Financial Aid Information

**Tuition Costs and Affordability**

Graduate study at the University at Albany offers excellence and great value, especially when compared with regional and national average costs. Kiplinger's Personal Finance "Best Values in Public Colleges, 2013" ranks the University at Albany as one of the nation's top colleges for excellence in academics and affordability.

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<th>NYS Graduate Tuition</th>
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<td>*Cost per credit: $453</td>
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<td>Total Annual Cost: $12,517</td>
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*Rates and fees are subject to change. For planning purposes, New York State tuition typically increases by 6% and out of state tuition typically increases by 10% each year.*

Visit the Student Financial Center web page at [www.albany.edu/studentservices](http://www.albany.edu/studentservices) for complete information on tuition, fees, and payment options. All questions regarding financial aid, tuition and payment should be directed to the Student Financial Center at 518-442-3202.

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**Applying for NYS Residency**

After one year of residing in New York State, students can apply for residency and be awarded in-state tuition, thereby significantly decreasing their overall cost of attendance. Proof of New York State domicile is based upon an intention to make New York State a permanent home and the existence of facts tending to confirm this intention. Factors relevant to determining the establishment of New York State as a permanent home include:

- Residents of parents, spouse, and children
- Place of voter registration
- Residence for personal income tax purposes
- Financial independence, business pursuits, employment, and income sources
- Sites of motor vehicle and other personal property registration
- Sites of real and personal property

An applicant for New York State resident status for tuition purposes does not need to prove the existence of all these indices to support their intent to be a resident, nor is this list exhaustive. Applications to apply for status as a New York State resident are available in the Student Financial Center (CC-G26). Further information can also be acquired from the Student Accounts website [http://www.albany.edu/studentaccounts/residency.php](http://www.albany.edu/studentaccounts/residency.php), or call the Student Financial Center at 518-442-3202.
Funding Opportunities

**PhD Opportunities**

Funding for doctoral students varies by semester and department and is awarded by the department to doctoral students on a competitive basis. Not all students receive funding.

*Biomedical Sciences*: Graduate Assistantships provide an academic year stipend of $18,500 and a full tuition scholarship. After the first year of study, students are historically funded on a faculty research grant, including summer, at the rate of $24,000 per year.

*Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases Fellowship*: Provides a calendar year stipend of $24,000 and full tuition.

**MPH/MS Opportunities**

*David Axelrod Fellowship*: Awarded to an incoming MS or MPH student. Applicants must submit a resume and brief essay describing their interests and outlining their goals in public health and public service. Award provides full tuition at the New York State rate and additional scholarship of $10,000 for one year, applied directly to the student’s account. *

*Hearst Fellowship*: Awarded to an incoming underrepresented MS or MPH student. It is intended that recipients will use their degrees to improve the practice of public health among minority populations. Provides partial tuition and additional scholarship of $5,000-$10,000 for one year, applied directly to the student’s account. *

*CDPHP Scholars Program*: Awarded to a first year MS or MPH student in the Department of Health Policy and Management or the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatics, with a demonstrated interest in health administration, health promotion or epidemiology. Students must reside in one of the 24 counties served by CDPHP. Provides $5,000, applied directly to the student’s account. *

*Birkhead Scholarship*: Awarded to a second year MS or MPH student. Applicants must submit an essay describing their strong passion for public health and an interest in working in a local, state or federal public health agency. Provides $1,000 towards one financial year, applied directly to the student’s account.

**All Fellowships and Scholarships require a supplemental Application Form, found under Financial Assistance at [www.albany.edu/sph/admissions.php](http://www.albany.edu/sph/admissions.php)**

*Applicants must submit the award application and all SPH application materials by **February 1** for consideration.*
**Diversity Awards, Assistantships & Scholarships**

**Carson Carr Diversity Teaching/Graduate Assistantship:** Awarded on a competitive basis to MPH, MS, PhD, and DrPH graduate students who will contribute to the diversity of the student body in their graduate or professional program, with doctoral students receiving priority for the award. The award provides a stipend, the amount of which varies depending upon degree and program, and tuition. There is a 20 hour per week administrative or teaching requirement. Supplemental application is required.

