

GRADUATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Office of Graduate Financial Assistance School of Education

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The Office of Graduate Financial Assistance provides information and assistance to students applying for a wide range of financial aid. Most School of Education scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic and professional achievement; federal aid is based on need. Admitted students, including international students, are eligible to apply for School of Education scholarships and assistantships. Citizens or permanent residents of the United States are eligible to apply for loans directly through the Office. Depending on additional eligibility criteria, students who are citizens/permanent residents may also be eligible to apply for special scholarships, residence hall positions, Federal Direct and Perkins Loans, and Federal Work-Study. Additional loans such as the TERI Loan, the MEFA Loan, the CitiAssist Loan, and the Graduate Access Loan are available to creditworthy citizens and permanent residents. Some of these loans are also available to international students who are able to find a cosigner who meets the specific lender's requirements of a cosigner.

Application Procedure/Requirements

Entering Students (Domestic and International):

To be considered for graduate financial assistance, the applicant must be admitted to a degree/certificate program within the School of Education and must have filed a financial assistance application by the appropriate deadline. Scholarships are awarded to full-time students only. Students seeking financial assistance must indicate that they are applying for financial assistance on their SED Application for Graduate Admission.

For U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents: A complete financial assistance application includes:

- SED Graduate Application for Financial Assistance
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) indicating Boston University (institution code 002130) as recipient.

Note: Do not submit your W-2 or Federal Tax forms to the financial assistance office unless they are specifically requested. The FAFSA should be filed as soon as possible, but it does not need to be completed by the February 15 deadline.

For International Applicants:

A complete financial assistance application includes:

- SED Graduate Application for Financial Assistance

Continuing Students (2nd year of graduate study or beyond):

All continuing students who have earned at least 8 credits toward their degree program must submit:

- SED Graduate Application for Financial Assistance
- SED Graduate Program Planning Sheet
- One current letter of recommendation from an appropriate faculty member
- A statement outlining their current activities and plans for achievement in the decade following graduation.

Note: Scholarships are awarded to full-time students only. Continuing students are eligible to apply for scholarship aid for full-time studies for just the fall semester if they plan to graduate in January. If your remaining requirements for graduation do not require you to be registered full time, you will not be considered for scholarship assistance. Scholarship funding for continuing students is not guaranteed.

U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents must also submit:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The FAFSA should be filed as soon as possible, but does not need to be completed by the March 1 deadline.

Financial Assistance for International Students

The only funding available to international students from the School of Education is the SED General Scholarship and assistantships. It is uncommon, however, for a new international student to be granted an assistantship in their first semester of study. On campus, part-time employment opportunities may be available on the approval of the International Students and Scholars Office.

Most SED General Scholarships provide approximately 2/3 tuition to selected recipients. Financial need has no bearing on these scholarships. It is the student's responsibility to fund the remaining tuition and living expenses to attend the University. We do not provide tuition waivers to cover the remaining tuition charges. International students must provide financial documentation to the Graduate Admissions Office indicating that they have sufficient funds to attend the University in order to meet visa requirements for full admission to the School of Education.

Assistantships

Assistantships are not coordinated by the Graduate Financial Assistance Office and are not considered part of a financial assistance award. Upon admission to the School of Education, the Graduate Admissions Office will mail you an assistantship application. Assistantships usually pay \$2,000 to \$6,000 per semester.

Application Deadlines

Entering Students (Domestic and International):

Scholarship assistance is awarded in stages. Most awards are made throughout the winter and early spring. To be considered for the first round of scholarships, new students entering in the summer or fall must submit their complete admissions and financial assistance applications by February 15, and January 15 for EdD candidates. Applications for scholarship assistance that arrive after February 15, or January 15 for EdD candidates, will be reviewed later in the spring and in the summer, as funding permits. Those who need to file the FAFSA should file it as soon as possible, but it does not need to be completed by the February 15 deadline.

If you are applying for spring admission and wish to be considered for scholarships, you must submit your financial assistance application by November 1. Scholarship funding for the spring semester is limited.

