The cost of education in the United States is very expensive. There is very little financial assistance for foreign nationals to study in the U.S. Federally funded loans, grants, and work-study programs dispersed through the UAB Financial Aid Office are limited to U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

### Graduate Students
UAB graduate student awards are available in limited number in the form of assistantships or fellowships. Applications for assistantships or fellowships should be submitted to the director of the graduate program in which the student is, or plans to be enrolled.

### Undergraduate Students
The majority of international students fund their educations through personal or family funds. Private loans are available, but require a co-signature by a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Listed below are some financial aid resources for international students. This information is provided for reference and general use only and the links on this site do not constitute an endorsement by the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

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### RESOURCES FOR GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND LOANS

#### General Financial Information
- Fastweb Scholarship Search: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- International Students Organization in America: [www.isoa.org/grants.html](http://www.isoa.org/grants.html)
- International Student Funding: [www.edupass.org](http://www.edupass.org)
- NAFSA Financial Aid Guide: [www.nafsa.org](http://www.nafsa.org)
- Dept. of State Guides to Study in the U.S.: [educationusa.state.gov](http://educationusa.state.gov)

#### Scholarships and Grants
- Rotary Foundation Scholarships: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)
- American Association of University Women: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)
- Funding for Biological and Medical Sciences: [www.grantsnet.org](http://www.grantsnet.org)
- International Education Finance Corporation: [www.iefc.com](http://www.iefc.com)

#### Private Loans
- International Education Financial Aid: [www.iefa.org](http://www.iefa.org)
- The Education Resource Institute: [www.teri.org](http://www.teri.org)
- Nellie Mae Student Loans: [www.nelliemae.com](http://www.nelliemae.com)
- American Education Financial: [www.AMEDFI.com](http://www.AMEDFI.com)

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