International Student Funding and Scholarships
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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
Scholarship Search

• OSU’s ISAS Scholarship Listings
  http://international.oregonstate.edu/isas/scholarships-and-funding

• 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

• OSU Scholarship Database
  https://scholarship.ucsadm.oregonstate.edu/prod/search_schol.php
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 **Writing Center** 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, resume and in potential interviews.
Application Tips – cont’d

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
Help from the Library

presenter: Valery King
Social Sciences/Humanities Librarian
Learn About…

Grants

Find the *Grants Guide* on the Research Guides / Learn About page
Grants Guide includes links:

**GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

At OSU: Find information for International Student scholarships on the [International Programs - Scholarships and Funding web page](https://www.internationalprograms.osu.edu/scholarships). Also check into the following free resources online:

- **Funding for International Students Guide**
  The Foundation Center has created this reference guide to help international students studying in the U.S. in obtaining scholarships and fellowships. Includes links to webinars, tutorials, databases and websites.

- **Fulbright Foreign Student Program**
  A program of the U.S. State Department. The Fulbright Foreign Student Program enables graduate students, young professionals and artists from abroad to study and conduct research in the United States. The Fulbright Foreign Student Program operates in more than 155 countries worldwide.

- **Scholarship Opportunities by State**
  Searchable database of scholarships, fellowships, and grants for non-U.S. students seeking funding for U.S. study. Provided by The Institute of International Education.

- **InternationalScholarships.com**
  InternationalScholarships.com provides a database of scholarships, fellowships, and grants for international students wishing to study in the U.S. These programs can be searched by location of interest, award type, and field of study.
There are scholarships for

INTO OSU Students

OSU Degree Seeking Students
Scholarships for INTO OSU students

• Merit-Based Scholarship (new students)
• Continued Success Scholarship (continuing Pathway students)
• Honorary (new student; only 2 per year)

Full list of scholarships:
http://oregonstate.edu/admissions/international/scholarships
Scholarships for INTO OSU Students – cont’d

How scholarships are awarded:

• Selection process during the admissions process
• Scholarships are competitive and based on availability of funds

Questions: INTOOSUScholarships@oregonstate.edu
Scholarships for OSU Degree Seeking Students

1. Provoest's International Scholarship
2. International Cultural Service Program (ICSP)
3. ISAS Scholarships for Continuing International Students
Scholarships for OSU Degree Seeking Students – cont’d

Provost’s International Scholarship

• $6,000 to $9,000 / year, up to 4 years
• No action required. Qualified applicants automatically considered
• 3.5 overall GPA
Scholarships for OSU Degree Seeking Students – cont'd

International Cultural Service Program

• Merit-based
• Non-US citizen
• 3.0 GPA
• Passion for sharing cultures
• Financial support

ICSP 2015-16 application deadline is January 30, 2015!
Scholarships for Degree Seeking Students – cont’d

ISAS Scholarship

1. Admitted F-1 or J-1 Student
2. Economic Need
3. Studied at OSU for at least 3 terms
4. Minimum GPA of:
   - **Graduate**: 3.0
   - **Undergraduate**: 2.5
5. Typical scholarship awards are $1,000 to $3,000 per term ($3,000-$9,000 per year).
6. No awards for Summer term
7. Only one application is required to be considered for all ISAS scholarships (except ICSP scholarship); application turn into ISAS office in University Plaza
8. Application is due May 2015 for the 2015-16 Academic Year; recipients will be notified during summer
9. Limited funds are available each year
Financial Challenges

Talk to an International Student Advisor if you have financial challenges.

Walk-in Hours:

Monday through Friday
2:00 - 4:30
University Plaza (Suite 130) & the ILLC
Employment
What We Have to Offer

CAREER SERVICES WEBSITE
http://oregonstate.edu/career
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Located in Kerr Administration Basement, B008
With Career Consultations you can:

- Explore your strengths, personality, and interests through assessments
- Explore career options
- Learn how a certain major of study can translate into a career path
- Make informed decisions about choosing a major or switching majors
- Discuss job anxieties and frustrations
- Job search preparation (resume, cover letter, mock interviews)
- Graduate school exploration and planning
Our Services and Resources

NEW

Drop-in Hours

MONDAY - THURSDAY
1pm-4pm
Fall, Winter, Spring
Our Events

Watch our Calendar!

• Career Fairs
• Non-Profit and Volunteer Fair
• Information Sessions with Employers
• On-Campus Recruiting - Find on Beaver Careers
• Speed Mocks – Tuesday, **October 21st**, 2-4pm
Your Career Trail

The Career Trail

http://career.oregonstate.edu/career-trail
Your Career Trail

Know Yourself

Who are you and what are your interests?

Find out through Career Assessments: SIGI3, MBTI, Strong Interest Inventory
- evaluate your interests, skills, values and personality
- research occupations
- choose, change, or clarify a major
Your Career Trail

Know Yourself

Learn the World of Work

What can I do with this degree?
http://oregonstate.edu/career/what-can-i-do-degree

Occupational Outlook Handbook
http://www.bls.gov/ooh/

O*NET
http://www.onetonline.org/

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Your Career Trail

Know Yourself

• Resume Writing
• Cover Letters
• Interviewing

Learn the World of Work

Develop Tools and Skills
Your Career Trail

Know Yourself

- Networking
- Informational Interviews
- LinkedIn
- Professional Organizations

Connect

Develop Tools and Skills

Learn the World of Work
Know Yourself

- Develop a professional profile, outlining **who you are** and **what you can do**
- Set up a career consultation and **explore your strengths, skills, interests, and values**

Know the World of Work

- Search employers and **access industry information**, like average salary and growth opportunities
- Delve into the **virtual resource library**, full of current information on work trends
Develop Tools and Skills
- Improve and upload your professional documents—resume, cover letter, work samples, unofficial transcripts and more
- Use InterviewStream or in-person mock interviews to practice and improve your interviewing skills

Learn How to Connect
- Attend events and keep up with on-campus recruiters
- Schedule an appointment to learn about networking strategies, including using social media as a professional
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THANK YOU!

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https://www.facebook.com/CareerServicesOSU
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?
Volunteering is unpaid service and is usually not considered “employment” for positions which are always served by volunteers. For a list of organizations that are looking for volunteers, please visit http://www.lbvision.org/index.php
Employment
On-Campus Employment

• F-1 students don’t need additional authorization
• J-1 students need letter from ISAS in advance
• Language learning students (INTO OSU and CAP), may NOT work

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 ISAS if you have any questions.
Employment – cont'd

Off-campus employment

• Must ALWAYS be authorized IN ADVANCE by ISAS or the Immigration Service

• ISAS 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 (University Plaza, Suite 130, 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://international.oregonstate.edu/isas/current-students/employment
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Questions!?