



**SCHOOL FOR
ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

Introduction



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**U of M
Financial Aid
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Tuition and Fees

***These figures are before any awards are applied**

***Rates based on 2023-24 academic year, per semester,**

- **In-state student tuition**
-\$13,416
- **Out of state student tuition**
-\$26,491
- **Mandatory Fees (applies to everyone)**
-\$166.19

Needs and Goal Setting

Needs for Graduate School?

- Relocation costs
- Cost of living and tuition
- Previous financial obligations
- Support others
- Wellness
- Professional growth

Set SMART Goals

Specific

Measurable

Attainable

Relevant

Time bound

Creating your Budget

Where to go for assistance creating a budget?

- UM Financial Aid Office
- Credit Unions

5 Steps to Creating your budget

What is your monthly net income?

Separate your expenses (fixed, Variable, Periodic)

Create realistic spending plan and track all spending

Set your financial goals

Decrease your spending OR increase your income

Pockets of Funding

Federal Funds



[UM Financial Aid Office](#)

SEAS Funds



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External Funds



[SEAS Funding Database](#)

Rackham Financial



[Aid and Fellowship Office](#)

Federal Funds

FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- fafsa.ed.gov
- 2022 income data
- IRS data retrieval tool, if possible
- UM school code- 002325
- US citizens and certain non-citizens
- (ex: permanent residents) eligible

**Administered by the
Central U-M Office of
Financial Aid**

2500 Student Activities
Building;
financial.aid@umich.edu

734-763-6600

Walk-in, phone and/or email
advising available

Timeline

Complete
2024-2025
FAFSA *now*

On Time Deadline: FAFSA
and any required
documentation
received by May 1, 2024

UM Financial Aid
will post online award
notification

Federal Funds

Federal Programs

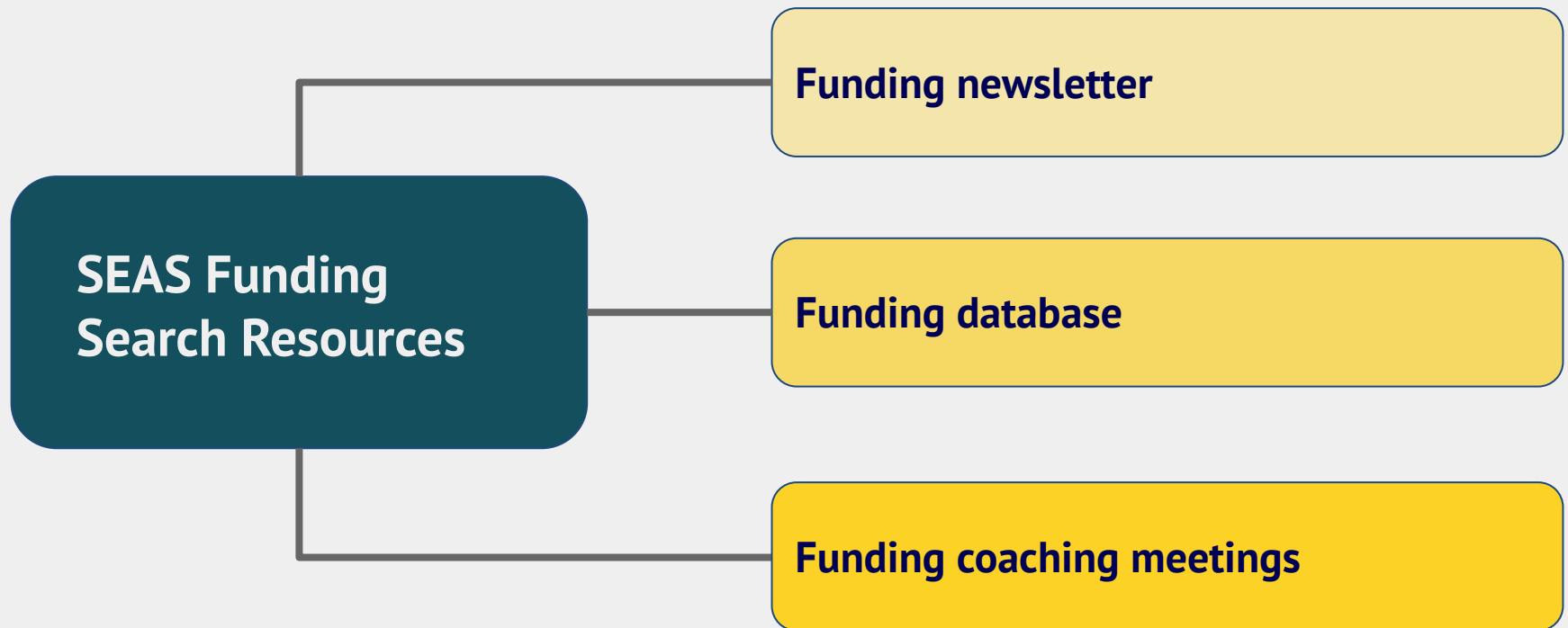
- Work Study
 - Generally awarded to “on time” students only
 - Award amount: \$6,000
- Federal Unsubsidized Direct Loan
 - \$20,500 per academic year (\$10,250 each fall/winter semester)

