We’re excited to have you join us next month!

As the Associate Dean for Student Support, I work with Graduate Division staff and departmental advisors to help graduate students fund their educations. While 90% of all graduate students (excluding students in self-supporting degree programs) at UC Berkeley receive some form of financial support, funding your graduate program can be a continuous process, so it’s important to plan ahead.

**Continue to apply for fellowships, grants and scholarships.**

The Graduate Division Fellowships Office maintains a list of university, division, and extramural fellowships on [our website](#), complete with deadlines and application materials. Be sure to check it regularly for new and upcoming opportunities.

**Thinking about loans?**

If you have accepted a federal student loan or work-study, please be mindful that additional funding from your department can impact your total eligibility. Please confirm potential loan changes with your departmental Graduate Student Affairs Officer (GSAO) or Cal Student Central if you receive additional funding anytime throughout the year. Note that federal regulations related to academic progress apply to students with loans and work-study, so be sure to talk to your GSAO or to [Cal Student Central staff](#) about enrollment and attempted unit requirements.

Even if you’re not considering loans currently, filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can provide an important backup option for covering costs and determining eligibility for other campus financial resources.

**Consider academic student employment.**
All students, including master's and professional students, are also eligible for a range of opportunities, including positions as Graduate Students Instructors, Readers, Tutors, and Graduate Student Researchers. Many of these academic student appointments come with the benefit of partial or full tuition remission. See the Graduate Student Academic Appointments Handbook for more information. Individual departments post open positions before the start of each semester, so stay on the lookout for opportunities in departments where you might be interested.

We are here to help!
Whether you’re funding your education with fellowships, grants, scholarships, loans or academic appointments (or all of the above), we have staff available to help you understand the ins and outs of the financial support landscape. We also have a dedicated advisor specifically for master’s and professional students.

Learn more about various financial resources available to you below.

Warmly,

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Food Assistance Program
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Food Pantry
Housing Security Deposit

Questions? Contact the Graduate Division.