



Emergency Funds for Internationals

Office of International Students & Scholars
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Since international students are not eligible for US government funding (i.e. financial aid), here are a few options for loans and grants:

Graduate Student Association (GSA) Loan *(for graduate students only)*

This loan is operated by the Graduate Student Association can make a short term loan to any (Rice) graduate student, provided that student is currently registered (and does not already have a GSA loan). Any such qualified graduate student can borrow up to \$500; the total interest is only 2%. A loan may have no more than a 90 day repayment term, and GSA retains the right to create extra paperwork by placing your academic record on hold (prevents graduation, registration, transcripts, etc.) and reporting you to the credit bureau- so please pay your loan on time. For more information, please contact gsa@rice.edu

Adams & Moseley Loans *(for graduate students)*

This loan is up to \$2000 with low interest. The student must complete a repayment agreement for within 1 year. These loans can be renewed every year. Student must be enrolled on a full time basis to apply and must maintain full enrollment throughout the duration of the loan. Applications are done through the Financial Aid Office (<http://financialaid.rice.edu/>) and they are approved by the Dean of Graduate & Postdoctoral Students. This loan cannot be used to pay tuition or fees associated with attending school.

Undergraduate Emergency Loan *(for undergraduates)*

There is an Undergraduate Emergency Loan for up to \$500. This is a 3 month loan at 6% interest. Students are required to complete an application in the Financial Aid Office (<http://financialaid.rice.edu/>) and are approved through their office. This loan cannot be used to pay tuition or fees associated with attending school. Please contact John Buck for more information at jjbuck@rice.edu

Emergency Grant from the Dean of Undergraduates *(for undergraduates)*

Students may receive a one-time per academic year emergency grant for generally up to \$350. At the Dean's discretion, higher amount could be considered. International students must see an OISS advisor before applying for this grant. A letter explaining the need and all supporting documentation should be sent to Linda Cooper at lcooper@rice.edu

Other Potential Financial Resources

- Academic departments and deans offices may offer travel funds for conferences
- College Masters (for undergrads) may use discretionary funds in certain cases
- Find an on campus job at <http://jobs.financialaid.rice.edu/>
 - *F-1 students:* Part-time (20 hours/week or less) on-campus work does not require special authorization, but you must maintain your full-time student status or your work on-campus will become illegal.
 - *J-1 students:* All on-campus work does require prior authorization from an OISS advisor - call to set up an appointment x6095.
- Additional non-emergency funding resources are available at <http://oiss.rice.edu/gateway.aspx?id=210>