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USF Tuition

Tuition and fees are subject to change and you are encouraged to reference the following website for the accurate tuition and fees costs at the time of your inquiry. Off campus students may have lower fees. Go to: http://usfweb2.usf.edu/pfs/tuition_cost.htm for the most accurate listing of all tuition and fees. Also note that the Executive MPH has additional fees. Please consult the following websites for more information Executive MPH: <http://publichealth.usf.edu/weekendmph/>.

Establishing Residency

The University of South Florida is required to obtain documentation of 12 months of legal residence before reclassifying you as a resident for tuition purposes. Click this link to learn more on qualifying and establishing your residency: <http://www.registrar.usf.edu/Residency/Qualifying/>.

Academic Common Market

The following states are members of the Academic Common Market of the Southern Regional Educational Board. Residents of these states can apply to the College of Public Health and request in-state tuition if no program is available in their home state. Please go to <http://www.sreb.org> for more information.

States: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia.

Online Tuition and Fee Assessment

Students can check financial aid records, student records and account information, registration, view grades, pay for tuition with a credit card etc. on the OASIS website. You can go to OASIS at <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/oasis/>.

State Employee Tuition Waiver

State of Florida Employee Tuition Waivers

On-campus Courses: Florida State Employees can use state employee tuition waivers for on-campus face to face courses. For more information, check your Schedule of Classes or contact Academic Affairs office for more details.

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Web-Based/Distance Learning Courses: For online COPH courses, state employees can use state employee tuition waivers on a first come first serve basis with limited seats available in this category. For more information visit *State Employee Tuition Waiver Policy* at: <http://publichealth.usf.edu/php/onlinemph/>

Scholarships and Aid (available to degree-seeking students only)

The College of Public Health offers Financial Support through a number of scholarships, grants, and employment opportunities. You can also contact the following additional sources:

- University Office of Financial Aid at <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/finaid/>
- Financial Aid At a Glance Chart
http://usfweb2.usf.edu/finaid/publications/nonyear/at_a_glance.htm
- Student Guide to Financial Aid at http://www.ed.gov/prog_info/SFA/StudentGuide/2002-3/index.html
- USF Scholarships Overview web page <http://www.usf.edu/scholarships.html>
- For information regarding other types of financial aid, including loans and part time employment, please contact the Office of Financial Aid, 813-974-4700. <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/finaid/>

Ann Winch Fellowship

This non-renewable, \$1,000 stipend is available to graduate students over traditional age, and is based upon community service and demonstrated high academic achievement. Obtain an application form from the Financial Aid office; a curriculum vita or resume, essay and letters of recommendation are required. Please go to <http://www.grad.usf.edu/fellowship.asp>.

Carl A. Gelin Endowed Fellowship: Carl A. Gelin

This scholarship is open to students of the Department of Health Policy and Management. Nominations will be made by the Department of HPM.

Delores A. Auzenne Fellowship

For U.S. minority citizens pursuing a graduate degree in disciplines in which minority students have low representation. Full-time (9 credit hours per semester) required. \$5000 stipend per academic year (\$2500 each semester, Fall and Spring). Awardees are selected by the Auzenne Fellowship Committee.

Awardees must request reconsideration each year. The Auzenne Fellowship is not available for the Summer semester. Continuation of the award is based upon availability of funds and satisfactory academic performance of the student. For more information, go to <http://www.grad.usf.edu/fellowship.asp> or call Graduate Studies at 813-974-2846.

FEHA Scholarships

Florida Environmental Health Association accepts applications for FEHA Scholarships of \$500 minimum from students whose course of study must be in pursuit of a scientific discipline that relates to a career in environmental health and/or public health. For current information go to www.feha.org.

Florida Linkage Institutes

Each institute is allowed to exempt up to 25 full-time equivalent students per year from the respective host countries to study in any of the state universities or community colleges in this state as resident students for tuition purposes. For more information and to see a list of countries, go to <http://web.usf.edu/iac/institutes.html>.

