



Financial Aid

UW Standard of Excellence

The Office of Student Financial Aid is entirely about educational access and opportunity for students from all socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds. We promote participation in higher education and foster a diverse student body by providing and managing financial resources that provide the access and opportunity to thrive academically and fully experience the University of Washington. We counsel students on many different levels, helping them learn life experiences in a safe environment.

We hold ourselves to a high standard of integrity in our roles as stewards of public funds and financial advisors to students and their families. Most of all, we strive to exhibit compassion to all who need our help.

Academic Community

Our office supports the academic excellence found at the University and empowers students to meet these expectations with financial support, career-related work study positions and academic progress measures that ensure progression towards degree.

World Leaders in Research

We collaborate with others on campus and off campus to encourage the development of work study jobs that provide meaningful research opportunities for our students.

We also engage in research to develop the best way to distribute financial aid amongst our many financially needy students, maximizing our limited resources to ensure their ability to attend the University.

Our staff provides leadership at national, regional and state levels to advocate on the behalf of our students and work towards improvement of financial aid programs.

Celebrating Place

Our focus on developing, promoting and managing programs such as the Husky Promise has helped us continue our mission of making it clear to all students who need assistance—You belong here! We can think of no better way to celebrate place than to provide access to individuals from the entire spectrum of our community.

Spirit of Innovation

We embrace innovation and seek opportunities to improve our services to students. We participate in performance based financial aid programs that allow us to design and control the process—Direct Loans, Experimental Sites, and the Quality Assurance program are just a few examples. We continue to develop more meaningful web-based services to facilitate our communication to students—on their schedule.

World Citizens

Our office is deeply supportive of providing opportunities for students to study abroad. We work closely with staff from Exploration Seminars and International Programs and Exchanges to coordinate resources so students, regardless of economic status, can benefit from the life-changing educational enrichment provided by these experiences. We strive to find additional resourceful ways to maximize funds and advise students of their financial options.

Closer to home, we build citizenship and leadership abilities in students by sponsoring numerous community service work opportunities such as: America Reads and Jump Start tutorial Programs for elementary and middle school; working on the clean up of Puget Sound; and assisting children in foster care.

Being Public

It is our privilege to serve the citizens of our state to enable them to achieve an unequaled educational experience. Through our many presentations to various publics, we reach out to prospective students, current UW students, parents and others to ensure they understand the financial aid opportunities available—here and anywhere their higher education dreams may take them.