

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID FOR GRADUATE ENGINEERING STUDENTS

**Graduate Roundtable**  
**Co-hosted by FASO and ESSC**  
**Spring 2026**

# Agenda



Introductions

Campus-wide opportunities (FASO)

Private scholarships (FASO)

College of Engineering opportunities  
(ESSC)

College of Graduate Studies funding  
(CGS)

Q&A (All)



## Financial Aid and Scholarship Office



### Scholarships: Who Can Apply?

- ✓ All students, international or domestic, can apply for SJSU scholarships.
- ✓ International students qualify for merit-based scholarships only.
- ✓ Domestic students who complete a FAFSA or CADAA may qualify for both merit-based and need-based scholarships.

# Scholarship Application Process



- 1 Applying for a scholarship does not guarantee an award, but it is a great opportunity to secure additional resources to help pay for your education.
- 2 To apply, visit the FASO Scholarship page: [sjsu.edu/faso/scholarships](https://sjsu.edu/faso/scholarships)
- 3 Log in and complete the General Application, which includes a few essay questions and some yes/no questions.
- 4 Once you submit the General Application, you will see additional scholarship applications that you qualify for.

# Scholarship Application Process



 You won't need to search for individual scholarships.

 Instead, the system matches you automatically to opportunities based on your application answers.

 **Deadlines to Keep in Mind:**

- The General Scholarship Application closes on May 1.
- Engineering scholarships may close sooner once they are open.

 After applications close, they will be reviewed and scored.

 If you are selected for a scholarship for the upcoming 2026-27 academic year, you will be notified.

# Other Scholarship Resources

May come from various organizations

- Community
- Government
- College or University
- May be merit-based or need-based
- Avoid Scams!!

[bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org)

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.myscholly.com](http://www.myscholly.com)

[www.sjsu.edu/faso/scholarships](http://www.sjsu.edu/faso/scholarships)

# Additional Aid for Domestic Students

 In addition to scholarships, domestic students may qualify for financial aid by completing one of these applications:

 **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) – For U.S. citizens & permanent residents**

 **CADAA (CA Dream Act Application) – For DACA or undocumented students who qualify for AB 540 nonresident tuition exemption**

 **Priority Deadline: March 2, 2026**

 **Apply here:**

**FAFSA: [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)**

**CADAA: [dream.csac.ca.gov](https://dream.csac.ca.gov)**



# How to Apply for FAFSA



1. Create an FSA ID at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).
2. Complete and submit your FAFSA application online.
3. Provide your 2024 tax information and household details.
4. After submission, your SAI (Student Aid Index) will be calculated to determine aid eligibility.

## Possible Aid for FAFSA Applicants:

- State University Grant (SUG)
  - Regular session students
- Work-Study Opportunities
- Federal Student Loans

# How to Apply for CADAA (CA Dream Act)



1. Create a CADAA profile and log in at [dream.csac.ca.gov](http://dream.csac.ca.gov)
2. Complete and submit your CADAA application online.
3. Provide your 2024 tax information and household details.
4. Your SAI (Student Aid Index) will be calculated to determine aid eligibility.

## Possible Aid for CADAA Applicants:

- State University Grant (SUG)
  - Regular session students
- CA Dream Loan – If funds are available

# Engineering Scholarships



The College of Engineering Dean's Office uses the scholarship platform, but applications are not open yet.

- ✓ We recently migrated to a new system, so applications are still being set up.
- ✓ Once Engineering scholarships are open, the Dean's Office will notify you to complete the application.
- ✓ You will log back in at that time and see the Engineering application as an option.

# SJSU Graduate Scholarship

CONSIDERING APPLYING TO A GRADUATE SCHOOL?



The SJSU College of Engineering is pleased to announce Future of Silicon Valley Graduate Scholarships for newly admitted students to a graduate engineering program in Fall 2026. Up to 10 scholarships of \$10,000 each will be awarded.

Applicants are eligible to apply if:

- They have completed an undergraduate degree at SJSU before the Fall 2026 semester, or
- They will transition to graduate status in Fall 2026 in the Spartan Accelerated Graduate Education (SAGE) program.

Preference will be given to SJSU engineering undergraduate majors and alumni.

**Application Deadline: July 1, 2026**

Apply at  
<https://forms.gle/4W1jr7s9RQD6QJmk6>

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[Future of Silicon Valley Graduate Scholarship](#)

# College of Engineering Departmental Opportunities



## **Mechanical Engineering**

David A. Brown Fellowship in  
Mechatronics

Francis Huang Memorial  
Scholarship Endowment

Mark A. Pasquale Scholarship

Robert A. Dees Memorial  
Scholarship

Mechanical Engineering  
Scholarship

## **Civil and Environmental Engineering**

George M. Sicular Endowment  
Scholarship

Lloyd Bisballe Construction  
Scholarship

Steve Arnold Memorial Endowment

John B. Tang Scholarship

Greg E. Olson scholarship.

