Graduate School Funding Opportunities 2024-2025

These are brief summaries of funding available from the graduate school. Please read specific details for each opportunity to understand application processes (sent to program directors or [on webpage](https://graduateschool.uccs.edu/uccs-finances/finance-resources)). Programs will receive detailed information about awards from Graduate School. Awards may require nomination by program, student direct application, or college/department awarding and notification to graduate school. All students should be encouraged to complete the FAFSA as there are need-based funding opportunities. This document may be shared with faculty and students.

**Programs Nominate Students**

**First Year Graduate Student Research Fellowship** ($6,000/year; 3-10 given per year)

A competitive award sponsored by the Graduate School and the Center for Student Research given to outstanding students from any graduate program. Students are expected to be engaged in research/scholarship with a faculty member. These are **only for incoming graduate students (entering Summer or Fall semester**), including international students (current students can directly apply for fellowship; see below). *Students are nominated by the program*. A campus committee will select awardees. Nomination packets are **due by the 3rd Wednesday in February** to the Graduate School and awards made by April 1 for the following academic year (Fall start). Awardees are part of the Graduate Research Academy which provides professional development activities. Members of the GRA are required to participate in two activities during the year of the award.

# Programs Award and Notify Graduate School of Awardees

**Graduate Out-of-State Scholarship** (for recruitment of new students) ($6,000/year; 20 given per year)

This is a merit-based scholarship for first year out-of-state graduate students (starting Summer or Fall semester), including international students. Students must be classified as paying full nonresident tuition (no other discounts can apply but students can receive other types of scholarships and grants), have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.33, and be enrolled full time. *These are recruitment scholarships and are given to programs directly to award.* Qualified students are considered by their program, and the program makes awards. There is no separate application process (except if department sets additional criteria or process). Awardees must be selected **by the second Monday in May** or funds returned to graduate school to be dispersed.

**Graduate School Tuition Matching Grant** (up to $8,000 per year; number depends on specific funding requests—approximately 50-100)

Program must provide matching funds (i.e., teaching assistantship, research assistantship, or funding related to service/internship that is directly related to educational program). Colleges/departments/programs will be told how much funding they have by the Graduate School in December. Colleges/departments/programs select and notify students about awards as part of the recruitment/retention process. The program must inform the graduate school of their awardees by **the first Monday in May**. Tuition matching grants are awarded through financial aid; departmental matching funds are paid through normal departmental processes. Students must have GPA of 3.0 or higher and be enrolled full time.

**Graduate Dean Doctoral Award** (for any PhD student)

This is PhD student funding to support the R2 mission. Programs will need to fund a required work component. Fund amounts are provided to colleges to award to PhD students. Awards are made through financial aid. Work component award is through the department/college. This tuition award is dependent on students having a work award from the college/department. Colleges are informed of available funding in December and colleges/programs must inform the Graduate School of awards **by May 15**.

# Students Apply for Awards

# Students apply directly through the [UCCS Financial Aid Scholarship portal](https://finaid.uccs.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships) which opens Jan 2 and applications are due by March 1. Scholarships are awarded for 2024-2025 academic year. Students who are admitted can access the scholarship portal. They do not need to accept the admission offer before applying for scholarships.

#  NOTE: This is a later time for the scholarship portal to open but it closes at same time as in past.

# Continuing Graduate Student Research Fellowship ($6,000/year; 5-10 given per year)

A competitive award sponsored by the Graduate School and the Center for Student Research given to outstanding students, including international students, from any graduate program. Students must be enrolled in a graduate program at time of application (incoming students can be nominated for 1st year Graduate Research Fellowship by the program; see above). Students are expected to be engaged in research/scholarship with a faculty member. A campus committee will select awardees. *Students apply directly through the UCCS scholarship webpage and must complete an essay as part of the application and submit a faculty recommendation letter. The scholarship portal opens January 2 and all applications are due by March 1 (*[*see Financial Aid Scholarship page for information*](https://finaid.uccs.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships)*)*. Awardees are part of the Graduate Research Academy which provides professional development activities. Members of the GRA are required to participate in two activities during the year of the award.

