GTU Consortial Financial Aid Office

Welcome New Students!

As you prepare for the academic year, we encourage you to visit the GTU Consortial Financial Aid Office web pages at <u>http://www.gtu.edu/admissions/financial-aid</u>. On these pages you will find financial aid forms, helpful information including announcements and deadlines, and application instructions. We also encourage you to periodically review your financial aid record on Web Advisor after you are notified that your financial aid package is available. Through Web Advisor, you may confirm that you have accepted your aid and completed the requirements listed on the "My Documents" page.

The summary below provides a general orientation to financial aid at the GTU Consortium. If you have any questions you wish to address with a staff member, please call (510) 649-2469 or send an email to <u>finaid@gtu.edu</u>. You may also visit the office on the 3rd floor of 2465 LeConte Avenue between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Fridays are reserved for appointments.

We look forward to assisting you!

Kathleen Antokhin, Financial Aid Director Denise Morita, Financial Aid Assistant Director Tayler Owens, Financial Aid Coordinator

Financial Aid Applications

- Financial Aid Applications are due <u>each year</u> by your school's <u>priority deadline date</u>. Applications received on time will be considered for the fullest range of aid available. Late applications will be considered for aid as funding allows.
- Domestic Students: two (2) applications must be completed to successfully apply for financial aid each year: the <u>Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)</u> and the GTU Consortial Office <u>Financial Aid</u> <u>Application for Domestic Students</u>.
- International Students affiliated with ABSW, CDSP, GTU, PAOI, PLTS, and PSR: please complete the annual <u>Financial Aid Application for International Students</u>.
- It is not too late to apply for federal aid for the approaching academic year.

Financial Aid Disbursements

- Once you have registered at least half-time the aid you have accepted will electronically post to your student billing account and will be applied to your institutional charges.
- If your financial aid exceeds your institutional charges, you may expect a credit balance refund check from your business office during or after the first week of classes.
- Financial Aid awards are disbursed in two installments over the course of the standard academic year: once at the beginning of the Fall term and again at the beginning of the Spring term.

Work-Study

- The following schools participate in the federal Work-Study program: CDSP, GTU, PLTS, PSR, and SKSM.
- Federal Work-study is a limited form of need-based aid granted to financial aid applicants at the initial awarding stage. If you are affiliated with one of the above listed schools and you are interested in being placed on the work-study wait-list, contact the Financial Aid Office.

- If you have a work-study award, you may begin to look for on-campus employment. Check your school's job listings.
- Prior to beginning employment, all work-study students must complete a Work-Study Authorization form and submit a job description for approval. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for details.
- Work-Study students: we need tutors for elementary school children! For off-campus employment with the Reading Partners program or with another non-profit agency, please contact the office.

Stay Connected!

- Award notifications and award updates are communicated by email. Be sure to check your @<u>ses.[your</u> <u>school].edu</u> email address <u>OR</u> set your school account to automatically forward to your preferred email address.
- The <u>Financial Aid Announcements</u> page and the <u>Important Financial Aid Dates and Events</u> page of the GTU Financial Aid website is updated as needed throughout the year. Please visit these pages for up-to-date Financial Aid information and deadlines.
- The <u>Scholarship Resources Newsletter</u> will be delivered directly to your school email address on a monthly basis. The newsletter contains valuable scholarship information and tips to help navigate your search for education funding opportunities.

Contact Us

• Please remember that you are responsible for completing all financial aid forms and requirements by posted deadlines. If you have any questions about forms or the application process, please do not hesitate to contact a Financial Aid Office staff member.

The Financial Aid Office is open to students between the hours of 10:00 – 4pm, Monday through Thursday. Appointments are preferred. To make an appointment, email <u>finaid@gtu.edu</u> or call the main line at (510) 649-2469.