Foundation Graduate and Presidential Doctoral Fellowships

The USF Foundation established these fellowships to enhance selected areas of interdisciplinary strength. Foundation Fellowships will provide an annual stipend of \$20,000; provide full tuition, fees, and health insurance, and be renewable for up to 5 years. Please note: These tend to be awarded to students who demonstrate an outstanding potential for research. This award is highly competitive based on GRE and GPA as well as departmental recommendation. There is no application form; nominations are made by College departments. These are intended for new, incoming doctoral students. Please go to <http://www.grad.usf.edu/fellowship.asp>.

FPHA Scholarships

Florida Public Health Association accepts applications/nominations for FPHA Scholarships \$500 for MPH or MSPH candidates and \$300 for other health fields. Letters should include: present position, future goals and ambitions, and be FPHA members. For more information go to www.fpha.org.

Graduate Assistantships

Graduate assistants may perform research, teaching functions, assist in the production seminars and workshops, or other work related to their specific disciplines. Graduate assistants are paid a biweekly stipend and may qualify to receive in-state tuition waivers. Assistantships are awarded on a competitive basis. Students must have a GPA of 3.0 or better in their upper division coursework, must be degree-seeking and enrolled full time. Positions are posted at <http://publichealth.usf.edu/jobpostings.html>.

Graduate Educational Opportunity Grants (GEOG)

For full-time, degree seeking African American graduate students at USF. Candidates can be nominated by the Office of Graduate Studies, their respective departments, college or advisors, or can apply directly to the program. The awardee is granted a stipend of up to \$3500 for the Fall and Spring semesters only (\$7000 annually). In addition for each semester the full \$3500 stipend is awarded, the student will be eligible for a tuition waiver of 9 hours. Student fees are not included in the waiver. A maximum of 4 semesters of Fellowship support may be provided to students at the master's level and up to 6 semesters at the doctoral level. The recipient must enroll in and complete at least 9 credit hours per semester. **The GEOG is not available for the Summer semester.** Continuation of the award is based upon availability of funds and satisfactory academic performance of the student. For more information, contact Graduate Studies at 813-974-2846 or go to http://www.grad.usf.edu/fellowship_GEOG.asp.

Graduate Scholarships and Fellowships Program

The GSFP helps current or prospective graduate students locate and apply for external sources of graduate funding to be used at USF or other institutions, both in the US and abroad. The GSFP maintains a library of references, information and applications on a variety of award programs. It also offers a computer search of a database of over 20,000 potential sources of aid. For more information, contact Graduate Studies at 813-974-2846 or visit <http://www.grad.usf.edu/fellowship.asp>.

Graduate Student Loans

Information available from the Office of Financial Aid, SVC 1102, 813-974-4700. Go to <http://isis2.admin.usf.edu/finaid/loans.htm>.

Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant

A need based program for Hispanic American students or those with origins in the Caribbean, Central and South American (regardless of race). Award is \$2,000 per academic year for a maximum of four semesters of fulltime graduate study. Must have a 3.0 GPA for all undergraduate work and demonstrate financial need. For more information, please go to <http://www.firn.edu/doe/bin00065/jmfactsheet.htm>.

The A. Harrison and Ruth Kosove Scholarship Program

The Kosove Scholarship Program makes annual, renewable scholarship awards to undergraduate and graduate students. These awards pay the full cost of Florida-resident tuition, books, Housing and Food Service, or the equivalent costs for students living off-campus. Awards are made for two academic years to graduate students. All new graduate students accepted to Masters, Specialist, or Doctoral programs are eligible to apply. Please go to <http://isis.fastmail.usf.edu/scholarships/Kosove.asp> for more information.

Latin American and Caribbean Scholarships

Students from Latin America and the Caribbean (including Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands) are eligible to receive LAC scholarships at USF. In order to qualify, students must be fully admissible to USF under existing criteria for graduate programs and meet other standards. Scholarship is \$250 per fall and spring semester and student is then eligible for in-state tuition. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is recommended. Full time status of 9 credits per semester is required. Contact Beverly Sanchez at bsanchez@hsc.usf.edu.