**Graduate Opportunity Scholarship** ($5,000-$25,000/year; 1-6 given per year)

A competitive, need-based scholarship given to incoming graduate students (starting at UCCS during Spring, Summer or Fall 2024 semesters) who bring diverse perspectives to UCCS. Students must have a minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA and demonstrate financial need by completing the FAFSA and submitting the application no later than **March 1.** *Students apply directly through the UCCS scholarship webpage and must complete an essay as part of the application. The scholarship portal opens January 2 and applications are due by March 1 (*[*see Financial Aid Scholarship page for information*](https://finaid.uccs.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships)*)*. Students must have been admitted to the program to be able to access the UCCS Scholarship page (contact the Graduate School if there are issues). International students are not eligible. Awards will be announced in early April for the following academic year.

**Graduate School Mentored Doctoral Fellowship** ($20,000-$25,000/year awards; 4-5 given yearly)

A competitive merit award sponsored by the Graduate School that supports the professional development of doctoral students. Awards are for outstanding advanced doctoral students who are engaged in mentored professional development activities beyond coursework and dissertation research (e.g., additional research, teaching, clinic work, practicum, etc.).

International students are eligible. *Students apply directly through the UCCS scholarship webpage and must complete an essay as part of the application. The scholarship portal opens January 2 and applications are due by March 1 (*[*see Financial Aid Scholarship page for information*](https://finaid.uccs.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships)*)*.

**Graduate School** [**Travel Award**](http://www.uccs.edu/~gsa/)($500/student; 40-50 given yearly)

These are allocated to help offset travel expenses for graduate students that travel to conferences that will further their research efforts and the research efforts of the University. It can also be used for students who wish to travel to trainings and workshops that will contribute to their professional development. In times of limited funding, priority will be given to students who are presenting at conferences. Awards may come after travel is completed. Only currently enrolled graduate students in degree-seeking programs are eligible to apply; at time of travel, student must be enrolled at UCCS (or in summer between semesters). Students submit application electronically, see [Graduate School](https://graduateschool.uccs.edu/uccs-finances/finance-resources) [website](https://graduateschool.uccs.edu/uccs-finances/finance-resources) for deadlines and other requirements. **Travel award application opens twice a year.**

# Other awards offered through financial aid:

All available institutional awards for graduate students can be found on the [[Graduate School](http://www.uccs.edu/graduateschool/uccs-finances/finance-resources.html) webpage under financial resources.](http://www.uccs.edu/graduateschool/uccs-finances/finance-resources.html)

*Colorado Graduate Grant*: need based, Colorado residents in STEM fields. Must complete FAFSA by March 1. Awards made by Financial Aid Office in Fall.

*UCCS Tuition Grant*: need based, Colorado residents in STEM fields. Must complete FAFSA by March 1. Awards made by Financial Aid Office in Fall.

*Lind Scholarship:* need based; all US domestic graduate students eligible. Must complete FAFSA by March 1. *Students apply directly through the UCCS scholarship webpage and must complete an essay as part of the application. The scholarship portal opens January 2 and all applications are due by March 1 (*[*see Financial Aid Scholarship page for information*](https://finaid.uccs.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships)*)*.

*UCCS Family Development Center Scholarship*: Childcare scholarships to the UCCS FDC may be available. Students can call (719) 255-3483 to learn more.

**Scholarship portal opens January 2 (this is later than normal). Students must be admitted in order to review and apply for scholarships (they do not need to have accepted the admission offer prior to applying for scholarships). Most institutional aid requires that students are admitted well before March 1 scholarship deadline. After this date, students cannot complete applications and scholarship ship money is typically gone by the time late students are admitted.**