

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Information for Graduate Study Financial Assistance

The University of Denver considers all eligible students for two types of financial aid: departmental financial aid — primarily merit-based aid, such as graduate scholarships and teaching assistantships and federal financial aid — including federal student loans and work-study. To be considered for need-based and federal financial aid, you must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov by the priority deadline of March 1. For more information about federal financial aid, please visit the Office of Financial Aid's Web site, www.du.edu/finaid/grad.htm. International students are not eligible to apply for federal financial aid and do not need to file a FAFSA.

For more information about need-based Federal Student Aid Programs, such as Colorado Graduate Grant, Direct and Perkins Loans and Federal Work-Study, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 303-871-4020 or check them out on the Web at www.du.edu/finaid.

In the department of mathematics, all eligible applicants are considered for merit-based. No additional application is required. Merit-based awards are competitive and limited in number. Early application is always advisable.

Graduate Teaching and Research Assistantships

Graduate teaching and research assistantships (GTAs and GRAs) may be awarded to regular-status students in a degree program who are appointed to positions in the same or closely related fields. GTA and GRA appointments are made on a full-time (20 hours per week), half-time (10 hours per week) or quarter-time (five hours per week) basis. GTAs and GRAs receive monthly stipends and, ordinarily, tuition remission (in the form of tuition waiver hours and not as payment for work). Awards are made through the graduate schools or departments.

The GTA assists faculty members in classroom and laboratory instruction, prepares apparatus or material for demonstration, conducts tutorials and grades assignments. In some cases, GTAs teach, but they do so with faculty supervision.

The GRA works under supervision in a program of departmental or interdepartmental research. The appointment is made with the understanding that required services will contribute to the student's professional training. GRA work is often used as part of thesis/dissertation research, with approval by the appointing department head and the thesis dissertation supervisor.

Fellowships

Graduate Studies Doctoral Fellowships (GSDF) may be awarded to exceptional Ph.D. applicants and are generally only a one-year award. The maximum amount for each nomination is \$5,000 and can be combined with other types of aid including GTA or GRA appointments.

Please note that if a student accepts need-based funds, then all sources of assistance cannot exceed that student's calculated financial need. This includes GTAs, GRAs, scholarships, grants, work-study and loans. A late award of a GTA or departmental scholarship (late is defined as after June 1), for example, will affect direct loans and other assistance to the student for the year by reducing student need.

Any graduate applicant whose native language is not English (including U.S. citizens and permanent residents) and who wishes to be considered for a GTA position must first demonstrate fluency in spoken English by taking the Internet-based TOEFL exam (iBT). The minimum qualifying score for a GTA on the iBT speaking section is 26. If the iBT is not available, a minimum score of 50 is required on the TSE.