## **Computer Engineering Electrical Engineering**

Qualcomm scholarship



# International Student and Scholar Services

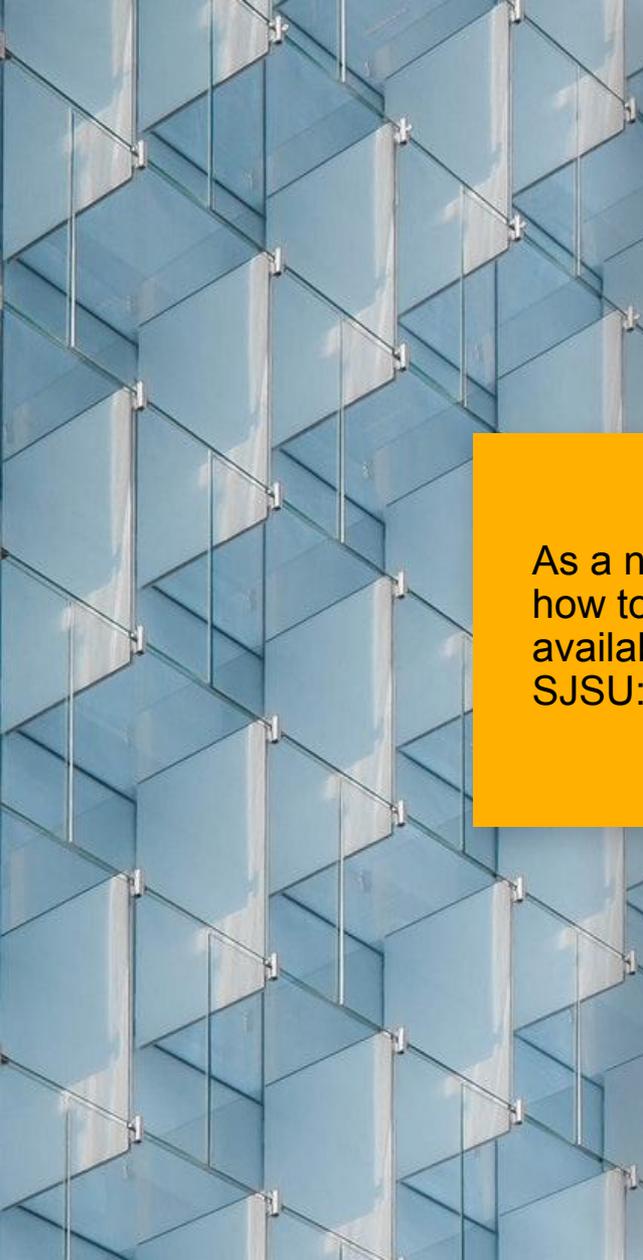
## [Global Spartan Scholarship](#)

This scholarship recognizes and provides financial support to our new and continuing, matriculated international students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Applicants for this scholarship must demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, commitment to globalization/international education and financial need. The application deadline is not listed yet, will be in late April.

## [Louie Barozzi Scholarship](#)

Three awards are given annually: to an international undergraduate student, an international graduate student, and a Study Abroad & Away participant. It recognizes San Jose State University international students for their contributions to the community and commitment to international education and exchange. The application deadline is not listed yet, usually in mid- to late-April.

Check the ISSS website for scholarship updates [HERE](#).



# College of Graduate Studies

As a new or prospective graduate student, you might be wondering how to finance your SJSU education. Explore the variety of options available to graduate students for financing a graduate education at SJSU: [Funding Opportunities](#)



# Bertha Kalm Scholarship

Up to four scholarships of \$10,000 each will be awarded to students in the 2026-2027 academic year. In order to be eligible to apply, a student must be in the first year of their graduate education and must be nominated by a tenured or tenure-track faculty member.

A first-year student is one who at the end of the application semester will have completed fewer than half of the program-applicable units required for the program in which they are matriculated.

This scholarship is also open to international students. Students may not self-apply to this scholarship, but may contact tenure-track faculty and seek their support. Learn more [here](#).



The [Graduate Equity Fellowship](#) application process closes June 1, 2026 for AY 2026-2027. This \$4000 yearly award assists economically disadvantaged students in the pursuit and completion of their master's degree programs. It acknowledges students who have success in overcoming financial barriers to their education, and promotes opportunities for faculty mentoring. Eligibility and details from last AY [here](#).



The [Dr. Hector and Catalina Endowed Scholarship](#) is open to graduate students with financial need and who have demonstrated a commitment to the Hispanic community at large through community service, leadership and activism.



# College of Graduate Studies

- Outstanding Thesis submissions are due by March 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. to CGS (check with your college to determine their internal deadline, which will be earlier than the CGS deadline.)
- Bertha Kalm Scholarship nominations are due to your colleges by Monday, March 23, 2026 (check and see if your college sets an earlier date.)
- The Dr. Hector and Catalina Garcia Graduate Endowed Scholarship application is due to our office on Tuesday, March 31, 2026.
- The Graduate Equity Fellowship accepts new applications for AY 26/27 beginning March 16, 2026. Applications will close on June 1, 2026.
- [CSU System-Wide Scholarships](#)



# THANK YOU! Questions?

**FASO:** 408-283-7500 ext 4 (Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.); in-person and virtual appointments available; [fao@sjsu.edu](mailto:fao@sjsu.edu), [scholarships@sjsu.edu](mailto:scholarships@sjsu.edu)

**CGS:** 408-924-2427; email [amy.leisenring@sjsu.edu](mailto:amy.leisenring@sjsu.edu) for *Dr. Hector and Catalina Garcia Graduate Endowed Scholarship* and [jeffrey.honda@sjsu.edu](mailto:jeffrey.honda@sjsu.edu) for the rest

**ESSC:** 408-924-3990; [graduate-engineering@sjsu.edu](mailto:graduate-engineering@sjsu.edu)

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