

# Financial Aid

A Bentley graduate degree is a smart investment in you. With available merit and financial aid, Bentley works with qualified MBA and Master of Science applicants to help make paying for their education as easy as possible.

## Merit-Based Aid Awards

Bentley awards more than \$2 million in merit-based aid to highly qualified full-time and part-time graduate students. Merit awards are based primarily on academic, professional and personal achievement, without regard to financial need. Scholarships are distributed in the form of tuition remission, and recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA to retain award eligibility. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply as early as possible for best consideration.

### Graduate Assistantships

Graduate Assistantships are paid positions awarded to full-time students based on achievement that suggests a strong contribution to available opportunities. Assistants work on a variety of research, academic or administrative projects for an average of 15 hours per week for up to two terms.

### Merit Scholarships

Merit scholarships offer partial tuition remission and are awarded to students whose academic and professional achievements, test scores, and skills or attributes demonstrate potential for significant contribution to their program. While priority is given to full-time students, all applicants are considered.

### Dean's Leadership

Dean's Leadership awards are designed to provide members of our leading diversity and corporate partners — including NMBAA, NSBE and Prospanica — the opportunity to pursue a graduate education. A limited number of partial to full scholarships are available to academically qualified members with endorsement from their organization.

### Discover Bentley

Bentley seeks to promote diversity through the Discover Bentley program that brings high-achieving African-American, Latino, and Native American students who are interested in pursuing a graduate business degree for a three-day program each fall. Participants are eligible for a partial to full Discover Bentley scholarship.



## Other Aid Types

### Need-Based Aid and Federal Loans

U.S. citizens and permanent residents who enroll on a half-time basis and meet other basic requirements are eligible to receive federal student loan assistance. Full-time students who complete an aid application by the required deadline will also be considered for institutional need-based grant. The Federal Unsubsidized Direct Loan program provides funds for students through the federal government. You may borrow up to \$20,500 each academic year. Students must complete a FAFSA and Bentley Graduate Aid Application to apply for need-based aid and Federal Direct Loans. For more information, visit [bentley.edu/graduate-aid](https://bentley.edu/graduate-aid) and [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).

### Credit-Based Loans

The Graduate PLUS Loan is a federal loan that enables a student to borrow as much as the total cost of attendance for the academic year, less any financial aid awarded. Students may apply at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov). Private alternative loans provide supplemental funding to help with educational expenses. Financial Assistance has created a list of lenders at [elmselect.com](https://elmselect.com).

### Paid Employment Opportunities

Bentley funds a limited number of on-campus employment opportunities for graduate students to work up to 20 hours per week. Our partner, [collegehelpers.com](https://collegehelpers.com), can assist students with finding off-campus positions.

### Veterans Affairs (VA) Benefits

Bentley participates in several VA tuition assistance programs, including the GI Bill®, VA Vocational Rehabilitation, and others. Bentley also recognizes the service and contributions of our veterans and their families by participating in the Yellow Ribbon Program. Each year, Bentley offers four awards worth \$8,000 each – \$4,000 from Bentley and \$4,000 from the VA – to eligible graduate students. Please contact the Office of Financial Assistance for more information about eligibility requirements.

*GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at [benefits.va.gov/gjbill](https://benefits.va.gov/gjbill).*

## Resources

There are thousands of organizations that offer scholarships for graduate students. Here are a few online resources that can help you find these opportunities.

### FastWeb | [fastweb.com](https://fastweb.com)

Enter your strengths, interests and skills and FastWeb will match you with scholarships that align with your profile.

### FinAid | [finaid.org](https://finaid.org)

Find comprehensive information about federal financial aid, as well as tips and tricks to help win these awards.

### eduPass | [edupass.org](https://edupass.org)

Get information for international students applying to or enrolled in U.S. institutions, including guidance on admission, financial aid, cultural transition and more.

### Peterson's | [petersons.com](https://petersons.com)

Search for graduate programs, schools, scholarships and more. Peterson's offers content designed specifically for graduate and international students.

### Scholarships for Development | [scholars4dev.com](https://scholars4dev.com)

Find up-to-date listings of international scholarships open to students from developing countries.

### College Scholarship | [collegescholarships.org](https://collegescholarships.org)

Use their financial aid database to search awards from corporations and nonprofit agencies.

### GoodCall | [goodcall.com](https://goodcall.com)

Better understand financial aid lingo, search strategically for appropriate opportunities and prepare your application.

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