

Financial Information
Graduate Program in Religious Studies
Southern Methodist University

Costs for the 2013-2014 Academic Year*

Tuition per semester hour	\$1,624
Student fees per semester hour	<u>\$ 207</u>
	\$1,831

Room: \$6,740 to \$9,250 per academic year in traditional residence halls

Board: \$4,910 for full board per academic year

*These figures are subject to change.

Financial Assistance

The Graduate Program in Religious Studies offers financial aid in two forms: (1) tuition grants up to the full amount of tuition and fees for the academic year; and (2) additional cash stipends, currently up to \$16,000.00 (\$8,000.00 per semester). The stipend portion is normally renewable at \$16,000.00 for two additional years; assuming satisfactory progress, a student will then be eligible for a dissertation fellowship of \$10,000.00 for the fourth year of the program. We do not have special scholarships or fellowships designated for overseas students; and, as a result, international students must make their own arrangements to secure the funds necessary to cover their travel expenses and the additional living expenses that they will incur in the U.S.

To apply for departmental financial aid, international students should submit a financial aid application form which may be obtained from the Program office. Students who are US citizens should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. List SMU as a school to receive the report; SMU's school code is 003613. You may also apply for grants and loans for Texas residents, private and federal loans, and employment programs by filing the FAFSA. Additional information on these sources of financial aid may be seen at http://www.smu.edu/financial_aid/Graduates/Grad_index.asp.

International Students

International students are responsible for all immediate expenses including cost of living, medical, dental, travel, and educational expenses required for the course of study; therefore, the total financial need must be met by personal resources, a sponsoring agency, or academic scholarships. A Graduate Program in Religious Studies Fellowship will not meet the total financial need.

Health insurance for international students is a **mandatory** condition of university enrollment. Coverage must be for twelve months. Insurance for accompanying dependents is highly recommended for F-1 students and **required** for J-1 student dependents. A group insurance plan is available through the University.

Contacts

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