Continuing Students:

Applications must be received in the SED Graduate Financial Assistance Office by March 1. Those who need to file the FAFSA should file it as soon as possible, but it does not need to be completed by the March 1 deadline.

Policies

Scholarships are not available for the summer term. Federal loans and Federal Work-Study are available to qualified U.S. citizens/permanent residents.

Scholarships are awarded on a year-to-year basis. You must reapply for financial assistance if you wish to be considered for scholarship assistance beyond your first year of full-time study.

If you are granted financial assistance and choose to defer your admission, you must contact the Graduate Admissions Office to reactivate your admission and you must reapply for financial assistance to be considered for the semester in which you wish to begin your studies. The deadlines remain the same.

Scholarships are applied directly to a student's account and require no service in return by the recipient.

Scholarships and loans require the recipient to make satisfactory academic progress. Students must be enrolled in appropriate graduate-level courses that count toward degree completion.

Scholarships

SED General Scholarships

SED General Scholarships are awarded annually to approximately 60 entering and 12 continuing students (scholarship funding for continuing students is not guaranteed). Financial need is not a consideration in awarding the scholarships, which are based on academic and professional achievement. SED General Scholarships provide \$23,500 (approximately two-thirds tuition).

School Licensure/Certification Scholarships

Students who seek state licensure/certification for teaching, counseling, or administration in a public school setting are eligible for a separate pool of scholarships based on merit and financial need. These scholarships are usually \$17,500 (approximately one-half tuition). A FAFSA must be filed in order to qualify for the teaching licensure/certification scholarships. Application to these scholarships is open to U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents accepted into these programs.

Response Scholarships

Based on academic and professional achievement as well as financial need, response scholarships are available to entering full-time students who demonstrate through past experience and future plans a commitment to work in one of the following areas: international education, urban settings, disadvantaged populations service, or in a position emphasizing the improvement of the quality of education. Ten scholarships of \$17,500 (approximately one-half tuition) are awarded. A FAFSA must be filed in order to qualify for a Response Scholarship. Application to these scholarships is open to U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents only.

Ansin Intercultural Research Fund

Supported by a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ansin, the Ansin award provides annual awards, as close to full tuition as funds permit, to one or more SED undergraduate or graduate students who are committed to increasing cross-cultural understanding among cultural, ethnic, and/or religious groups in Pre-K–Grade 12 and adult education settings in the United States or internationally.

Undergraduate recipients shall be junior or senior education majors whose contributions to intercultural relations for Pre-K–Grade 12 or adult education students are reflected in a research paper, curriculum materials, community service, or an internship. Preference for gradu-

ate students shall be for part- or full-time master's degree candidates working in early childhood, elementary, secondary, or adult education settings. Their contributions should be reflected in their current or recent teaching service or internships. Graduate recipients may also be doctoral students in either the dissertation or pre-dissertation phase. To complete an application, each applicant must submit a letter of recommendation from an appropriate faculty member, write a letter of application, and submit materials that support his or her qualification to receive the award. Applications are due in the SED Graduate Financial Assistance Office by May 1.

The Kelly Elizabeth Stephens Memorial Scholarship

The Kelly Elizabeth Stephens Memorial Scholarship was established in 1995 by Dorothy and Robert Stephens, Kelly's parents, to celebrate Kelly's accomplishments and to encourage similar achievements in other School of Education students. Kelly was a teacher of English in Indonesia who was fatally injured in a volcanic eruption. Each year, part or all of the income from the permanently endowed fund is awarded to a *deserving Indonesian master's student* on the basis not only of a commitment to teaching—especially in the field of English or international education development—but also of financial need. In addition to completing the SED Graduate Application for Financial Assistance, applicants must submit an essay in English explaining why they would like to study at Boston University School of Education, how the Stephens Scholarship would help them achieve their goals, and their plans for achievement in the decade following graduation.

