Overview

• Money and Budgeting
• Bursaries
• Government issued student financial assistance
Spending Plans

• Develop a spending plan for the term and year
  • List realistic expenses
  • Review resources, expected and hopeful

• Canadian Financial Literacy
  • www.canada.ca/money

• Think about risks and rewards
• Your choices have financial impacts
**Bursaries and Work-Study**

- Based on demonstrated financial need
  - [https://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid/grad/bursaries.html](https://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid/grad/bursaries.html)
  - Available for new students or continuing students with a minimum CGPA of 3.00
- Apply online at [go.sfu.ca](http://go.sfu.ca)
  - **Fall 2018** application dates: **August 27 – September 14, 2018**
- Bursaries are not a guaranteed source of funding
- You may be contacted by email to provide further information about your application
- Bursary decisions are sent to students’ SFU email accounts at the end of the second month of classes

**Scholarships and Awards**

- Check with the Political Science Department
- Check with the office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
  - [https://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/awards.html](https://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/awards.html)
How to receive SFU-based Financial Aid

• Awards, Bursaries, and Scholarships are deposited in to your SFU Student Account
• The quickest way to get your refund is to sign up for Direct Deposit
  • Log in at go.sfu.ca.
  • Under Finances, go to the drop down list that starts "other financial"
  • Select Enroll in Direct Deposit (note: your bank location must be in Canada.)
  • If your banking information changes, you must update your direct deposit information to prevent any payment delays.
• For refund dates, please refer to: https://www.sfu.ca/students/fees/refunds/dates.html

How much student loan funding can I get?

• A term is normally four months long (17 weeks)
  • Fall: September through December
  • Winter/Spring: January through April
  • Summer: May through August
• Each term, BC students can qualify for:
  • up to $5440 in Canada and BC student loans (similar amount from other Canadian provinces)
  • Students are automatically considered for any Canada Student Grants that they may be eligible for including the: Full-Time Adult Skills Boost, Permanent Disability, and Student with Dependent grant
Interest-Free Status

• If you no longer require government student financial assistance and have outstanding student loans, you must advise your lenders that you have returned to full-time study to update your in study status.
  • **BC Students**: apply through StudentAid BC
  • **Other Canadian provinces**: apply online through NSLSC.
    • Check in with your lenders in case any further paperwork is required
  • **US Students**: request a deferment by sending an email to usloans@sfu.ca

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**Topics**

- **Student loans**
  - Information on how government student loans can help you pay for post-secondary education at a designated college, university, or other post-secondary institution.

- **Education savings**
  - Information on how federal education savings incentives can help families save for their child’s post-secondary education.

- **Financial assistance for reservists**
  - Information for reservists who are full-time post-secondary students.

- **Provincial and territorial student financial assistance offices**
  - A list of the provincial and territorial student financial assistance offices.

- **Student grants**
  - Information on how grants and bursaries can help you pay for post-secondary education by giving you money that does not need to be paid back. They can be offered through governments, schools or private organizations.

- **Scholarships**
  - Information on merit-based scholarships for undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral studies.

- **Financial assistance for protected persons**
  - Information for people who have reason to fear persecution in his or her country of origin due to race, religion, nationality, membership in a social group, or political opinion.

- **Success stories**
  - Stories about Canadians who have changed their own lives, or those of others, with Student Financial Assistance and other initiatives.

**Most requested**

- Merit student loan
- Repayment Assistance Plan
- Canada Student Loans
- Canada Apprentice Loan
- Student loan forms
- List of designated educational institutions

**More information**

- Access National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC) online services
- Education and training benefits
- Support for apprentices
Contact Us

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