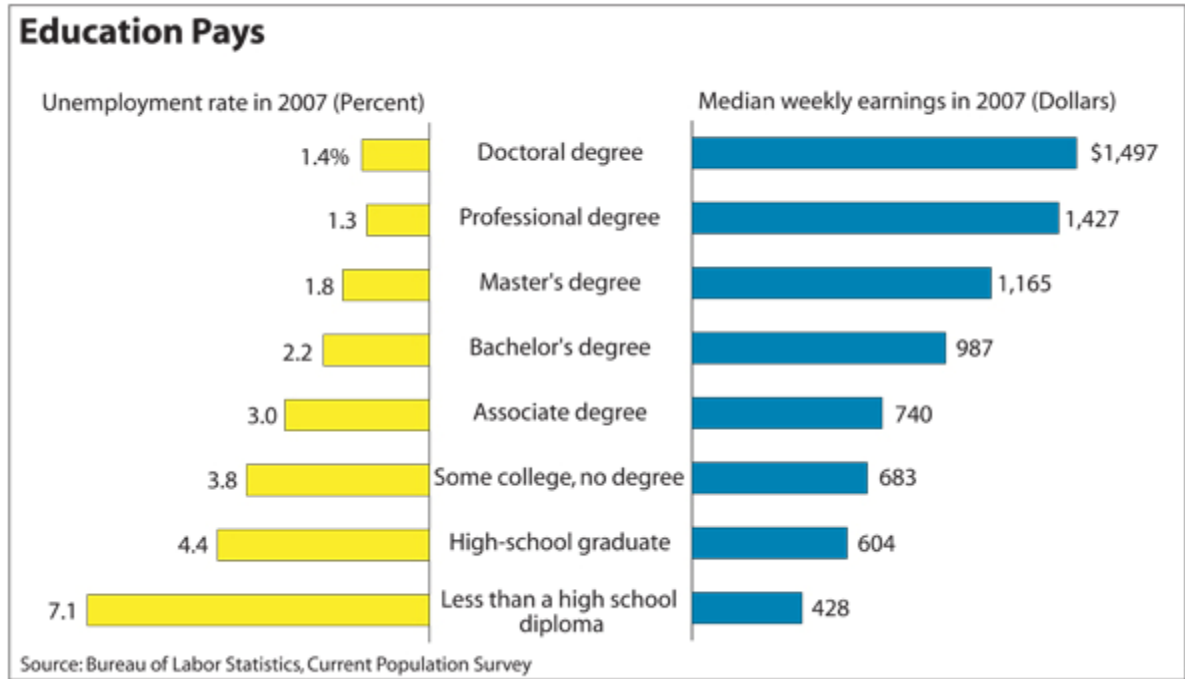


Education pays ...

Education pays in higher earnings and lower unemployment rates



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

2008-2009 Academic Year Tuition Rates

Graduate Students

Full-Time (9 credit hours or more)(per credit hour) \$1,178

Part-time (per credit hour) \$1,178

SIS Additional Program Fee (per semester)

Full-time (9 or more credit hours) \$750

Part-time (6-8 credit hours) \$500

Dual Degree (SIS/CAS) Full-time (9 or more credit hours)	\$325
Part-time (6-8 credit hours)	\$250

MBA Program

Full-time (12–17 credit hours) (Above 17 hours, \$1,079 per additional credit hour)	\$14,113
Per Credit Hour (less than 12 credit hours)	\$1,079

Law Students

Full-time (12–17 credit hours) (Above 17 hours, \$1,431 per additional credit hour)	\$19,326
Part-time (per credit hour)	\$1,431

Nondegree Students

Course level 500 and above (per credit hour)	\$1,178
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Investing in Your Future. . .

Merit Awards

American University merit awards are granted to full-time students who demonstrate outstanding academic merit. All merit awards fall into one of the following categories:

Fellowships

Graduate fellowships are merit-based awards that are given to new graduate degree students and normally provide the recipient with a stipend and 18 hours of tuition remission in degree-related courses in a given academic year. Fellowships are given to full-time graduate students to assist them in completion of their programs of study and, therefore, carry no expectation that students will perform duties in the teaching unit. Priority for these awards is ordinarily given to full-time students enrolled in the highest degree programs offered in that discipline at American University.

Graduate Assistantships

Graduate assistantships are merit-based awards that provide the recipient with a stipend and tuition remission for 6 to 18 hours of degree-related courses in a given academic year. Graduate assistantships carry with them a learning component in the form of an assignment that enhances and complements a student's academic program, such as a

teaching assistantship, a research assistantship, or a technical assistantship, which requires no more than 20 hours per week of supervised learning. Priority for these awards is ordinarily given to full-time students enrolled in the highest degree programs offered in that discipline at American University.

Study grants

Graduate study grants are merit-based awards that provide the recipient with tuition remission for 6 to 18 hours of degree-related courses in a given academic year. Graduate study grants carry with them a learning component in the form of an assignment that enhances and complements a student's academic program, such as a teaching traineeship, a research traineeship, or a technical traineeship, which requires no more than 10 hours per week of supervised learning.

Merit awards do not cover the full cost of attending AU. Even if you anticipate receiving a merit award from AU, you should seek additional funding to cover the remainder of your expenses.

Federally-Funded Educational Grants and Loans

For students who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States, the federal government offers need-based grants and low-interest educational loans. A financial aid application form – called the FAFSA form – is accessible at <www.fafsa.org> and should be submitted by March 1 of every calendar year to apply for these federal programs.

Employment

Graduate students are also eligible for full-and part-time employment at AU to offset the costs of tuition. Students who work full-time at the university may receive tuition remission for up to two courses per semester. For a listing of the most up-to-date job openings, please visit our HR office Web site at hr.american.edu, or visit our Career Center Web site my.american.edu/careercenter. If you are currently employed, contact your own employer's Human Resources office to inquire about tuition and employer sponsorships.

More Resources for Your Scholarship Search

College Connection Scholarships – www.collegescholarships.com

This free, quality information includes all of the details you need to apply now, including eligibility, deadline, amount, contacts, and a web site of the scholarship sponsor.

Collegefund.net – www.collegefunds.net

Website offers scholarship search, financial planning, and student loans information.

FastWeb – www.fastweb.com

Tailored scholarship search of over 180,000 scholarships, fellowships, loans, and grants available to students for free.

FinAid! The Smart Student Guide – www.finaid.org

Comprehensive free resources for student financial aid on the Web. Free scholarship search, financial aid calculators, financial aid applications, glossary, and bibliography.

Petersons.com: Financing Education – www.petersons.com/finaid

Information on The Financial Aid Story, introduction to organizations, admissions calculator, Q&A, glossary and financial planning tools.

Scholarship Scams – www.ftc.gov

The FTC cautions students to look for telltale signs of a scam.

Federal Government Funds --

www.studentjobs.gov/e-scholar.htm

Contains hundreds of federal government funded educational scholarships, fellowships, grants, internships and cooperative programs.

Scholarships.com – <http://www.scholarships.com/index.html>

Research information on Federal loan programs for students: Stafford Loans-Federal Direct Loans and Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFEL), and Federal Perkins Loans. Get information on PLUS and Consolidation Loans for parents. Learn about Federal Grants and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG).

The Scholarship Page – <http://www.scholarship-page.com>

Find a scholarship on your field of interest. You can search by countries, state, organization and more.

Other Helpful Websites

- www.embark.com
- www.students.gov
- www.sloan.org

Scholarships listed based on ones specific area of study.