Supplemental Borrowing

Aid packages that do not fully meet the cost of attendance can be supplemented with additional borrowing. Additional applications required. Amounts determined by the difference between cost of attendance and total amount of aid awarded.

- Grad PLUS Loan
 - Federal, credit-based Loan:
studentloans.gov
- Private Education Loans
 - Private Lender
(Banks or Credit Unions)
 - For details, see:
fnaid.umich.edu/private-education-loans

SEAS Funds



GSI vs. GSRA vs. GSSA

Graduate Student Instructor

Teaching position funded by SEAS and other University positions.

Posted publicly

GSI

GSSA

Graduate Student Staff Assistant

Typically administrative support positions

For Example:

Rackham Honors, DEI office

Posted publicly on careers.umich.edu

GSRA

Graduate Student Research Assistant

Faculty held research funding

Positions not posted publicly, appointed by faculty

Speak with faculty regarding these opportunities

Preparing for funding

GSI Application and Preparation Process

Positions are posted one semester in advance. SEAS posts positions for winter semester in the fall

You will need:



Your Resume &
Cover Letter



Unofficial
Transcript



Teaching Evaluations
(if applicable)

You can apply to positions in other departments. They will have their own hiring policies, timelines, and deadlines. Like SEAS, some departments only hire their own students.

Finding GSI positions and other student employment opportunities

Search on UM Careers website for GSI positions careers.umich.edu

- Search “Graduate Student Instructors (GEO)” and “Ann Arbor”
- If a position is posted here that means it is not promised to another student through a funding package. APPLY!
- Sign up to get emails whenever a position is posted.
- Don’t just apply for SEAS positions!

Hourly positions

- Ask Faculty if they have funding to hire an hourly research assistant
- Search for campus-wide student hourly positions on <https://studentemployment.umich.edu/>

