Graduate Funding Checklist



Step 1. Get Paid

<u>Enroll in direct deposit</u> so your refund/stipends and salary payments are disbursed timely.

Enroll in classes full time. Funding cannot be disbursed if you aren't enrolled.

Check the calendar for enrollment deadlines.

Step 2. Check Your Financial Details

Review your account details "My Finances" tab > Bill & Payment System > View & Pay My Bill> "Account Activity"

Review billing dates and deadlines.

Estimate your graduate charges.

<u>Review your funding details</u> "My Finances" tab > Visit Finances Home Page > Graduate Financial Support and identify the type of funding you're receiving.

Step 3. Pay Your Bill

Check your account ahead of each monthly due date to ensure your financial are in order.

Enroll in a payroll deduction plan if you have an assistantship.

Make a payment on your account.

Applied for loans through your Stanford Financial Aid Office? Check the status.

Have a third-party sponsor? Sign up for third-party contract invoicing.

Step 4. Get Prepared for Taxes

Assistantships: Review tax withholdings on your bimonthly pay statements. File W-2 tax form with tax return.

Fellowships for US citizens: Pay estimated taxes if necessary. File form 1098-T tuition statement with taxes

Fellowships for international students: <u>14% charge posted quarterly</u>. Check for balance due. File <u>form 1042-S fellowship form</u> with taxes.

Step 5. Use Your Resources

Refer to the <u>5 Simple Ways to Manage Your Graduate Funding</u> course as needed.

Review the FAQs for Grad Students with Funding.

Reach out! Contact your department first for funding questions. Contact the <u>Student Services Center</u> for help making sense of your account.