Grad School Hacks 2.0

Finding Funding
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Glossary

• Graduate Assistantships
• Scholarships
• Fellowships
• Student Worker
• Student Loans
• Grants
• Internships
Types of Graduate Assistantships

- Research Assistantships
- Teaching Assistantships
- Professional Assistantships
- Athletic Assistantships
How to Find

**Institutional Sources:**

- Assistantships - start with your “home” department
- Scholarships - research before you apply for admission
- On-campus competitions

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External Funding

• Research Assistantships
• Fellowships

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How to Find
Office of Research & Sponsored Programs subscribes to 2 databases that are searchable on UNO’s campus

http://www.uno.edu/orsp/FundingOpportunities/
Applying for External Funding

• Some awards require submission by full-time faculty or staff
• You can “piece” together awards to cover total costs
• Professional organizations offer opportunities too
Student Financial Aid

Apply for FAFSA (free application for student aid)

• If you can apply for Federal Student Aid, do it! It can be a backup or bridge – you don’t have to accept full amount.

• Federal aid regulations are more forgiving than private loans

• Parent info is not required
Applying for FAFSA or external funds

You should never pay for scholarship or grant information. If you receive a prompt for payment, the resource is not legitimate.

Go to .gov sites (not .com)
Other Aid opportunities

- Veterans Affairs benefits can be applied towards graduate education
- Teach Grant – Master of Arts in Teaching students are eligible; receive $4000 towards your education in exchange for service in high needs schools

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