Financial Aid for Graduate Students

Graduate students at Boise State may apply for a wide variety of financial aid, drawn from an equally wide variety of sources. You should investigate any financial aid that seems appropriate to your circumstances, beginning with financial aid available from your department or your graduate-degree program.

Graduate Assistantships

Most departments award teaching or research assistantships that include a stipend and a waiver of fees. In addition, non-resident tuition is waived for any non-resident student who receives an assistantship award. You may obtain an application for an assistantship on the Internet at http://gradcoll.boisestate.edu/, from the department in which you are applying, or from the Graduate College, Business Building, Room 307. For additional information, please see BSU Policy 7170 at http://policy.boisestate.edu/.

Teaching and research assistants are expected to provide 15 to 20 hours of service per week to the university, while scholarship or fellowship recipients have no service requirements.

If you are awarded a Boise State assistantship, you are required to enroll for 9 or more credits in a graduate-degree program, maintain at least a 3.0 grade-point average, meet the program and semester GPA requirements as stated under Graduate Academic Regulations, and make satisfactory progress toward your degree. If you are enrolled for 5-8 credits in a graduate degree program, you may be eligible for a partial assistantship. Hours of service required would be assigned on a prorated basis as determined by the department. In order to be eligible for reappointment, a graduate or research assistant must receive a satisfactory performance review each semester.

When you accept a graduate teaching assistantship, research assistantship, scholarship, or fellowship, you enter into an agreement with the Graduate College, one that both parties are expected to honor throughout the next year. If you accept an award before April 15, but change your mind about accepting, you may resign your appointment at any time through April 15. Your resignation must be in writing to the chair of the department. After April 15, your acceptance of the award commits you to that appointment.

Note: Students who receive an assistantship will be required to pay special course fees for any elective courses taken that are not included in their degree program.

Note: Students who withdraw from the university, or who are dismissed from their degree program, forfeit their appointment or award and may be required to repay some or all of the money received from the assistantship to the department.

Deadline for Departmental Aid

You should apply for these awards when you apply for admission to the Graduate College—no later than March 1. Some departments require an application deadline the first week in January. If your application is received by the department after the required deadline, it may not be considered until the following year.

Note: Financial aid is available only to students who are admitted to Boise State University in a degree or certificate program which has been approved for financial aid by the U.S. Department of Education. In addition, you must have an admissions status that meets financial aid eligibility requirements. For example, if you have applied to a graduate degree program but have Pending Department Review admission status, you are not eligible for federal financial aid until your status is changed to either Regular or Provisional.

The information contained in this publication reflects current procedures and rules affecting the delivery of financial aid. The University reserves the right to change, at any time, schedules, rules and regulations. Appropriate notice of such changes is given, whenever possible, before they become effective.

Federal, State, and Institutional Aid

Graduate students can apply for loans and work-study through the federal aid programs. Complete the following steps in order to apply for federal aid:

How to Apply for Financial Aid

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You must submit the FAFSA each year to be determined eligible for most grant, loan, work-study, or need-based scholarship programs. You may use one of the following methods to apply.

• Apply using FAFSA on the web (www.fafsa.gov). If you’ve applied other years, use your PIN number. If you can’t remember your PIN number or don’t have one, you will be able to get one once you get to that part of the FAFSA application.

• Apply using renewal FAFSA on the web (also at www.fafsa.gov). The renewal application is simply a FAFSA that contains most of the information you provided last year, if you applied for aid the previous year. Updating the information may be faster for you than filling out a new FAFSA. You will need your PIN to complete the renewal FAFSA on the web.

Tips in completing the FAFSA:

• Boise State University Title IV Code is 001616.

• Boise State University Financial Aid address: 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725-1315.

• Ensure that all information you provide on the application is entered correctly.

• Enter your name as it appears on your social security card

• Provide all required signatures; use your PIN number as a signature.

• Do not send tax documents or other materials with your application or signature page.

• If you provided an e-mail address on the FAFSA, you will receive an e-mail with a link to your Student Aid Report (SAR). If you did not provide an e-mail address, then you will receive your SAR through the regular mail. Review your SAR and make any necessary corrections.

• The Financial Aid and Scholarships Office uses myBoiseState