Latino Graduate Fellowship (LGF)

This fellowship has been established at the University of South Florida to provide financial assistance to Latino graduate students. Candidates can be nominated by the Office of Graduate Studies, their respective departments, college or advisors, or can apply directly. The awardee is granted a stipend of up to \$3500 for the Fall and Spring semesters only (\$7000 annually). In addition for each semester the full \$3500 stipend is awarded, the student will be eligible for a tuition waiver of 9 hours. Student fees are not included in the waiver. **Students must request reconsideration each year.** The recipient must enroll in and complete at least 9 credit hours per semester. **The LGF is not available for the Summer semester.** Continuation of the award is based upon availability of funds and satisfactory academic performance of the student. For more information, contact Graduate Studies at 813-974-2846 or visit http://www.grad.usf.edu/fellowship_LGF.asp.

Lea Leavengood Senior Program Endowed Scholarship

This annual scholarship is given to one or two students who have an interest in the field of aging. The amount of this scholarship varies annually. Applications are announced to the student body by email in the fall and an application form with essay is required.

Maternal Child Health Epidemiology Traineeships

This is for doctoral students. Two full-time students are provided stipend and tuition each year. Selection is made by faculty and based on academic qualifications. Call 813-974-4867 for more information.

McKnight Foundation Black Doctoral Fellowship Program

Provides full tuition plus an \$11,000 (\$5,500 per semester) stipend for minority American citizens or permanent residents pursuing a PhD at USF or nine other Florida universities. Contact the Graduate School for information and applications, Contact Rod Hale at 813- 974-2846 or rhale@grad.usf.edu. The McKnight website is <http://www.fl-educ-fd.org/mdfforms.html>.

NIOSH Traineeships

The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health offers traineeships to accepted students in the Industrial Hygiene/Safety Management program. The traineeship award includes a tuition waiver for nine credits per semester as well as a stipend. For details, contact mwortman@hsc.usf.edu or call the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health at 813-974-3144.

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Richard F. Pride Research Fellowship

Established by the Research Council of the University of South Florida (USF), this Fellowship is designed to address the under-representation of minorities in the state's colleges and universities by providing highly qualified candidates with the opportunity to engage in advanced study leading to the Doctor of Philosophy degree at USF. It is offered on a competitive basis to individuals who are citizens of the U.S. While members of all minority groups are invited to apply, special consideration will be given to African Americans. It will provide an annual stipend of \$20,000 for up to four (4) calendar years and will also grant tuition waivers for up to nine (9) credit hours for the Fall and Spring semesters. Fellowship recipients will be expected to establish in-state residency by the end of the first year. If in-state residency is not established, the recipient will be responsible for paying the out-of-state portion of their fees. For more information go to <http://isis.fastmail.usf.edu/ibl/pride.htm>.

Samuel P. Bell III Scholarship

Mr. Bell has a strong interest in health care matters. This scholarship is competitive. Applications are announced to the student body by email in the spring and an application form with essay is required.

Summer Program for Minority Graduate Students

This program is designed to attract and help prepare beginning minority graduate students for study at the University of South Florida. Candidates are nominated by their departments or can apply directly to the program. The awardee is granted a stipend of up to \$1300 for the summer session, must enroll in at least one summer graduate course, and is required to attend weekly workshop sessions involving all aspects of graduate education (about 6 weeks during the summer semester—once per week, sessions are one and one-half to two hours in length). Information is available from the Graduate Studies, 813-974-2846 or consult http://www.grad.usf.edu/fellowship_SUS.asp.

U.S. Public Health Traineeships

The College of Public Health cooperates with the US Public Health Service in offering traineeships to our students. The traineeship award includes a tuition waiver for nine semester hours as well as a stipend for full-time students; part-time students may be eligible for tuition waiver only. The availability of traineeships is entirely dependent on the receipt of federal funds. Awards are made by the Departments to Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Maternal and Child Health, Public Health Education, Environmental Health, Public Health Practice, and Toxicology students. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Departments award Traineeships each fall.

University Graduate Fellowship (UGF)

Awarded annually on a competitive basis to full time students of outstanding academic potential. Criteria include: GPA of at least 3.5; minimum score of 1250 (verbal + quantitative) on GRE or 580 on GMAT. Award is \$5,250 divided over two consecutive semesters with tuition waiver. Each department selects one new student who receives tuition waiver and a stipend during the fall and spring semester for one year.