

# Funding for International Students

Oregon State University (OSU) is committed to creating a welcoming and supportive campus for our international students. We want you to be successful at OSU, but we know that can be difficult if you are struggling with money for your education. Below are some resources that may help you.

## OSU Scholarships

OSU has scholarships that are specifically for international students. You may be eligible for certain scholarships depending on if you are a new or current student, undergraduate or graduate student, and other factors. Scholarships can be very competitive, so you are not guaranteed to receive one if you apply.

- OSU International Admissions page about international student scholarships: <https://admissions.oregonstate.edu/international/scholarships-international-students>
- Degree-seeking international students may also apply for scholarships on the OSU ScholarDollars system: <https://scholarships.oregonstate.edu/scholardollars>
- Contact for any help at [international.scholarships@oregonstate.edu](mailto:international.scholarships@oregonstate.edu)

## External Scholarships

Many organizations outside of OSU award scholarships to help students pay for college, including some that are open to international students. When searching for external scholarships, use caution and look out for scams! You should not need to pay any fees or give your bank information.

- OSU International Admissions page on external scholarships/resources: <https://admissions.oregonstate.edu/resources-international-students-us>
- OSU ScholarDollars External Scholarships: <https://oregonstate.academicworks.com/opportunities/external>
- OSU Financial Aid page on searching for scholarships: <https://financialaid.oregonstate.edu/scholarships>
- The Benton Community Foundation has some scholarships for OSU international students from specific countries: <https://www.bcfqives.org/receive/scholarships-for-osu-students>

## Student Jobs

Students from all around the world work on campus. These positions can be a good way to help earn extra money for books, rent, and other expenses. Best of all, they usually work around your class schedule so you can balance working and being a student. If you are on a student visa, talk with your international student advisor to see if you are allowed to work in the United States.

- OSU Office of International Services page on employment for international students: <https://international.oregonstate.edu/ois/employment>
- Find a job at OSU and get help applying: <https://career.oregonstate.edu/>

## Private Loans

Students may apply to alternative or private educational loans from a variety of lenders. Most U.S. lenders will require you to have a “cosigner,” who is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. There are a few companies who serve international students who do not have a cosigner, but they often have other strict requirements. When searching for private loans, be sure to compare interest rates, repayment plans, and the terms and conditions of the loans.

- OSU International Admissions webpage on external funding <https://admissions.oregonstate.edu/resources-international-students-us>



### NEED ADDITIONAL HELP?

#### Office of International Services

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[ois.student@oregonstate.edu](mailto:ois.student@oregonstate.edu)

#### International Scholarships

[international.scholarships@oregonstate.edu](mailto:international.scholarships@oregonstate.edu)

#### INTO OSU Scholarships

[intoosuscholarships@oregonstate.edu](mailto:intoosuscholarships@oregonstate.edu)

For **international graduate students**, contact your department and the Graduate School for further opportunities.

### WHAT ABOUT FEDERAL STUDENT AID?

This is money from the U.S. government to help students pay for college. International students generally **do not qualify** for federal aid, unless they are:

- U.S. permanent residents/nationals
- Citizens of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, or Palau
- Have another qualifying immigration status

More information:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/non-us-citizens>

### TERMS TO KNOW

**Scholarship:** Money awarded to students to help pay for school and does not need to be repaid

**Loan:** Borrowed money that needs to be repaid

**Lender:** Company who offers loans

**Interest:** The cost to borrow money in a loan

**Cosigner:** Someone who agrees to pay back a loan if the borrower cannot

