

GRADUATE STUDENT RESOURCE DIRECTORY: FINANCIAL, HEALTH, AND GENERAL RESOURCES

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Welcome, fellow graduate students. This document is created by the [Graduate Student Advisory Council](#) (GSAC), and it contains important information regarding resources that Loyola provides to graduate students. In this document, we divide the resources into three categories: [financial resources](#), [health resources](#), and [general resources](#). Click the above category if you wish to be forwarded to that section.

As an abridged version of the Graduate, Professional, and Adult Student Resource Directory, this resource guide focuses specifically on resources for graduate students. Furthermore, a lot of resources here are specific to COVID times. Thus, the information here is subject to change. If you wish to review a full list of resources for graduate students or students across campuses, please visit the Graduate, Professional, and Adult Student Resource Directory [here](#). Also, please read the weekly GradSchAnnounce newsletter for the up-to-date information on available resources.

For those interested in federal aid programs (e.g. loans and work study), the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) must be filed every year. For a [step-by-step guide](#) and information on each aid program, please visit the [Financial Aid Office](#).

Please know that this is a continuing project. Information we gathered may be incomplete and is subject to change. If you noticed that we are missing any resources for graduate students, please email us at gsac@luc.edu. Please also contact us if you have any concerns and feedback for these resources; GSAC is here to advocate for you!

Sincerely yours,
GSAC 2020-2021



FINANCIAL RESOURCES

DOS Emergency Hardship Fund

<https://www.luc.edu/dos/services/emergencyhardshipfund/>

The Office of the Dean of Students (DOS) is available to support students who experience unforeseen financial emergencies during the academic year. Requests for emergency hardship funds available through DOS are considered on a **case-by-case** basis.

Loyola students are eligible to receive emergency hardship funds once per academic year **up to \$500.00**. The amount awarded is determined by need and is subject to the availability of funds. **Emergency hardship funds are not a substitute for financial aid or student loans and may not be applied toward tuition and fees.**

To request support, submit a Personal Concerns [CARE referral](#) through the [Center for Student Assistance and Advocacy](#).

***Eligibility** for financial hardship funds: 1) currently enrolled with a minimum of **3 credit hours**, and 2) must have **exhausted all other possible financial resources** before applying to receive funds.

Financial Wellness

<https://www.luc.edu/finaid/financialwellness/>

The Financial Aid Office's Financial Wellness program offers a variety of services to help you manage your loan borrowing and make informed decisions about your financial wellbeing. Workshops and presentations are offered throughout the year, providing valuable information and strategies to help you manage your spending, understand loan debt, and learn more about other important financial decisions.

To request a workshop or webinar, please email finlit@luc.edu. For a one-on-one coaching session, graduate students can email Kelsey Gerber at kgerber1@luc.edu to set up an appointment.

For more information about the student group, Financial Flex, follow [@flexfamLUC](#) on Instagram.

Graduate Research Funding Requests

https://www.luc.edu/gradschool/Graduate_Research_Page.shtml#faq-610733Collapse

Students who are approved in advance for a [Research Funding Request](#) may receive **reimbursement of up to \$300** for expenses related to the research and preparation of a dissertation, thesis, or major research paper in programs that do not already include a thesis. Click [here](#) for more information. Students can contact [Tamika Toler](#), our Awards and Budget Coordinator, if you have questions about what can be funded in line with university restrictions.

*Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all University-sponsored travel remains **prohibited**.

Graduate School Fellowships

<https://www.luc.edu/gradschool/FundingGrad.Education.shtml>

Loyola Graduate School provides **four** fellowship opportunities for graduate students: 1) Arthur J. Schmitt Dissertation Fellowship in Leadership & Service; 2) Teaching Scholars Fellowship; 3) Research Experience for Master's Programs; and 4) Samuel A. Attoh Graduate Diversity Fellowship. Loyola also participates in the [Diversifying Faculty in Illinois Fellowship program](#). Fellowships provide **stipends, tuition scholarships, and health insurance** without a service requirement, and they are **not** taxable income. As the links for each fellowship's announcement and application changes each year, please visit [the Graduate School's](#) website and read the weekly GradSchAnnounce newsletter for updated information.

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II)

<https://www.luc.edu/heerf/heerf2/>

In January 2021, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) announced that additional funding will be available to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is allocated to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), which was signed into law on December 27, 2020. Students do need a **FAFSA** and an **Official EFC** for Financial Aid Year 2020-21 to be considered eligible to receive HEERF II. Please complete the free application for [Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) for the 2020-2021 academic year.

