

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 2017-2018 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 2017-2018, and
- Remain fully registered during each term of funding.

Note: International students are not eligible, nor are students in self-supporting programs. UC Berkeley self-supporting programs are listed [here](#) (pages 1-3).

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

The application deadline for the Spring 2018 term is December 18, 2017. 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-January.

How much can I expect to receive?

The Graduate Division Student Parent Grant is a need-based award, which evaluates an applicant's family income and assets (excluding certain asset categories) as part of determining need. For the 2016-2017 academic year, the median grant awarded was \$8,000, and the median income for students who received a grant was \$34,530.

Note that considerations also include family size and age of children in addition to income and assets, so the estimates provided should not be considered guaranteed.

How do I demonstrate Academic Progress?

You will be prompted to enter the name of a recommender (your advisor, Head Graduate Advisor, or designee) in the application system. They 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.