Martin Luther King, Jr., Fellowship

This fellowship is available to students who are U.S. citizens, new to Boston University and beginning graduate studies in any department or School of the University, and who are committed to the principles espoused by Dr. King. It provides a scholarship for full-time tuition and fees at the GRS level plus a stipend for living expenses and Boston University health insurance. Students may not apply directly for this fellowship but are nominated by the department of admission. To be considered for this fellowship, a student should be in contact with the department of admission to request nomination, and provide to the department a statement describing his or her accomplishments in and commitment to social justice and community involvement. In order to be eligible for consideration, the student must complete an SED Graduate Application for Financial Assistance that indicates a desire to be considered for the fellowship, and *must be admitted to a degree/certificate program in SED by February 15.*

Whitney M. Young, Jr., Fellowship Award

This one-year fellowship is open to entering and continuing graduate students who are U.S. citizens and who have displayed academic proficiency in a field related to race relations or urban problems. The fellowship provides a stipend for living expenses, Boston University health insurance, plus a scholarship for full tuition and fees. Financial need and enrollment status are considered in determining the award level. Application forms are available beginning in December and must be requested from the Boston University Graduate School, 705 Commonwealth Avenue, Room 115, Boston, MA 02215. Applicants should be admitted to a degree/certificate program in SED by February 15. Completed applications should be sent directly to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, not SED.

Student Employment

Graduate Assistantships

There are several types of assistantships available to School of Education (SED) graduate students. To be eligible for consideration, you must be admitted to or currently enrolled in a graduate program in the School of Education.

Graduate assistantship awards generally range from \$2,000 to \$6,000 per semester and are in exchange for 12–16 hours of work per week in a department or for a designated faculty member. These assistantships fulfill full-time residency requirements for students enrolled for a minimum of 8 credits per semester for two consecutive semesters while serving as a teaching assistant. However, they do not provide tuition remission.

Schoolwide assistantships involving seminar instruction and practicum supervision are available for the following School of Education courses: ED 100 Introduction to Education, ED 410 Social Context of Education, ED 412 Civic Context of Education, and ED 500 Foundations of Educational Practice. Priority may be given to experienced teachers and continuing graduate students. Assistantship awards for ED 100 and ED 500 are \$6,000 per semester plus 8 credits of tuition remission (SED evening courses) per semester. These assistantships fulfill full-time residency requirements for students enrolled for a minimum of 8 credits per semester for two consecutive semesters while serving as a teaching assistant. Assistantship awards for ED 410 and ED 412 are \$4,000 per semester plus 4 credits of tuition remission (SED evening courses) per semester. These assistantships also fulfill full-time residency requirements for students enrolled for a minimum of 8 credits per semester.

Assistantship applications are mailed with admissions letters.

Federal Work-Study

Federal Work-Study is a program that promotes access to employment for students who demonstrate financial need. Available funds are provided by a federal allocation and a University matching contribution. Recipients are selected by the Office of Financial Assistance and must meet federal need and other criteria. The Work-Study Office provides information to eligible students about available jobs in University departments as well as in off-campus nonprofit agencies. Work-Study allocations may be used for community service programs. Undergraduate students who participate in the Work-Study program are paid weekly at established hourly rates. Graduate Work-Study students may be paid either weekly at established hourly rates or monthly at a fixed amount, depending on the nature of the job. Job assignments, which average 9–12 hours per week, are coordinated with the student's class schedule. Detailed information on Work-Study can be found on our website at www.bu.edu/seo. Specific inquiries about the program should be directed to the Work-Study Office, 881 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215. Call us at 617-353-3596 or send an e-mail to wsoffice@bu.edu.

Student Employment

The Student Employment Office will assist any currently enrolled degree student in finding part-time and summer work to help meet educational expenses. Hundreds of students find employment through our listing service. Staff members are available to assist students with their job search as well as to provide information on the interview process. The majority of job openings are off campus in the Greater Boston community. The Student Employment Office also directs the Quickie Job service, which places hundreds of students in temporary assignments. "Quickie Jobs" range from housework and party help to participating in research projects and assisting at conventions. The Student Employment Office is located on the second floor at 881 Commonwealth Avenue and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 617-353-3594.