According to the government's HEERF II FAQs published on January 14, 2021, the HEERF II Student Share Grant funds may be used for **any component of a student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care.**

Please direct your questions to HEERFgrants@luc.edu.

***DACA, undocumented and International students** are not eligible to receive HEERF II.

Telecommunication Reimbursements for Graduate Assistants

https://www.luc.edu/finance/Accounts_Payable.shtml

In light of the COVID pandemic, teaching and research graduate assistants who incur costs for connectivity to University technology and applications by using personal cell phone and/or home internet data plans are eligible for reimbursement of such costs **up to a total of \$50 per month** if such costs are (a) incurred by the student within the scope of their **research or teaching duties**; (b) directly related to **services performed for the University**; and (c) **authorized or required by the University.**

To apply for this reimbursement, students must submit complete expense reimbursement **form(s) and receipts** to [the Graduate School](#). Students have to download and complete an [expense reimbursement form](#). In the form, assign expenses to Accounting Unit 101815 and Account 6230 (second page of the form). Forms must be **signed by you and your supervisor** before being sent to the Graduate School. Lastly, attach internet and/or cell phone receipts as well. Receipts must clearly contain your name and address.

Teaching and Research Assistants will be eligible for reimbursement only during the months of their award. Reimbursements must be submitted within 90-days of the receipt date. Please email [the Graduate School](#) with any questions regarding this policy.

*There is **no** commitment from the university to continue this once campus returns to normal operations.

The Loyola Commitment

<https://www.luc.edu/finaid/loyolacommitment/>

Graduate students who have experienced a significant reduction in household income, causing financial hardship, may apply for assistance through The Loyola Commitment. **Eligibility and priority will be given to those who have utilized all existing financial aid options, including loans.** Students will need to complete the [Special Circumstance Appeal](#) form with the Financial Aid Office and provide supporting documentation for your appeal. This appeal is your application to be considered for The Loyola Commitment.

***International and undocumented students will be considered** for funding from The Loyola Commitment.

*Funding provided by The Loyola Commitment will assist you with your **direct expenses owed to Loyola University Chicago** (i.e., tuition, fees, housing and meal plan). **This does not provide financial support beyond your student account balance.**

* Please contact the [Financial Aid Office](#) for questions about your eligibility.

HEALTH RESOURCES

Center for Student Assistance & Advocacy

luc.edu/csaa/

The Center for Student Assistance and Advocacy (CSAA), led by the Office of the Dean of Students, is a university-wide partnership focused on **providing support, coordination, case management, and resource referrals** for students as it relates to **personal, behavioral, academic, equity, or conduct concerns**.

Coordinated Assistance & Resource Education (CARE)

<https://www.luc.edu/dos/services/coordinatedassistanceresourceeducationcare/>

CARE services offer students a non-intrusive and empowering option for obtaining assistance. These services include **outreach** on behalf of a student to faculty or other campus partners, **connecting** students with appropriate campus or community resources, or simply **checking in** with a student to offer guidance and support, among other actions.

If you are interested in referring a student for services or seeking services for yourself, please use the [CARE referral form](#). If you are unsure about your referral, you can contact the Office of the Dean of Students directly at deanofstudents@luc.edu or 773.508.8840 for clarity and support. CARE referrals can be submitted by a student, parent, guardian, faculty, staff, administrator, or other concerned party looking to assist a student.

Keep in mind that CARE Referrals are **not anonymous**, our staff encourages you to inform your student of concern that you are referring them to CARE Services as a way to get connected to resources on campus.

Shield Illinois

<https://www.uillinois.edu/shield>

In order to reopen our campuses at limited capacity in the spring semester, Loyola is partnering with SHIELD Illinois to administer the saliva-based test developed by the University of Illinois. In the spring semester, Loyola will operate conveniently located collection sites on all three campuses for students to participate in this **mandatory** testing program. Please visit our [COVID-19 Testing Program website](#) for more information about the test, testing frequency, compliance, and preparation for the test.

*This mandatory testing program will require that everyone sign a consent form.

Student Health Insurance Plan

<https://www.luc.edu/bursar/index.shtml>

Loyola's student [health insurance](#) provider is United Healthcare Student Resources. Students may visit the plan website at www.uhcsr.com/luc to view a full plan description, plan benefits, exclusions, limitations, and terms of coverage.

In addition, Loyola offers students and their families [dental PPO or HMO insurance plan](#) administered by Delta Dental. Students may also enroll in vision coverage using the EyeMed Select. Please visit [Loyola Student Insurance Plans](#) site to learn more about the insurance plans.

