

While narrowing your search for a good fit U.S. university, it is critical to determine how you will fund your studies. Tuition rates and scholarship opportunities vary widely. Create a budget and target universities that have either tuition and/or scholarships that are affordable.

**Contact your local  
EducationUSA adviser at  
[EducationUSAcanda.ca](https://educationusa.canada.ca)**

**University financial aid:** This is the most likely place that international students receive scholarships. Universities may have some or all of the following options available:

- **Needs-based aid:** scholarships given based on a family's income and assets. This is not very common at the graduate level, and if given will not meet full need.
- **Merit-based aid:** scholarships given based on the student's academic profile, usually with emphasis on the grade point average (GPA) and test scores (GRE, MCAT, etc).
- **Residence-based aid:** some universities provide reduced tuition or special scholarships for Canadians or residents of specific provinces (see back for more details).
- **Graduate, Teaching, or Research Assistantships:** it is very common for students pursuing a thesis-based Master's degree to receive this kind of funding. Students work assisting a professor in their department for this funding and are paid as a university employee.
- **Fellowships:** this is the most common funding for students pursuing a PhD. This is funding that specifically supports a student's research.

### Government funding:

- Provincial: you can apply for your province's student financial aid system which typically includes scholarships and loans.
- Federal: list available on the Canadian government website [international.gc.ca/education/](https://international.gc.ca/education/)

**External scholarships:** There are few, competitive scholarships that graduate students can apply for towards study in the United States.

- Fulbright Student Awards: [Fulbright.ca](https://fulbright.ca) (up to \$25,000 USD)
- Mackenzie King Scholarships: [mkingscholarships.ca](https://mkingscholarships.ca) (up to \$10,500 CAD)
- Fellowships: if you are a researcher, professional organizations in your field often have fellowships. Subscribe to journals and list serves in your field to stay up-to-date on this information.

**Loans:** a loan is money that you will need to pay back. You cannot take out a loan in the United States without an American co-signer. You can use Canadian bank loans to study in the USA.

### EducationUSA Resources:

**Scholarship search engine:**  
[educationusa.state.gov](https://educationusa.state.gov)

**Most recent version of this document:**  
[educationusacanada.ca/resources](https://educationusacanada.ca/resources)

### Students with American Citizenship:

**Government loans:**  
[FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov)

**Fulbright award for American Citizens:**  
[us.fulbrightonline.org](https://us.fulbrightonline.org)

More than 100 colleges and universities in the United States provide scholarships or reduced tuition based on Canadian citizenship or provincial residency. This list is an EducationUSA compilation and is subject to change. Always refer to a university's website for their up-to-date financial aid and admissions information.

### Fulbright Scholarships:

#### Traditional Fulbright Student Award (\$25,000USD)

This award is intended for graduate students, prospective graduate students, and junior professionals. Canadians can take up the award in one of three ways:

#### Formal Enrollment Awards

Intended for Canadians who plan to enroll in a graduate program at a U.S. university.

#### Research Awards

Intended for Canadian students enrolled in a graduate program in Canada who wish to conduct research at a host institution in the United States for one academic year.

#### Independent Research Awards

Intended for Canadian researchers who have completed an Undergraduate degree or a Master's degree and wish to pursue one academic year of independent research in the United States.

### Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Program

This program is intended for Canadian Francophone students and teachers who want to teach and study in the United States. Teach French and French-Canadian culture while engaging in non-degree studies at accredited postsecondary educational institutions in the United States. The award includes a monthly stipend, room and board, visa services, and health insurance.

### Contact Fulbright Canada

Website: [Fulbright.ca](http://Fulbright.ca)

Email: [info@fulbright.ca](mailto:info@fulbright.ca)

Phone: +1-613-688-5540

Twitter: @FulbrightCanada

### Still an undergraduate student?

The **Killam Fellowships Program** provides an opportunity for exceptional undergraduate students from Canadian universities to spend one semester or a full academic year as an exchange student in the United States. (\$5,000 USD per semester)  
[fulbright.ca/programs/killam-fellowships](http://fulbright.ca/programs/killam-fellowships)

### Reduced Tuition for Canadians:

D'Youville College (New York)

Ferris State University (Michigan)

Liberty University (Virginia): **online students only**

### Reduced Tuition by Province:

#### Ontario

Central Michigan University: in-state

University of Michigan-Flint: **Hamilton residents only**

#### Saskatchewan and Manitoba

Dickinson State University (North Dakota)

Valley City State College (North Dakota)

#### Inuvik, Northwest Territory and Whitehorse, and Yukon

University of Alaska Fairbanks

### Scholarships for Canadians:

Canisius College (New York): up to \$17,000 annually

North Dakota State University: \$1,199

University of Akron (Ohio): various

University of Maine, School of Law: \$2,175 tuition reduction

### Statewide Spotlights:

#### Florida Canada Linkage Institute

[global.ucf.edu/linkages/fcli/](http://global.ucf.edu/linkages/fcli/)

Canadian citizens who have been accepted to one of Florida's 40 public universities or colleges may apply for a scholarship which reduces tuition to the in-state rate.

#### Manitoba-Minnesota Reciprocity

[edu.gov.mb.ca/ie/domestic/minnesota.html](http://edu.gov.mb.ca/ie/domestic/minnesota.html)

Residents of Manitoba are eligible for in-state tuition at any of Minnesota's 41 public universities or colleges.

#### Maine Public Universities and Colleges

Canadian citizens pay a reduced tuition rate at all 7 University of Maine and 11 Maine Community College campuses.