Graduate Student Funding Policy: MFA Program

Master of Fine Arts students entering Fall 2021 and beyond:

All newly admitted graduate students within their support time limit (SUTL)* receive: full payment of tuition fees, plus stipend/salary and first year of non-resident tuition paid (if applicable).

A portion or all of the stipend/salary will be paid through an academic student employment (ASE) which includes graduate student researchers (GSRs), teaching assistants (TAs) or readers for an undergraduate course. Each of these employments cover tuition, graduate student health insurance (GSHIP) and has a monthly salary. Any remaining guaranteed financial support will be dispersed in the form of a fellowship.

For any non-California residents, the Department pays the student's non-resident supplemental tuition for their first year. Students must apply for California Residency their second year to avoid non-resident tuition fees. International students are not eligible for California Residency; therefore, the Department will nonresident tuition for students within their support time limit (SUTL)*.

For more student financial support information visit the Grad Division website.

*MFA Acting, Design and Stage Management students have a SUTL of 8 quarters. MFA Directing and Playwriting students have a SUTL of 9 quarters.

*The Department reserves the right to adjust the funding policy from year to year as the University of California, UC San Diego, Division of Arts & Humanities, Graduate Division, or Department of Theatre & Dance conditions, policies or directives apply.