

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

External Funding

- Research Assistantships
- Fellowships

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