Financial Aid Workshop
for International Students

SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOPS
DECEMBER 5TH 10:00 AM
JANUARY 7TH 2:00 PM

JAQUA CENTER AUDITORIUM
http://international.uoregon.edu/faid/
How can I get money while I’m going to school?

• 1. Tuition Remission Scholarships
• 2. Cash based Scholarships
• 3. Work / Work Study
Tuition Remission

Tuition remission scholarships will pay for tuition charges on your account.

• ICSP (International Cultural Service Program) Scholarships
  – Apply at international.uoregon.edu/icspapp/
  – 2 pages of personal biography + presentation materials
  – 2 Recommendations required
  – January 15th application deadline
We are proud of our ICSPers!
https://www.facebook.com/uoioicsp
Tuition Remission

• Global Corners Award (*new!*)
  – Nominated by faculty members (students cannot apply on their own)
  – Students fill out Financial Resources Questionnaire Form
  – February 15th application deadline
Tuition Remission

• GTF (Graduate Teaching Fellowship) awards
  – Types: teaching, research, or administrative
  – Tuition remission, mandatory fee subsidy, health insurance and monthly salary based on hours worked
  – Apply at gradschool.uoregon.edu/gtf-openings
  – Deadlines vary
Cash Based Scholarships

Cash Based Scholarships will pay for any charges on your account. If you do not have any charges, you can use the money for whatever you want!

- Endowed Scholarships
  - Apply at international.uoregon.edu/endowedapp/
  - 1 page of personal statement
  - 1 recommendation required
  - January 15th application deadline
• All international students can work up to 20 hours/week
  – Go to Career Center (career.uoregon.edu) to find a job/resumes assistance

• Work study awards greatly increase your chances of getting a job
  – Apply at international.uoregon.edu/workstudyapp
  – April 15th application deadline

• Talk to an international advisor if you’re interested in CPT to work off-campus.
Who gets a scholarship?

• Scholarships are awarded based on academic merit and financial need.

• Academic Merit
  – Study hard and get good grades!
  – Resolve any incompletes or unfinished grades.
  – Even if you didn’t get good grades, let us know why.

• Financial Need
  – Make sure you understand your family’s finances
  – Be prepared to tell us about changes in your financial need

• Committees review all application and make award decisions
What is Financial Need?

• Expenses > Resources
What are my expenses?

• We use estimated expenses for all students
  – UG - $48,888
  – GR (no GTF) - $40,416 - GR (GTF) - $42,499
  – Law - $53,038
  – Spouse - $6,378 - Per Child - $2,250

• See more details [here](#)

• All expenses are based off a 9 month academic year

• If your expenses are different be sure to explain this in your application
What are my resources?

- Base your resources off a 9 month academic year
- Take time and be accurate and truthful
- DO NOT GUESS. Be consistent
- Explain any recent changes or complicated situations in your personal essay and/or in the question: “Please write any additional comments here”
- Example:
  - a) Anticipated cash or savings on hand
  - b) Financial support from parents, relatives or friends
  - c) Anticipated earnings in 2015-2016
  - Total everything
I Want a Scholarship!

• I should:
  ✓ Apply anytime by January 15th
  ✓ Talk to your professors about a recommendation early
  ✓ Apply for as many scholarships as possible
  ✓ Check with your department for other scholarship opportunities
  ✓ Be frugal
  ✓ Be persistent
I Want a Scholarship!

• I should **not**:
  
  X Wait until 11 pm on January 15\textsuperscript{th}, then discover my computer is broken.
  
  X Tell my professors I need a recommendation right before the deadline.
  
  X Buy expensive cars or take many vacations.
What else should I know?

• Every scholarship application has a comments section. You should use it to your advantage!
  – If your program costs more than others
  – If a parent lost a job
  – If you had to travel home because of an emergency
• International Affairs isn’t the only place to look for scholarships.
  – Check with your department
  – Look on our [website](http://example.com) for links to other scholarships
  – The Office of Financial Aid offers General University Scholarships
  – Graduate students should talk with the Grad School
  – The CSWS offers the Laurel Research Award
  – Still want more. Look at our website for ideas on outside sources and conduct your own online search
Any other advice?

• You may want to take additional classes, which can be more expensive. Taking extra credits will help you graduate faster, but doesn’t help your scholarship application.

• You may want to get a scholarship to relieve the burden from family members. This probably won’t be helpful on your application, since many applicants have families with no money at all, or have already taken out large loans.

• Be creative. Be thorough. Spend time on your application to make it stand out.

• Apply for every scholarship you can.

• Use your campus resources.
Other Scholarship Workshops

• Office of Financial Aid of Scholarships:
  http://financialaid.uoregon.edu/forms/2014%20Schol%20Wkshps.pdf

  ❖ Wednesday, December 10
    Session 1: 2:00pm - 3:00pm
    - How to Find and Compete for Scholarships
    Session 2: 3:00pm - 4:00pm
    - How to Write Essays for Scholarships

  ❖ Thursday, January 8
    Session 1: 1:00pm - 2:00pm
    - How to Find and Compete for Scholarships
    Session 2: 2:00pm - 3:00pm
    - How to Write Essays for Scholarships
Links

- International Affairs Scholarship Page
  - http://international.uoregon.edu/faid/
- ICSP Application
  - http://international.uoregon.edu/icspapp/
- Global Corners Information
  - http://international.uoregon.edu/isss/scholarships/globalcorners-scholarships
- Endowed Application
  - http://international.uoregon.edu/endowedapp/
- Work Study Application
  - http://international.uoregon.edu/workstudyapp/
- CSWS Laurel research award
  - http://csws.uoregon.edu/?page_id=103
- Office of financial aid scholarships
  - http://financialaid.uoregon.edu/scholarships
  - financialaid-qa.uoregon.edu/general_university_scholarship_program
- Graduate and GTF awards
  - http://gradschool.uoregon.edu/?page=fundingResources
  - http://gradschool.uoregon.edu/funding-awards
Join us!
Good Luck!

Questions? Email us:
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