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### **Review graduate programs**

Locate your program of study at [shsu.edu/academics](https://shsu.edu/academics) for application requirements and deadlines.\*



### **Complete the Admissions application at [shsu.edu/apply](https://shsu.edu/apply)**

Pay the \$50 non-refundable application fee (\$90 for international applicants).



### **Create your Self Service Center account**



### **Upload your materials**

Upload additional application materials as required by your program in the SHSU Self-Service Center. See your program of study for specific submission deadlines.

*\*International applicants are required to submit additional materials.*

Visit [shsu.edu/international](https://shsu.edu/international) for more information.



### **Admissions Application Deadlines**



**August 1**  
Fall Deadline



**December 15**  
Spring Deadline



**May 15**  
Summer Deadline

*\*Some graduate programs may have earlier application deadlines.*





### **College of Arts and Media**

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### **College of Humanities and Social Sciences**

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### **College of Science and Engineering Technology**

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*\*Programs may require some classroom or lab attendance.  
Degree concentrations may be available.*



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**Financial Aid and FAFSA**  
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A variety of financial aid resources are available to assist with funding your education. Federal, state, school, and private funds are available to those who qualify.



### **Federal Student Aid**

Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is easy and takes 20-30 minutes.

**Complete the FAFSA**  
online at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).

## **FAFSA**

Eligibility for financial aid is determined using your FAFSA application. While it's not mandatory to complete a FAFSA for some types of financial aid, it is used by states and colleges to determine need-based aid.  
*(SHSU's school code, 003606)*

*You do not need a graduate application on file with SHSU first.*

### **Federal Loans and Grants Eligibility**

You must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen, regularly admitted without exception to an eligible graduate program, and enrolled in at least six hours to receive funding.

## **Types of Aid**

- **Scholarships:** need-based or merit-based gifts that do not have to be repaid. While not all scholarships require a FAFSA on file, it is recommended you complete one.
- **Loans:** borrowed money that must be repaid with interest.
- **Grants:** gift aid that does not have to be repaid.

## **Non U.S. Citizens**

If you're a Texas resident and not a U.S. citizen, or you're ineligible for Federal Aid, the state of Texas offers the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA).

*Learn more about the TASFA by visiting [shsu.edu/tasfa](https://shsu.edu/tasfa).*



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## Scholarships

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SHSU has a variety of scholarships that are awarded for achievement in academics, leadership, and extracurricular activities. To review your scholarship eligibility, visit the **Scholarships4Kats** portal.

## Loans

If you accept a Direct Loan, you must complete Entrance Counseling and sign a master promissory note. Visit [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) for more information.

## Grants

The most common grant available for graduate students is the TEACH Grant, which can help you pay for college if you plan to teach in a high-need field in a low-income area.



## Assistantships

Graduate, teaching, and research assistantships are available in most departments. If awarded, you may qualify for in-state tuition and other benefits. Contact your program advisor for availability information.

## Research Funding

Research funds may be used to purchase necessary equipment, software, or datasets needed to complete a project. Awardees may receive up to \$1,200 in graduate student funding per academic year. Conference travel funding of up to \$1,200 is available for students traveling to events sponsored by a professional organization.





## Aid Acceptance

Financial aid notifications are sent to SHSU student email accounts. Use your **MySam** account to review, accept, or decline offered aid.

*Scan for financial aid how-to guides.*



**September 30**  
FAFSA Priority Date  
(Spring Only)



**December 2023**  
FAFSA Opens at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)



**February 15, 2024**  
FAFSA Priority Date





## Course Load Full-time Graduate Student

**Fall Semester**  
9 credit hours

**Spring Semester**  
9 credit hours

**Summer Semester**  
6 credit hours

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### Cost Calculator

[shsu.edu/cost](https://shsu.edu/cost)

The SHSU Cost Calculator provides an estimate of what you will pay for one semester based on credit hour and parking permit selections.