More information on the services offered by the Student Employment Office can be found on our website at www.bu.edu/seo. Jobs can be viewed on the web at: www.bu.edu/studentlink. Students will need to set up a kerberos password through the Office of Information Technology before receiving access to job listings.

Residence Hall Positions

Graduate students who wish to work as resident assistants in dormitories should apply as soon as possible after January 1 to the Boston University Office of Residence Life, 985 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215. Compensation varies depending upon the type of position and may include any or all of the following: room, board, and living stipend. You can contact the office at 617-353-4380.

Student Loans

Eligibility for U.S. Government loan programs is limited to students who are citizens of the United States or who hold a permanent resident visa, who will be enrolled at least half time in a degree/certificate program, and who are not in default on previous education loans. The student must enroll in courses toward the degree/certificate requirements. The loan amount that a student can receive is usually limited by one or more factors, such as calculated financial need, the cost of education, annual or maximum loan limits, and the applicant's credit rating. For this reason, it is important to know the specific eligibility requirements, loan terms, and application deadlines for each program under consideration.

Loans are a vital resource in meeting educational expenses. Potential borrowers should keep in mind that loans must be repaid and that repayment ability should be calculated in relation to total debt and future earnings. Failure to meet loan repayment obligations can jeopardize one's credit rating and eliminate eligibility for federal student assistance funds. Students who have prior education loans with in-school deferment provisions must request an application for deferment from the school or lending institution that originally approved the loan and must request that the form be completed by the University Registrar's Office each year that they are enrolled at least half time (6 credits).

For some loans, repayment begins six to nine months after the student ceases half-time enrollment (not upon graduation, as is commonly assumed). For other loans, repayment begins within 30 to 60 days after the loan is disbursed.

Students who have completed residency requirements and who are engaged in writing a dissertation or are completing other academic requirements *may* be eligible to apply for certified full-time status in order to apply for a student loan, continue loan deferment privileges, or obtain appropriate visa coding for international student status. Students seeking certified full-time student status must contact the SED Records Office, Room 127, in order to obtain an application that must be completed before the start of the spring and fall semesters.

Federal Direct Loan

The Federal Direct Loan is a long-term, low-interest education loan. Much like other federal need-based programs, Federal Direct Loan eligibility is determined through the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The maximum annual amount that graduate students may borrow is \$20,500, of which up to \$8,500 may be subsidized. Students who are first-time borrowers at Boston University must complete an entrance interview before funds will be released. To apply for a Federal Direct Loan, a student must indicate an intention to apply for the loan on the SED Graduate Application for Financial Assistance and complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). After admission, the student will be asked to complete a loan request form to specify the amount of the loan to be processed.

Perkins Loan

This is a federally funded, long-term educational loan allocated to students who demonstrate the greatest financial need. There are no interest charges until nine months after you cease half-time enrollment (6 credits) and begin repayment. During repayment you will be charged 5 percent simple interest. To apply for a Perkins Loan, a student must indicate an intention to apply for the loan on the SED Graduate Application for Financial Assistance and complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Federal Loan Cancellation/Deferment Options for Teachers

If you are a teacher or become a teacher serving in a low-income or subject-matter shortage area, it might be possible for you to cancel or defer your student loans.

For information on Stafford and Perkins loan repayment and cancellation options, please visit the Federal Student Aid website, and locate your information under the repaying tab, at <http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/teachercancel.jsp?tab=repaying>.

Alternative Private Loans

Several banks and private lending agencies offer educational loans to creditworthy applicants. Total financial aid, including federal and private loans, cannot exceed a student's calculated need. Based on your enrollment, length of study, etc., Boston University generates a budget for each student. You may apply for a private loan up to the amount of unmet need between this overall budget and the total of all other forms of financial assistance you are receiving. Please check with the SED Graduate Financial Assistance Office to determine how large a loan you may request.

