

## Fees & Graduate Assistantship

When calculating the cost of your bill, there will be additional fees with the out of state tuition charges:

- The International Student Administration Fee: a \$100 per semester
- Health Insurance Fee: approximately \$650 per semester
- Books and school supplies
- Monthly rent & utilities: \$450+
- Additional departmental fees
- Other personal expenses include: food, clothing, etc.
- If you stay in the US over the summer, you can expect to spend an additional \$1,800.

### Graduate Assistantship

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A graduate assistantship will significantly reduce your graduate school expenses.

- A [👉 graduate assistantship](#) provides a stipend amount based on 20 hours of work per week, and graduate tuition support for a certain number of credits per academic year, based on the assistantship classification.
- Look for [👉 assistantship](#) classifications, what they typically cover, and how to apply.
- The application process will require at least a resume and cover letter.

### Graduate Assistantship- Offer Letter

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If you are the recipient of a graduate assistantship, request that your immediate supervisor send you a written "offer letter" detailing:

- Your expected start date
- A description of what your graduate assistantship covers financially

### Graduate Assistantship- On-Boarding

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The on-boarding process ensures that you are registered in the JMU system and that you will receive your first paycheck, which you may receive a month after you start. You will need to provide your immediate supervisor with several documents:

- Passport, I-20 Form, and I-94 record
- A social security number (SSN), which is required to be paid in the US.

The following criteria will need to take place before you can obtain it:

- You will need to have been in the US for at least 14 days before you can apply.
- You will need to have completed your SEVIS Registration with the ISSS office, once you will have arrived in the US

After applying for your SSN, it takes 7 to 10 business days for you to receive it in the mail. If you do not yet have a mailing address, you can use CGE's:

 800 S. Main St, MSC 5731  
Harrisonburg VA 22807

- Once you have provided a copy of your SSN to your supervisor, you will be asked for your US bank account information.

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Remember to refer yourself to the

- [👉 New International Graduate Student](#) webpage for additional information
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