*It is an estimation only and does not reflect financial awards such as scholarships, grants, or loans.*



#### Tuition & Fees (Texas Resident)

6 Hours	\$2,980
9 Hours	\$4,333
12 Hours	\$5,685
Optional Parking Permit (one year)	\$198

\*Based on Fall 2023/Spring 2024 rates and subject to change. For the most up-to-date financial information and to estimate online classes, international, or out-of-state costs, visit [shsu.edu/cost](https://shsu.edu/cost).





## Services and Support

[shsu.edu/thegraduateschool](https://shsu.edu/thegraduateschool)

At The Graduate and Professional School, we believe that building a community of support is important to our graduate students. Our community goes beyond academics to include the development of professional skills and mental and emotional strength. We encourage the discovery of leadership abilities, building relationships with mentors, creating opportunities for future development, and much more. We believe that success begins with academics and ends with the whole person.

- **The Graduate Computer Lab and Student Lounge** are spaces that provide resources for research, exam review, presentation or project prep, career-oriented tasks, and general community. The lab and lounge are equipped with computer stations, basic school supplies, free printing and scanning, and comfortable workspaces.
- **Thesis/Dissertation Support** includes numerous resources during the thesis dissertation writing process. The Graduate and Professional School oversees and implements the thesis dissertation policies, guidelines, and submission process.
- **Thesis Boot Camp** provides support to master's scholars through the various phases of their thesis or capstone projects. This event is designed for participants to work with experienced faculty and support staff for personalized coaching, intensive writing blocks, intentional goal setting, and individualized writing plans.
- **Dissertation Boot Camp** allows doctoral scholars to partner with faculty for coaching, intensive writing sessions, and creating individualized writing plans.
- **K.A.T.C.H. (Kattributes. Academic Support. Toolkits. Community. Holistic.)** sessions are accountability and goal-setting meetings where students support each other when studying for an exam, working on a paper, or editing a dissertation.
- **Professional Coaching** provides the student with personalized support for goal setting, career and life choice discernment, and professional soft skills. Scholars engage in online sessions with coaches professionally trained to help students maximize their own potential.

## Sam Houston State University

Named for Sam Houston, Texas' greatest hero, Sam Houston State University continually strives to honor its historical roots through academic excellence that includes exceptional teaching from faculty. For over 140 years, SHSU has been preparing students for meaningful lives of achievement. Its motto, "The measure of a Life is its Service," resonates among its 21,000+ students and echoes across eight colleges and beyond its Huntsville roots.











*Discover Leadership*  
**Achievement Programs**

The Graduate and Professional School at SHSU encourages the discovery of leadership abilities, building relationships with mentors, and creating opportunities for future development.



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# Achievement Programs

## R.O.A.D to PhD Program

The Resource and Outreach for Academic Diversity (R.O.A.D) program provides networking and academic success training for minority doctoral students to build a comprehensive plan of research and professional development. All program participants receive scholarship funding and other program incentives annually.

## A.S.P.I.R.E Program

The Academic Success Program in Research Empowerment (A.S.P.I.R.E) program provides first-generation and minority graduate students with professional development, academic success seminars, and faculty mentoring experiences. Program participants receive scholarships each semester, as well as textbooks, and other program incentives.

## Career Mentoring

The Graduate and Professional School offers opportunities for mentorship from faculty advisors, peers, and the Career Advisory Board members.

## GUIDE

The Graduate/Undergraduate Instructor Academy is a professional development event designed to aid research, graduate, and teaching assistants with instructional training and resources.



## Professional Development

Our professional development series aims to help you confidently venture into a competitive academic program or professional work environment after completing your program. We offer a variety of topics including:

- ✓ **Strategizing job searches**
- ✓ **Interview techniques**
- ✓ **Salary negotiation**



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**620**

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## Graduate School Orientation

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This orientation is an exciting in-person event where you can learn more about the resources and services available, tour campus, and meet with faculty and fellow students. An online orientation is also available through blackboard.

## Prospective Graduate Student Events

We offer events and webinars to learn about graduate education before submitting an application. Events include:

- Graduate 101 Informational Sessions
- Free GRE Preparatory Workshops
- Graduate Program Open Houses
- Campus Visits
- Application Boot Camps
- Prospective Student Workshops
- Graduate Exploration Week

### SHSU Online

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