academic program,
- Be no more than two years past “normative time to degree” in 2018-2019, and
- Remain fully registered during each term of funding.

Note: International students are not eligible, nor are students in self-supporting programs (MPA, MFE, LLM, Evening & Weekend MBA, Berkeley-Haas Executive MBA, On-Campus/Online Professional MPH, Part-time MEng, MAS-IC, MRED+D, MICS, and MIDS).

The Berkeley International Office administers a separate parent grant program for international students: <http://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/aid>

The application deadline for the 2018-19 academic year is August 1, 2018. Parents who apply after the deadline may still submit applications, with prorated grants possible if funding permits. To apply, visit **Tango:** <http://tango.berkeley.edu> and submit your **FAFSA:** <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>.

Frequently Asked Questions:

When will award notifications be made?

Notifications will be made by mid-August.

How much can I expect to receive?

The Graduate Division Student Parent Grant is a need-based award: in determining need, we consider an applicant's family income and assets (excluding certain asset categories). For the 2017-18 academic year, the median grant awarded was over \$8,000, and the median income for students who received a grant was \$28,000.

Note that family size and the age of one's child(ren) are considered along with income and asset levels, so the estimates provided should not be considered a guarantee.

How do I demonstrate Academic Progress?

You will be prompted to enter the name of a recommender (your adviser, Head Graduate Adviser, or designee) in the application system. S/he will receive instructions on how to certify progress in Tango. There is no recommendation form required.

Is Filing Fee considered a form of registration?

No. Students are not eligible to receive the Parent Grant unless they are fully registered.