

FAQ - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Q: What is the cost of graduate study at UC Berkeley?

A: For an estimate of living expenses while attending Berkeley, please see the Graduate Division webpage for Costs and Fees. International students should also visit the [Berkeley International Office's website](#) for more information on this matter.

Q: Who qualifies for need-based financial aid?

A: Graduate students may apply for need-based loans and work-study through the Financial Aid Office (FAO). The programs are based on demonstrated financial need and require a separate application, independent of the fellowship application. Low-income students with dependent children will be considered for need-based grant awards if funding permits.

The Financial Aid Office will use the Student Budget for the initial calculation of your eligibility for various programs. If, after reviewing your official offer of financial aid, you decide that your actual expenses are higher, you may then document those expenses, such as medical bills, child care, or research expenses. These extra costs will then be taken into account to increase your loan eligibility. Your eligibility for any federal financial aid program is determined by comparing your resources to your budget.

Questions about the programs described in this section should be directed to the Financial Aid Office. Only U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens (those holding permanent resident cards) may apply for funds administered by the Financial Aid Office.

Q: What type of financial assistance is available for international students?

A: Please see the [Berkeley International Office](#) and [Graduate Division](#) pages on this matter.

Q: What is the Professional Fee associated with the MEng?

A: Please see the [Office of the Registrar's Fee Schedule](#), and reference the portion under "College of Engineering (MEng program only)".

Q: Why does the MEng have a Professional Fee?

A: The program offers three distinct features to position you for higher-level positions and more influence in your organization:

- You join a cross-disciplinary cohort that completes a core curriculum in engineering leadership.
- You complete a hands-on capstone project with industry relevance and tangible impact.
- You benefit from tailored student advising that focuses on professional development and career placement.

These features are not offered as part of our other programs.