

SCHOLARSHIPS, LOANS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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Loans

International students should check for educational loan programs in your home country. Educational loan providers in the U.S. may lend money to international students who study here, but many require a U.S. co-signer who will be financially responsible if you cannot pay your loans. These loan providers are listed as a courtesy, and ISSS cannot recommend or verify listed providers.

- UConn Financial Aid: [Suggested List of Alternative Loan Lenders](#)
- There are companies that offer loans to international students without a U.S. co-signer. Some have a rigorous application and eligibility review process (such as [MPower Financing](#)), but be wary of loans that offer easy money at high interest rates.
- [Organization of American States](#) Interest-free loans for students from Latin American countries.

UConn Short Term Emergency Loans:

- Dean of Students Office: [Short Term Emergency Loan Fund](#)
- [Graduate Student Senate Short Term Emergency Loan](#)



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Scholarships and Awards

- [IIE Funding for U.S. Study](#)
- [UConn Office of National Scholarship & Fellowship: Scholarships Open to Non-U.S. Citizens](#)
- [UConn Office of National Scholarship & Fellowship: Graduate Students](#)
- [UConn Graduate School: Open Graduate Assistantship Opportunities](#)
- [Graduate School External Funding Opportunities](#)
- [Graduate School Internal Funding Opportunities](#)



Economic Hardship and Emergencies

- Ask your ISSS Advisor about employment authorization based on [economic hardship](#).
- [UConn Financial Aid](#): While international students normally do not qualify for need-based aid, you can email financialaid@uconn.edu and describe your situation and financial need.
- UConn [Students First Fund](#)
- Check with ISSS about [IIE Emergency Student Fund](#) grants.