773.508.7705

bursar@luc.edu

Twitter: [@LUCBursar](https://twitter.com/LUCBursar)

Lake Shore Campus, Sullivan Center for Student Services, Suite 190

Regular Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Wellness Center

<https://www.luc.edu/wellness/>

Loyola's Wellness Center provides many resources for graduate students. To learn more about resources for mental health, click [here](#). For appointments and medical resources, click [here](#). For health promotion, click [here](#). For gender-based violence, click [here](#). For nutrition, click [here](#).

[The Line](#) at Loyola for sexual and/or relationship violence: 773.494.3810

GENERAL RESOURCES

Arrupe Market

The Arrupe Market is a free resource for all Loyola students. Advance ordering is required through an online form that is updated weekly. You can order groceries including fresh produce, canned goods, meats, pasta, bread, and frozen goods. The Arrupe Market is located at the Terry Student Center (26 E. Pearson Street). After ordering [online](#), you may pick up your groceries by appointment during the following times: Mondays 12PM – 3:30PM and Thursdays 12PM – 3PM.

Community Resources

[Q-Grads](#) is an initiative aimed to connect our graduate, professional, and adult students to the LGBTQIA resources provided by SDMA and Loyola.

[The Department of Student Diversity & Multicultural Affairs](#) (SDMA) in the Office of Student Development fosters the success and community building of historically under-represented student populations through mentorship, multicultural education, academic support, and celebration of our unique shared experiences.

[The Office of Graduate, Professional, and Adult Student Life](#) (GPASL) hosts a variety of community events aimed at sparking dialogue, nurturing a positive campus climate, and connecting graduate, professional, and adult students around issues of diversity, access, and inclusiveness.

International Student and Scholar Services

<https://www.luc.edu/iss/index.shtml>

The International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) is dedicated to supporting the success of over 1,000 international students, scholars, faculty, and staff at Loyola University Chicago. We strive to welcome and connect our international community across all campuses; to provide comprehensive immigration-related advising services; and to offer a diverse array of programming and events that actively engage international students and scholars with communities of involvement on-campus and throughout the City of Chicago.

773.508.3899

iss@luc.edu

Lake Shore Campus, Sullivan Center for Student Services, Suite 206

Student Accessibility Center

<https://www.luc.edu/sac/about/>

The Student Accessibility Center (SAC) supports Loyola University Chicago students with disabilities. SAC is committed to providing resources for students with disabilities through innovative services, programs, and

partnerships. In order to receive academic, meal plan, or housing accommodations, students must be registered with SAC. Click [here](#) to register with SAC.

773.508.3700 sac@luc.edu

Lake Shore Campus, Sullivan Center for Student Services, Suite 117

Regular Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Student Continuity Loans

<https://www.luc.edu/its/dms/equipmentloan/browse/extendedloan>

Digital Media Services has established [COVID-19 Student Continuity Loans](#) to enable the circulation of equipment to enable students with significant gaps in personal technologies to continue coursework and attendance. Students must complete and submit a [COVID-19 Technology Continuity Request \(Students\)](#), identifying the gap in technology needs for continuity with class attendance and coursework. Requests will be reviewed in the order in which they're received. Click [here](#) to view all the equipment.

Student Groups

The Graduate School fosters an inclusive and welcoming environment for all of our students. We encourage graduate students to engage with and benefit from the wide range of opportunities offered for diversity programming, professional development, academic support, and cultural and social engagement offered by student groups.

Loyola offers over 400 undergraduate and graduate student organizations for students' academic, service, and social interests. These include many groups based around culture and diversity, such as the Black Cultural Center, PRISM and Women in Science and Math. You can find a comprehensive list of Loyola's official student groups [here](#) and also note the following:

- [Black Graduate Student Alliance](#) (BGSA)
- [Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education](#) (EDGE)
- [LGBTQIA Student Groups](#)
- [Graduate, Professional and Adult Council](#) (GPAC)
- [Graduate Student Advisory Council](#) (GSAC)

Undocumented & DACA Student Resources

<https://www.luc.edu/gradschool/diversityequityinclusion/resources/>

The Graduate School welcomes students who have DACA status, are undocumented, or have undocumented family members to our diverse educational community. Loyola's undocumented student support initiative is led by the Dreamer Committee of Loyola University Chicago. The name of this working group, Dreamer Committee, is to convey the commitment to Undocumented students at Loyola who inspire, strive for more, and achieve excellence. More information can be found at:

- [The Dreamer Committee of Loyola](#)
- [Resources for Dreamers](#)
- [Share the DREAM](#) - Undocumented Student Ally Training

Tuition awards are available for qualified undocumented students and competitive program assistantships are available for qualified DACA-eligible students. Contact the Graduate School at gradschool@luc.edu for more information.