Funding 101 Workshop
for International Students

Fall 2009
International Education Week 2009
http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/scholarships
The Bottom Line

Total cost of attendance* at OSU

Undergraduate: $34,060
Graduate: $30,870
Graduate Assistantship
(tuition covered by Dept.) $11,850

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

• 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/

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

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Non-OSU Scholarship Databases

• International Education Financial Aid: http://www.iefa.org/

• International Scholarship Search
  http://www.internationalscholarships.com/index.php/

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

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

International Cultural Service Program (ICSP)

February 15, 2010

• 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 5, 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.
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

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

Off-campus employment
• Must ALWAYS be authorized IN ADVANCE by ISFS or the Immigration Service
• For a list of OPT and CPT workshops for F-1 students, visit http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/news
• For J-1 students, make an appointment in ISFS
Employment (cont.)

How do you find a job?
Go to OSU Career Services
http://oregonstate.edu/career/

How can Career Services help you?
• OSU Beaver JobNet
  (International students are not eligible for “Work-study” jobs)
• Mock interviews, resume and cover letter tips, Career Fairs, etc.
Other Campus Resources

ISOSU Subsidies (Health Insurance, Childcare, etc.)

http://asosu.oregonstate.edu/services/subsidies/index.php

Resident Assistant Positions in University Housing and Dining Services (UHDS)-covers room and board while in the job

http://oregonstate.edu/uhds/jobs/ra_info.php
Other Campus Resources (cont.)

• Your academic advisor

• Business Services (for payment plans)

• ISFS website
  [http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/scholarships](http://oregonstate.edu/international/atosu/scholarships)
Other Campus Resources (cont.)

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
Good Luck!