Rackham Funds

Types of Rackham Funding

**Rackham Graduate
Student
Research Grant**

**Fellowship
Opportunities
Nominated**

**Conference Travel
Funding**

**Emergency
Funding**

<https://rackham.umich.edu/funding>



Fall Action Plan

1st year student opportunities

*Deadlines will be early in the fall semester

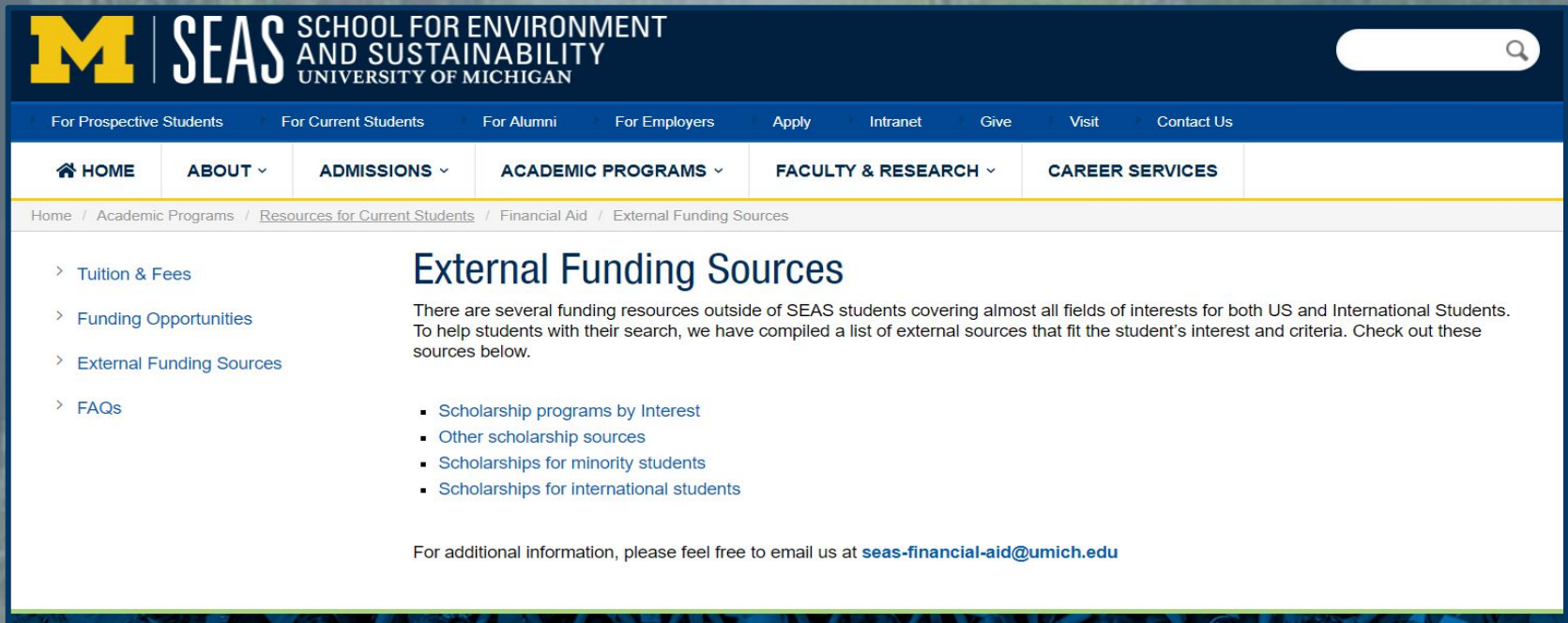
- **Rackham International Student Fellowship**
 - Must apply to be nominated by SEAS
 - Award decisions are made by Rackham
 - Overall university competition
- **Ann Arbor Farm & Garden Club Scholarship**
 - MLA preference
- **Dow Sustainability Fellowship**
 - Ten students nominated to overall competition
- **Tamara Reeme Fellowship**
 - Donor funded award
 - Preference given to Behavior, Education, and Communication or Environmental Policy and Planning programs
 - Returning student award
 - Graduating student award

Fall Action Plan continued

- **Wyss Scholarship**
 - Two to three annual awards
 - Provides one-half cost of tuition for two years
 - Provides summer stipend
 - Two post grad payments
- **SEAS Travel Grant**
 - Provides \$200 for travel
 - Must provide proof of registration
 - One per academic year
 - Can be combined with Rackham Conference Travel Grant
- **Honor Awards**
 - Nominated by faculty
 - Monetary payment or certificate
 - Awarded Winter semester of each academic year

External Funding

- Applied as third party payments
- Non profits, civic organizations, Government entities, foundations, public charities and corporations
- Utilize the SEAS external funding sources webpage



The screenshot shows the SEAS School for Environment and Sustainability website. The header includes the SEAS logo and navigation links for prospective students, current students, alumni, employers, and various services. The main content area is titled "External Funding Sources" and provides information on external funding opportunities, including a list of scholarship programs by interest and other sources. The page also includes a breadcrumb trail and a contact email address.

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External Funding Sources

There are several funding resources outside of SEAS students covering almost all fields of interests for both US and International Students. To help students with their search, we have compiled a list of external sources that fit the student's interest and criteria. Check out these sources below.

- > Tuition & Fees
- > Funding Opportunities
- > External Funding Sources
- > FAQs

- Scholarship programs by Interest
- Other scholarship sources
- Scholarships for minority students
- Scholarships for international students

For additional information, please feel free to email us at seas-financial-aid@umich.edu



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