

# FINANCIAL AID

## TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Following is a list of financial assistance available to graduate students at Texas Christian University. Aid generally falls into one of three categories: 1) based on financial eligibility and supported by an agency other than Texas Christian University; 2) based on financial eligibility and supported by the University; or 3) based on academic criteria and supported by the University.

**OTHER AGENCY SUPPORTED FINANCIAL AID BASED ON FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY** (Information presented here applies to the 2010-2011 academic year. The value and eligibility criteria related to these programs are subject to change, particularly if dependent on legislative action.)

PROGRAM	ELIGIBILITY	VALUE	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG)	Full-time graduate students who are Texas residents not majoring in religion nor on athletic scholarship, with demonstrated financial eligibility and meeting financial aid deadlines.	Up to \$3,800 a year.	Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at <a href="http://www.fafsa.gov">www.fafsa.gov</a> .	Average number awarded at TCU is about 1500 a year; number dependent upon funds made available by State of Texas.
Federal Stafford Student Loan Program	Students enrolled at least half-time with demonstrated financial eligibility.	Up to \$8,500 per academic year; up to \$65,500 cumulative.	Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at <a href="http://www.fafsa.gov">www.fafsa.gov</a> .	Interest rate is currently 6.8% fixed rate with a cap of 8.25%. Interest is paid by federal government while borrower is enrolled at least half time.
Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Student Loan	Students enrolled at least half-time. FAFSA required but eligibility is not based on need.	Annual loan limit of \$20,500 for subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford Loans combined. Graduate or professional lifetime limit for combined subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford Loans is \$138,500.	Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at <a href="http://www.fafsa.gov">www.fafsa.gov</a> .	Terms and interest rate same as Federal Stafford Loan but interest will accrue and may be capitalized while in school.
Federal Graduate PLUS Loan	Students enrolled at least half-time, Credit based approval.	Up to cost of attendance minus other aid.	Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at <a href="http://www.fafsa.gov">www.fafsa.gov</a> .	Federal Direct Grad PLUS fixed interest rate of 7.9%. In-school deferment.
Private Education Loans	Varies	Varies	Information available at <a href="http://www.financialaid.tcu.edu">www.financialaid.tcu.edu</a> or <a href="https://my.tcu.edu">https://my.tcu.edu</a> – Financial Aid. Click on Loan Central – Private Education Loans.	Varies
College Access Loan (For previous borrowers only)	Texas residents enrolled at least half-time.	\$12,000 annual loan limit	File FAFSA; additional information is available at <a href="http://www.financialaid.tcu.edu">www.financialaid.tcu.edu</a> or <a href="https://my.tcu.edu">https://my.tcu.edu</a> – Financial Aid – Loan Central - College Access Loan.	Fixed interest rate of 6% with a 3% or 5% fee. To apply, go to <a href="https://my.tcu.edu">https://my.tcu.edu</a> – Financial Aid – Loan Central – College Access Loan.

## UNIVERSITY SUPPORTED FINANCIAL AID BASED ON ACADEMIC CRITERIA

**IDA M. GREEN FELLOWSHIPS:** Available in the doctoral programs, these awards have a total value up to \$48,700 (depending on the department). These 12-month appointments carry stipends ranging from \$15,000 to \$17,500 (depending on department) and remitted tuition for 30 semester hours.

**RADFORD AWARDS:** Available in the doctoral program in Rhetoric/Composition through the Department of English, these awards have a total value up to \$46,560; two stipends of \$21,600 and up to 24 hours of remitted tuition for each are awarded each year.

**TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS:** Available in the master's and doctoral programs, these awards have a total value up to \$43,000. The stipends are for nine or twelve months and range from \$4,000 to \$19,000 (award periods and amounts vary among departments). The awards carry up to 30 hours of tuition remission.

**GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS:** Available in master's and doctoral programs and in the Financial Aid Office. These awards carry whole or partial remitted tuition up to 24 semester hours. Duties are assigned by the department.

**RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS:** Appointments may be available within master's and doctoral programs through awards made available by extramural funding. Duties relate to extramural funded projects. Stipends vary.

**TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS:** Available to TCU graduate students and these provide tuition and stipend for an academic year. Appointments require half-time duties on the Lab Support Team or at the Help Desk. Summer half-time appointments are available to holders of these traineeships.

## OTHER UNIVERSITY SUPPORTED FINANCIAL AID

**TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP):** Available from College of Education and Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

The College of Education TAP provides tuition assistance to full and part-time graduate students. For application and deadline, please contact the Coordinator of Graduate Studies of the College of Education or go to: [coe.tcu.edu/resources/graduate/scholarships-aid.asp](http://coe.tcu.edu/resources/graduate/scholarships-aid.asp).

The Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences provide tuition assistance to graduate student pursuing the Master of Science in Nursing. For information, please contact the Graduate Program Director, Nursing.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT:** Criteria considerations are part-time status, age, adjusted gross income and other financial assistance being received. Up to \$1,560 may be awarded per semester. This grant cannot be combined with other grants/awards supported by the University. Information and application available at [www.financialaid.tcu.edu](http://www.financialaid.tcu.edu) - Forms Library or <https://my.tcu.edu> - Financial Aid – Forms Library.

For more information regarding any of the financial eligibility based programs supported by agencies other than the University, contact:

Texas Christian University  
Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid  
Attn: Graduate Financial Aid  
TCU Box 297012  
Fort Worth, Texas 76129  
817-257-7872

Inquiries regarding University-supported merit-based aid may be directed to the appropriate School or College.

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