SED graduate students have previously received private loans through:

- **CitiAssist Loan**
www.studentloan.com/schools/bu
- **Citizens TERI Loan**
www.teri.org
- **Federal Direct Plus Loan for Graduate Students**
www.bu.edu/finaid/forms/forms2.shtml
- **Graduate Access Loan**
www.accessgroup.org
- **MEFA Graduate Loan**
www.mefa.org
- **SallieMae Signature Loan**
www.salliemae.com

Please review each lender's loan guidelines to see if you meet their particular eligibility requirements.

Federal Financial Assistance Policy

The major federal funds available to graduate students are the Federal Work-Study, Perkins Loans, and Federal Direct Stafford/Ford Loans. Eligibility is limited to students enrolled at least half time in courses required to complete a degree/certificate program, who are American citizens or who hold a permanent resident visa, who are not in default on former education loans, and who do not owe a refund on a Pell Grant, Supplemental Grant, or a State Student Incentive Grant. Eligibility for Perkins Loans and Work-Study funds extends to students who demonstrate financial need who are enrolled at least half time. Any student who has been excused by court-declared bankruptcy from repaying Perkins, NDSL, or graduate/federally insured student loans is not eligible for campus-based federal funds. Federal law requires that applicants for financial aid derived from Title IV federal sources establish their eligibility by submitting certification indicating compliance with the registration requirement of the Selective Service law or establishing a legally valid reason why the requirement does not apply. When a student receives Work-Study, Perkins Loan, and/or Federal Direct Stafford/Ford Loan funding, the total of all aid received cannot exceed his or her financial need. Funds received from any Boston University source are regarded as aid. Students must also report any outside assistance. Need is equal to the costs of education minus family contribution plus financial assistance and is calculated by using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Other education loans (TERI and Access Group Loans) can then be added as additional resources, in general, up to the student's cost of education. Some students applying for federal aid will be required to provide

a signed copy of their U.S. Income Tax Return filed with the Internal Revenue Service in order to comply with federal requirements for validating income information.

School of Education Financial Assistance Policy

Because both federal and University financial assistance funds are limited, it is not possible to offer campus-based aid funds to all applicants. Campus-based funds are distributed according to the type(s) of aid the applicant specifies on the School of Education Graduate Application for Financial Assistance. Whenever possible, University and federal funds are combined to meet the applicant's financial need. Preference for scholarship funds is given to entering students who intend to enroll full time both semesters of the academic year and who demonstrate the greatest academic and professional potential. Continuing students are eligible to apply for scholarship aid for full-time studies for just the fall semester if they plan to graduate in January. Only very limited scholarship funding is available to continuing graduate students. Scholarship funds are disbursed as credit toward tuition only. Perkins Loan and Work-Study funding are allocated according to the applicant's financial need and available funding. Academic and professional potential is evidenced by academic transcripts, letters of recommendation, a letter of application or statement of Qualifications and Objectives, and other materials submitted for review; financial need is determined by the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Input from academic departments is considered in the evaluation process.

Financial aid applications are reviewed as candidates are accepted for admission; therefore, the complete Application for Graduate Admission, along with supporting credentials, should be submitted at least four weeks in advance of financial aid application deadlines. Unless otherwise indicated, all application materials for SED and federal funds should be sent to the SED Office of Graduate Financial Assistance, Two Sherborn Street, Room 115, Boston, MA 02215. It is the student's responsibility to make certain that all application materials are received in the office by 5 p.m. on the appropriate application date.

Almost all funds are awarded for use during the full academic year. Financial assistance is not automatically renewed; students must reapply each year for which they are eligible. Applicants are advised to complete all application materials for campus-based aid programs in advance of the appropriate application deadline and to pursue all other financial assistance programs for which they qualify, including sources external to the University. Because of eligibility requirements for federal funds, international students in the School of Education are eligible to apply for SED scholarships and assistantships only. Students must be enrolled in good standing by maintaining a 3.0 grade point average in order to be an eligible recipient of federal and school-aid funds. Financial assistance programs are contingent upon continued budget authorization. University regulations define *full-time study* as 12 or more credit hours taken in one semester. *Part-time study* is registration for 11 credits or less per semester. Federal assistance requires registration for a minimum of 6 credits per semester.