**Persily Scholarship:** Awarded to a University at Albany undergraduate student entering the MPH program, with demonstrated financial need. No supplemental application is required.

**Tartaglia Scholarship:** Awarded to an outstanding incoming MPH student in the Environmental Health Sciences or Biomedical Sciences concentration. No supplemental application is required.

**SPH Graduate Assistantships:** Awarded to MPH students only. Graduate Assistantships provide a $9,200 stipend and partial tuition, with a 20 hour per week work requirement. Students must be matriculated in the MPH program to apply. As opportunities become available, they will be posted on a weekly email listserv. Application and interview required.

**University at Albany Graduate Assistantships:** All students may apply for graduate assistantships offered by other administrative units at the University at Albany. The listing of these assistantships is found under Administrative Unit Graduate Assistantships at [www.albany.edu/graduate/funding-graduate-study.php](http://www.albany.edu/graduate/funding-graduate-study.php).

**Additional Opportunities**

**PHLOT:** Public Health Leaders of Tomorrow (PHLOT) was launched in 2006 to strengthen the public health infrastructure across New York State. PHLOT provides numerous programs (e.g., tuition awards, internship stipends, leadership training and scholarships) designed to offer academic and leadership opportunities to current public health professionals across NYS, as well as to students enrolled at the University at Albany School of Public Health. For more information, visit the PHLOT website at [http://www.albany.edu/sph/phlot.php](http://www.albany.edu/sph/phlot.php).

**Grants:** Some students may be supported on a faculty research grant while in the graduate program. Availability of funding varies by department.

**ASPHH Resources:** The Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) provides extensive information and tips on how to find scholarships on their Financing Your Degree website at [http://www.aspph.org/study/financing-your-degree/](http://www.aspph.org/study/financing-your-degree/). ASPPH has also produced an informative webinar on How to Finance Your Public Health Degree at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMRRiom7Elmg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMRRiom7Elmg).
School of Public Health Office of Internships and Career Services

Many internships are funded, either through a fellowship award of either $2500 or $5000 applied directly the student account, or as a student assistant. Many part-time jobs, assistantships, fellowships, and grants become available throughout the academic year. Students receive notification of these opportunities on a weekly basis from the SPH Office of Internships and Career Services via an electronic listserv.

Federal Student Aid

How Do I Apply for Federal Student Aid?

- File a FAFSA or add UAlbany code 002835 at www.fafsa.edu.gov
- Send in any requested documentation
- Accept your award through the MyUAlbany portal: www.albany.edu/myualbany

Financial Aid Programs

- Direct Unsubsidized Loan
- Direct Grad PLUS Loan
- Alternative or Private Education Loans

Federal Direct Loan Process at UAlbany

Direct Unsubsidized Loan Process

- Accept your loan on MyUAlbany in the Financial Aid box under the Finances tab
- Complete Entrance Counseling at www.studentloans.gov
- Complete Master Promissory Note at www.studentloans.gov

Direct Unsubsidized Loan Information

- Considered “independent” if enrolled in graduate program
- Must be admitted to a degree program to qualify
- Must be registered at least half time, or 6 credits
- Maximum Unsubsidized Stafford Loan amount is up to $20,500
- There is a 5.41% fixed interest and a 1.072% loan fee

Federal Direct Grad PLUS Loan Process

- You must have filed a FAFSA, been awarded a Direct Unsubsidized Loan, and accepted the full amount of the Direct Unsubsidized Loan
- Students may then apply for the difference between the cost of attendance and all other aid received
- Students must be credit qualified and registered for a minimum of 6 credits
- Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note are unique for the Grad PLUS Loan
- There is a 6.41% fixed interest rate and a 4.288% loan fee
- Applications may be completed at www.studentloans.gov

Rates subject to change

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