

Financial assistance and funding opportunities

There are a number of resources through which you can fund your graduate education at Cleveland State University.

Graduate teaching and research assistantships

Graduate teaching and research assistantships are available for some full-time graduate students. Teaching and research assistantships may cover all or part of tuition and may provide stipends in return for specified hours of work, usually 20 hours per week. Note: If students get a full-time graduate assistantship, then this includes health care coverage (if desired). Timing: students would reach out to their department chair a month before a new semester begins.

Student loans

Student loans are available to degree-seeking graduate students. Information on student loans can be found through the [credit-based Direct Graduate PLUS Loan from the U.S. Department of Education](#).

Timing: All year round.

Graduate fellowships

A limited number of fellowships are made available by faculty members through external research grants or through internal CSU opportunities. These include:

- The long-term vision of the Center for Human Machine Systems is that engineers, therapists, psychologists, and urban experts collaborate on physical rehabilitation teams that create technologies empowering people with disabilities. Through funding from the National Science Foundation, we offer a traineeship program that equips students with skills to work on transdisciplinary research teams that successfully partner with people with disabilities. Information on how to apply is at: [Application Process](#). Interested students would apply before March each year.
- Doctoral students in biomedical engineering or chemistry or biology may apply to a 2-year CMMS Research Assistantship/Fellowship (currently available only to students working at Cleveland State University laboratories). Further information is at: [CMMS Fellowships](#). Interested students would apply before April each year.
- Cross-Disciplinary Cardiovascular Sciences Training Program To Diversify the Stem Workforce. In partnership with the Lerner Research Institute (of the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland State University has received funding from the National Institutes of Health

to support Ph.D. trainees from backgrounds under-represented in the STEM workforce. Further information is at: [CD-CAVS](#). Interested students should contact Dr. Bond (m.bond40@csuohio.edu) to ascertain if there are openings for new students, and to check eligibility.

- The Ohio Space Grant Consortium (OSGC) offers fellowships to Masters students who are US Citizens. This is for up to \$20,000 as a stipend plus tuition waiver (up to 9 credit hours per semester). A broad range of STEM areas are covered, as outlined at <http://www.osgc.org/>. If you have any questions regarding the OSGC funding opportunities, please contact Dr. Wei Zhang at w.zhang13@csuohio.edu. Interested students would apply before March each year.
- The Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program is a state-funded program aimed at graduating more students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Choose Ohio First scholars pursue degrees in biology, chemistry, engineering, health science, math, physics, technology, and related fields. As of 2024, graduate students are also included. If you have any questions regarding the Choose Ohio First funding opportunities, please contact Dr. Nolan Holland at n.holland1@csuohio.edu. Interested students would apply before May each year.

Graduate grants

CSU students are encouraged to apply for their own funding, either to cover their tuition, or supplement their stipend, or cover the costs of travelling to other research centers. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- The American Society of Biomechanics (ASB) is committed to building a professional community that respects and promotes diversity and inclusion. In this context, the ASB offers a summer internship program aimed at providing research opportunities to students historically underrepresented and underserved in biomechanics. The program pairs undergraduate students with host laboratories for an 8-week period. See: [B-Sure](#). Applications are typically due at the beginning of April.
- The International Society of Biomechanics has a variety of grants for students, including, (i) the Matching Dissertation Grants, (ii) International Travel Grants, (iii) Congress Travel Grants, and (iv) Technical Group Meeting Travel Grants. See: [ISB Student Grants](#). Applications are typically due at the end of January each year.

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)

Learn more about the NSF's [Graduate Research Fellowship Program](#). Applications are due in mid October each year.

In-state residency information

Cleveland State University residency guidelines are established by the Ohio Department of Higher Education. If you are being charged out-of-state tuition fees, you should check the [guidelines that determine Ohio Residency](#).