NOTE: Students who are required by law to register with Selective Service must do so in order to qualify for institutional funds.

Tuition and Mandatory Fees, 2007–2008

Full-Time Students

(enrolled for 12 to 18 credits)

Tuition: \$34,930 per year.

Graduate Student Fees:

George Sherman Union Fee: \$186 per year.

Health Fee: \$164 per year.

Program Fee: \$20 per year.

Sports Pass: \$90 per year (contact Student Accounts to waive).

In figuring total expense, the student must add to the above tuition and fees his or her residence and board charges, medical insurance, and any special fees, personal expenses, or other charges the student may incur. Current costs for such items can be found online.

Part-Time Students

(1/2 to 11 1/2 credits)

Tuition: \$1,092 per credit.

School of Education Graduate Evening Courses: \$546 per credit.
(SED classes offered after 4 p.m.)

Registration Fee: \$40 per semester.

Program Fee: \$10 per semester.



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GRADUATE APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Fall 2008/Spring 2009

Please print or type.

Please direct any questions concerning the completion of this form to the SED Office of Graduate Financial Assistance. **Submission of this form does not constitute a completed application;** please read the "SED Graduate Financial Assistance" section on page 13 for a list of all requirements. Return the form to the SED Office of Graduate Financial Assistance. (Students applying for January 2009 should file a 2008/2009 application.)

I am requesting financial assistance for (please check all that apply): Summer 2008 Fall 2008 Spring 2009

I am planning to enroll as a full-time student part-time student

I will be a: new student returning student (second year of study or beyond, in current graduate program at SED)

Returning Students: Please supply an SED Graduate Program Planning Sheet, a letter of recommendation, and a personal statement, in addition to this application form.

Name _____
last first middle

Current address _____ **(until** ____/____/____ **)**
street mo. day yr.

_____ **Current home phone** _____
city state zip code country area code number

E-mail address _____ **Cell phone** _____
area code number

Permanent address _____
street

_____ **Permanent home phone** _____
city state zip code country area code number

Degree/Certificate sought:

Master of Education (EdM) in _____
field of study

Doctor of Education (EdD) in _____
field of study

Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in _____
field of study

Master of Mathematics for Teaching (MMT)

Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) in _____
field of study

Dual Degree Program with the School of Social Work (SSW)

(NOTE: if you plan to begin at the SSW, you should apply for financial assistance through the SSW, not SED)

Will you be seeking state licensure/certification for teaching, counseling, or administration in a public school setting? yes no

Are you reapplying for financial aid after having deferred your admission to SED? yes no

If so, when were you previously admitted? _____

PERSONAL DATA

Male _____ Female _____

Date of Birth _____

Marital Status _____

Country of Citizenship _____

U.S. Citizens/Permanent Residents:

International Applicants:

Social Security Number _____

Boston University ID Number (if known) _____

U.S. Permanent Resident Number _____

Do you currently hold a visa for studying in the U.S.? _____

Boston University ID Number (if known) _____

What visa status will you request to study in the U.S.? _____

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

Please read the "SED Graduate Financial Assistance" section on page 13 carefully for application and eligibility information.

U.S. Citizens/Permanent Residents Only: (International applicants, please skip to the International Applicants section.)

Note: All U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for the full range of financial assistance available through SED.

For full-time students only (check all that apply):

Scholarships:

- SED General Scholarship (all students, based on merit)
- School Licensure/Certification Scholarship (Must be seeking state licensure/certification for teaching, counseling, or administration in a public school setting. Based on a combination of merit and need; FAFSA required.)
- Response Scholarship (based on a combination of merit and need, FAFSA required)
- Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship (Qualified applicants, additional essay required. See page 15 for specifics. Must be admitted to SED by February 15)
- Whitney M. Young, Jr., Scholarship (Qualified applicants, see page 15 for specifics. Must be admitted to SED by February 15)

For full-time or part-time students (check all that apply):

Loans (FAFSA required):

- Federal Direct (Stafford Loan)
- Perkins Loan

Note: Part-time students must be registered for a minimum of 6 credits to be eligible for Stafford or Perkins Loans.

