

# PAYING FOR GRAD SCHOOL

at Auburn University

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AUBURN  
GRADUATE SCHOOL





# TOP 50 UNIVERSITY

*U.S. News & World Report ranks Auburn among  
the top 50 public universities nationwide.*

2022

# ABOUT US

- Auburn is a comprehensive land grant university offering graduate degree programs in a wide variety of academic disciplines.
- There are currently 33,000 students (5,179 graduate students + 1,000 professional students) at AU from the United States and more than 91 countries from around the world.
- We seek to provide an exceptional educational experience that prepares our students for exciting and rewarding careers.



## Research

### HANDS-ON ADVANTAGE:

Students interested in graduate research are able to work on a faculty member's research team. Students are invited to present their scholarly results and discoveries at the annual Student Research Symposium.

# R1

### RESEARCH ACTIVITY:

Auburn, an R1 institution with "very high research activity" (The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education), is among the nation's top doctoral universities.

### PROBLEM SOLVERS:

Interdisciplinary research teams from across campus are focused on solving real-world problems, including rural housing affordability and health disparities, environmental health, and a number of metabolic and neurological diseases.

## TYPES OF FUNDING & SUPPORT:

- Tuition waivers
- Assistantships
- Scholarships
- Fellowships & Grants
- Loans





# GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

- A job or paid academic appointment
- Three types:
  - Research Assistant (GRA):  
Work on research project for a PI
  - Teaching Assistant (GTA):  
Teach and/or assist with course instruction
  - Graduate Assistant (GA):  
clerical, administrative, or technical work

Typical Requirements:  
✓ background check  
✓ Ability to obtain a  
Social Security number

# BENEFITS OF GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

- **Stipend**

- Determine by the hiring department and FTE
  - 0.25 – 10 hours per week (minimum \$612/month)
  - 0.33 – 13 hours per week (minimum \$816/month)
  - 0.50 0 20 hours per week (minimum \$1224/month)

- **Subsidized health insurance**

- Total cost ~\$2,000/year
- Subsidy = \$1,000/year

- **Tuition**

- Tuition support is provided within the limits defined by the Tuition Fellowship Program Policy
  - Nonresident tuition
  - Resident tuition
- Student pays only graduate student fees (~\$700/semester)

## Tuition and Fees



\$11,796  
IN-STATE

\$31,956  
OUT-OF-STATE

**AFFORDABILITY:** Named one of *Money's* Best Colleges for Your Money, Auburn is also ranked by *Forbes* as the top university in the state of Alabama for delivering a meaningful return on investment.

**50%**

of graduate students receive financial assistance.

# GRADUATE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The screenshot shows the Auburn University Graduate School website. The top navigation bar includes links for Students, Alumni, Parents, Employees, and Administration, along with utility links for Apply Now, Give, Libraries, Map, and AU Access. The main header features the Auburn University logo and the text 'AUBURN UNIVERSITY' and 'Graduate School'. A secondary navigation bar highlights 'Prospective Students' with a dropdown arrow, followed by 'Current Students', 'Postdoctoral Scholars', 'Faculty & Staff', and 'About'. The breadcrumb trail reads 'Prospective Students / Fellowships and Financial Aid'. The main content area is titled 'Fellowships and Financial Aid' and lists 'Opportunities through Auburn University' with a bulleted list of options. The 'Presidential Graduate Opportunity Program' is circled in orange, with a large orange arrow pointing to it from the right. To the right of the list is a dark blue decorative box with the text 'Auburn at a Glance'. Below the list is a section for 'Selected External Competitive Funding Sources'.

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Prospective Students / Fellowships and Financial Aid

## Fellowships and Financial Aid

- Opportunities through Auburn University

- Army ROTC scholarships for Graduate Students
- Assistantship Listings – non-academic units
- Campus Employment – student jobs
- Engineering Research Fellowships
- Graduate Tuition Fellowships
- Loans
- Merriwether Fellowships
- Placement for Graduate Assistants (PGA) – Student Affairs
- Presidential Graduate Opportunity Program
- Presidential Graduate Research Fellowships

➤ Selected External Competitive Funding Sources

Auburn at a Glance

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# PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIPS

FOR HIGH ACHIEVING STUDENTS

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Minimum annual stipend of

**\$30k**

FOR MERIT-BASED  
ACHIEVEMENT



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