



Thanks for your interest in the financial aid programs at HGSE. This document will provide a general outline of important dates and tasks to consider when applying for admission to the school. It is important to understand that the admissions and financial aid processes at HGSE are separate ones; you should be prepared not only to apply for admission but for financial aid as well. All timeframes listed below reflect the months prior to your intended fall enrollment. Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding financial aid programs at HGSE.

SEPTEMBER or EARLIER

- Visit the [HGSE Financial Aid website](#) and begin learning about financial aid at the school. Familiarize yourself with the estimated costs of attending HGSE. Cost of attendance budgets for the current year can be found on our [Tuition & Costs webpage](#). These figures are set each spring, prior to your first term of enrollment. Adding about 5% to the current total cost should be more than adequate to address any increases to the cost of attendance for the year you may enroll.
- Plan your finances accordingly. You should marshal all of your financial resources to help determine *when* to apply for admission to HGSE. The more financially prepared you are, the fewer difficulties you will have paying for your education. Remember that an education is an investment, and you should ensure that you receive the best return on that investment possible.
- Create and live within an “in-school” budget. This will help ease you and your finances into a routine that can be carried through your enrollment period as a student.
- Read the current edition of the *Financing Your HGSE Education* guidebook, located on the [Financial Aid website](#). This publication will introduce you the HGSE Financial Aid Program; updated editions are posted each spring and will be included in your packet if you are offered admission.
- Consider identifying and applying for external scholarships, fellowships and grants. There are hundreds of programs available, but you will need to do the legwork to find them. The financial aid office encourages prospective students to seek external scholarships to help supplement our financial aid programs. You can find free, online scholarship searches through several websites such as [FinAid.org](#) and [Fastweb](#).

OCTOBER to NOVEMBER

- Prepare to submit your application for admission to HGSE!

DECEMBER

- Submit your application for admission by the [stated deadline](#).
 - o Ed.M. applicants can apply for two merit fellowship programs, the Urban Scholars Program and the Saul Zaentz Fellowship, as part of the admissions application. Each will require a short written statement (independent of your statement of purpose) relating to the fellowship.
- Prepare to submit your application for financial aid to HGSE! Visit our [Applying for Aid](#) page for applications and instructions. You will need to submit a HGSE Financial Aid Application and a FAFSA for your intended enrollment year.

JANUARY

- Submit your HGSE Financial Aid Application and [FAFSA](#). Be sure to read and follow all instructions in order to avoid delays and missing deadlines! International students should only complete the requirements that apply to them. The deadline for these materials is early February. Check the [Applying for Aid](#) page for exact dates, applications, and instructions.

FEBRUARY

- Check the HGSE Student Aid Portal for missing requirements, and make sure you have submitted your HGSE Financial Aid Application. If you are a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident you must also complete a [FAFSA](#).

MARCH to APRIL

- Wait to receive your financial aid award from the Financial Aid Office! Compare your financial aid package from HGSE to your other offers. Remember to consider the total cost to you in relation to the length of program and your expected return on educational investment. This will help you make not only a sound academic decision, but a solid financial one as well. Good luck!