Student Employment:

- Federal Work-Study (FAFSA required)

Assistantships are not coordinated by the Graduate Financial Assistance Office and are not considered part of a financial assistance award.

Assistantship applications are mailed with admission acceptance letters.

International Applicants:

For full-time students only:

Scholarships:

- SED General Scholarship (all students, based on merit)

Note: Most of these awards cover approximately 2/3 tuition. We do not offer tuition waivers. This scholarship does not cover any living expenses.

- Kelly Elizabeth Stephens Memorial Scholarship (Indonesian citizens only, see page 15 for specifics)

Student Employment: International students may apply for part-time campus employment once they arrive at the University.

Employment is not guaranteed. International students may work a maximum of 20 hours/week.

Note: Assistantships are not coordinated by the Graduate Financial Assistance Office and are not considered part of a financial assistance award. Assistantship applications are mailed with admission acceptance letters.

Request for Alternate Computation (U.S. Citizens/U.S. Permanent Residents Only)

Your eligibility for federal aid is determined in part by your base year (2007) income. The federal formula makes the assumption that you will earn a comparable amount while a graduate student at Boston University in 2008/2009. However, your expected year's resources may be used to determine your eligibility for loans and work-study if you adequately explain why they are better indicators of your financial strength. If you will earn less between June 2008 and May 2009 than in 2007, list below your anticipated earnings and explain why they will be lower. **Note: Married students must include their spouse's earnings in this projection.**

Expected earnings for:

Summer (6/2008–8/2008) \$ _____ Student; \$ _____ Spouse Academic year (9/2008–5/2009) \$ _____ Student; \$ _____ Spouse

Explanation:

Statement of Certification (U.S. Citizens/Permanent Residents Only)

I have read all financial assistance information included in the Boston University School of Education application. I understand that failure to comply with instructions and/or deadlines may result in reduced assistance or even denial of aid. I certify that all information provided in the SED Graduate Application for Financial Assistance and the accompanying materials is complete and accurate.

Statement of Educational Purpose and Certification

I hereby affirm that any funds received under the Federal Work-Study, Federal Perkins Loan, or Federal Direct Loan Program will be used solely for expenses related to attendance or continued attendance at Boston University. I further understand that I am responsible for repayment of a prorated amount of any portion of payments made which cannot reasonably be attributed to meeting educational expenses related to the attendance at this institution. The amount of such repayment is to be determined on the basis of criteria set forth by the Secretary of Education.

Certification Statement on Refunds and Default

I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, I do not currently owe a repayment on a Federal Pell Grant, a Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, a State Student Incentive Grant, or a Byrd Scholarship previously received for study at any institution. To the best of my knowledge, I am not currently in default on a Federal Perkins Loan (formerly NDSL), or a Federal Stafford Loan, or Federal Direct Loan, or a Federally Insured Student Loan, Federal Loans for Student, a Federal PLUS Loan, or an Income Contingent Loan or Consolidation Loan received or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay any defaulted loan, and have not borrowed in excess of the loan limits, under Title IV programs for attendance at any institution.

Registration Compliance

- I certify that I am registered with Selective Service.
- I certify that I am an international student not receiving Federal Title IV funds.
- I certify that I am not required to be registered with Selective Service because (check one):
 - I am female.
 - I am in the armed services on active duty. (Note: Members of the Reserves and National Guard are not considered on active duty.)
 - I have not reached my eighteenth birthday.
 - I was born before 1960.
 - I am a permanent resident of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands or the Northern Mariana Islands.

Signature _____ Date _____

NOTICE: To receive Title IV financial aid, you must complete the Statement of Educational Purpose and you must be registered with Selective Service if required to register. If you purposely give false information on this form, you may be subject to fine or imprisonment, or both. (20 U.S.C. 1091 and 50 U.S.C. App. 462). Students who are required by law to register for Selective Service must do so in order to qualify for institutional funds.