Funding 101 Workshop for International Students

Fall 2010
International Education Week 2010
http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/scholarships

Agenda

Introductions
Sources of Funding
Employment and Career Services
Campus Resources
Question & Answers
The Bottom Line

Total cost of attendance* at OSU

Undergraduate: $35,890
Graduate: $33,470
Graduate Assistantship (tuition covered by Dept.) $17,325

*These costs are estimates. For more information about tuition costs, please go to http://oregonstate.edu/fa/businessaffairs/studentfinance/tuition/tuition_info

Sources of Funding for Your Education

Grants and Fellowships

Graduate Assistantships

Scholarships

Employment (may require ISFS or DHS approval)
Library Databases and Search Options

Presentation by Valery King, Valley Library

Resources for finding grants:
http://ica.library.oregonstate.edu/subject-guide/416-Grants

IRIS (Illinois Researcher Information Service)
IRIS currently contains over 8,000 active federal and private funding opportunities in the sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities.

Foundation Center’s Reference Guide for International Students
http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/guides/foreign.html

Questions? Ask a librarian (via IM chat, email, phone or text message).

Graduate Student Funding Resources

For Graduate Students:
The Graduate School’s “Financing Your Education” page:
http://oregonstate.edu/dept/grad_school/future/financing.html

• Includes information about assistantships and other forms of tuition remission at OSU

Valley Library resources:
http://oregonstate.edu/dept/grad_school/future/referenceresource.html

• Includes directories to Grants & Fellowships
Scholarships!

Presentation by Dawn Moyer, International Student and Faculty Services (ISFS)

Hope for the Best...

Scholarships often have specific criteria

• Major
• Grade Point Average (GPA)
• Financial need
• Immigration status
• Length of time at OSU (many scholarships for international students require that you are here at least 3 terms in a specific degree program at OSU before you are eligible)
• Degree-seeking academic status
The Scholarship Search

• OSU’s ISFS Scholarship Listings
  [http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/scholarships](http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/scholarships)

• College/Department scholarships
  Check with your academic department to find out if they have any scholarships. For a list of departments, visit
  [http://oregonstate.edu/academics/](http://oregonstate.edu/academics/)

• Elite OSU Scholarships
  Oregon State has faculty advisors on campus who coordinate internationally recognized scholarship opportunities.
  [http://oregonstate.edu/financialaid/elite-scholarship-opportunities](http://oregonstate.edu/financialaid/elite-scholarship-opportunities)

The Scholarship Search

Non-OSU Scholarship Databases

• International Education Financial Aid:

• International Scholarship Search:

• Scholarships and Fellowships: Resources for International Students
  [http://www.grinnell.edu/offices/SocialCommitment/awards/internationalstudentopps/](http://www.grinnell.edu/offices/SocialCommitment/awards/internationalstudentopps/)

• Additional resources for international student scholarships and loans:
  [http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/scholarships/additional](http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/scholarships/additional)
Upcoming Deadlines

International Cultural Service Program (ICSP)
February 1, 2011

• ISFS Scholarships (includes Tuition Remission Scholarships for International Students (TRSIS), Strickland, Cook, and Niemi)
• Ali & Shahina Piyarali International Programs Scholarship
• Van de Water (current ICSP students only)
• Clara Simerville Award (undergraduate students only)

April 4, 2010

For more information and applications forms, visit http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/scholarships/general

Application Tips

Personal Statements and Essays
One size doesn’t necessarily fit all.

Your Personal Statement should address the questions each scholarship application asks.

Read about the purpose of the scholarship:
• Why do these people want to give money away? Why are you the best person to get that money?
• Have someone proof-read & don’t forget spell-check! The Center for Writing and Learning (CWL) in Waldo Hall can assist with editing essays.
• Career Services can also assist you with your letters and with presenting yourself effectively in a cover letter or resume.
Application Tips

References

• Not all will require references; those that do may have a form to fill out, or just ask for a recommendation letter

• Give your references plenty of notice (2-3 weeks min.) and a copy of your resume & info about the scholarship organization

• Try to use someone who knows you well academically; if the scholarship is subject-related, use a professor from that subject

Employment

Presentation by Rachael Weber, International Student and Faculty Services (ISFS)

On-campus employment

• F-1 students don’t need additional authorization
• J-1 students need letter from ISFS in advance

On campus employment is defined as employment where the paycheck comes from Oregon State University and/or is performed at a business that is physically located on campus and primarily serves students (such as Pangea Café or Panda Express in the MU).

Please check with an advisor in ISFS if you have any questions.
**Off-campus employment**

- Must ALWAYS be authorized IN ADVANCE by ISFS or the Immigration Service
- ISFS offers regular workshops on OPT and CPT, and offers appointments
- To register for an OPT or CPT workshops (F-1 students) or make an appointment (J-1 students), please call our front desk at 541-737-6310 or stop by during business hours (A110 Kerr Administration Building, Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm) to schedule a time that works for you.

For general information about employment, please visit our website at http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/students/current/employment

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**Employment vs. Volunteering**

**What is employment?**

Employment is “services for compensation.” If you provide a service and are compensated, monetarily or otherwise, it could be considered employment.

**What is volunteering?**
Career Services

Presentation by Adry Clark, Career Services

• Services offered by OSU Career Services to help you be successful

• How do you find a job? Tips for finding on-campus employment and internships

Summary of OSU’s Career Services

In Person
• Individual Career Counseling
• Drop-in Resume & Cover Letter Critiques
• Group Workshops
• Career Assessment
• Computer Lab
• Mock Interviews
• Career Resource Library
• Career Fairs
• Peace Corps Information

Online
• [www.oregonstate.edu/career](http://www.oregonstate.edu/career)
• Resources, tools, information
• VAULT
• Social Networking (Facebook, Blog, LinkedIn, Twitter)
• BeaverJobNet
• Jobs & Internships
• Schedule of Information Sessions
• On-Campus Recruiting Schedule
• InterviewStream
• Resume Books
Finding On-campus Employment

- **Published** - Beaver JobNet
  (International students are not eligible for "Work-study" jobs)

- **Hidden** - Asking around - *Networking*
  - Faculty
  - Departments you’re interested in
  - Other students

Finding Internships

Networking
- Faculty
- Professional organizations
  - Conferences
  - Volunteering
- Involvement on campus

Beaver JobNet – look at work permit requirements
Other Campus Resources

ASOSU Human Services Resource Center (Health Insurance, Childcare, etc.)
http://asosu.oregonstate.edu/HSRC

Resident Assistant Positions in University Housing and Dining Services (UHDS)-covers room and board while in the job
www.oregonstate.edu/uhds/whyira

Other Campus Resources (cont.)

• Your academic advisor

• Business Services (for payment plans)

• ISFS website
http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/scholarships
Good Luck!