

List of Universities in the USA with App Fee waiver for International Students

University	App Fee Waiver	Link
Penn University	Yes, but with a clause	https://www.gse.upenn.edu/admissions/application-requirements-deadlines/application-fee
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Yes, but with a clause	https://gradadmissions.mit.edu/about/diversity-initiatives/fee-waiver
Southwestern University	Yes	https://www.southwestern.edu/admission/apply/index.php
Illinois Wesleyan University	Yes	https://www.iwu.edu/international/admission.html
University of Dayton	Yes	https://udayton.edu/my/application.php
Ohio Wesleyan University	Yes	https://www.owu.edu/admission/apply/international-students/how-to-apply/
Yale University	Yes, but with a clause	https://gsas.yale.edu/admissions/phdmasters-application-process/application-fees-fee-waivers
New York University	Yes, but with a clause	https://wagner.nyu.edu/faq/can-i-have-my-application-fee-waiver
University of Dartmouth	Yes, but with a clause	https://admissions.dartmouth.edu/glossary-term/application-fee-waiver
University of California	Yes, but with a clause	https://www.gradadmissions.ucsc.edu/application-fee
Northwestern University	Yes, but with a clause	https://www.tgs.northwestern.edu/admission/application-procedures/application-requirements/fee.html
Harvard College	Yes, but with a clause	https://college.harvard.edu/resources/faq/paying-admissions-application-fee-hardship-my-family-can-i-get-waiver
GeorgeTown University	Yes, but with a clause	https://uadmissions.georgetown.edu/applying/fee-waiver/-1
University of Missouri	Yes, but with a clause	https://gradschool.missouri.edu/policy/application-fee/
Walden University	Yes	https://www.waldenu.edu/admissions#beforeyouapply

Northeastern University	Yes, but with a clause	https://www.northeastern.edu/graduate/admissions-information/how-to-apply/the-process/
Saint Louis University	Yes, but with a clause	https://www.slu.edu/apply.php
Chatham University	Yes	https://chatham.edu/admission-and-aid/graduate/admission-info/index.html
University of Maryland Global Campus	Yes, till August 31, 2021	https://www.umgc.edu/administration/policies-and-reporting/policies/fiscal-and-business-affairs/application-fee-waiver.cfm
University of Massachusetts Boston (College of Information & Computer Sciences)	Yes, though limited	https://www.cics.umass.edu/admissions/application-instructions
University of Florida	Yes, but with a clause	https://www.usf.edu/admissions/graduate/next-steps/graduate-forms.aspx
UtahState University ITLS graduate program only*	Yes, but with a clause	https://itls.usu.edu/apply/application-fee-waiver/index
Columbia University	Yes, but with a clause	https://gsas.columbia.edu/degree-programs/admissions/application-fee-waivers
West Virginia University.	contact your intended graduate program	https://graduateadmissions.wvu.edu/contact-us/application-faq
University of Oregon	Yes, but limited	https://graduatestudies.uoregon.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/application-fee-waivers
Brown University	Yes, but with a clause	https://www.brown.edu/academics/gradschool/application-fee-waivers

Tufts University	Yes, but with a clause	https://asegrad.tufts.edu/admissions/requirements-and-policies
Rowan University	Yes	https://global.rowan.edu/admissions/international.html
California East Bay	Undergraduate only*	https://www.csueastbay.edu/admissions/documents-deadlines-and-important-information/application-fee.html
Tulane University	Yes, but for a few programs	https://sse.tulane.edu/cell/academics/graduate/doctoral/apply
The Culinary Institute of America	APPLY21	https://www.ciachef.edu/

Note*

This list will be updated as time goes on.

Clause* The Graduate School may consider a waiver of the application fee for applicants who demonstrate financial need, political or personal hardship, or other circumstances that make paying the application fee unduly unaffordable. You may upload a document explaining the reason for your request, and upload materials to support your requests, such as letters from your university, tax returns, or other financial documents.

How to get an Application Fee waiver

1. Attend open sessions
2. Write the graduate office
3. Formally, request for an app fee waiver

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Dear Sir/Ma,

I am excited to begin my application to your university for my graduate study.

I will be glad to know if there is an application fee waiver I can explore especially for applicants from Nigeria.

Thank you!

Cheers,

Olumuyiwa



Mary Blank <blankm@southwestern.edu>

to me ▼

Aug 23, 2021, 5:23 AM (2 days ago)



Hello,

We don't require an application fee.

Mary

Application Fee Waiver Request Template

Subject: Request for Application Fee Waiver

28L, Adegbayi Street
Ado Ekiti
Ekiti State, Nigeria
27 August, 2021

Professor Tanimowon
Director of Admission,
University of Efon Alaaye ,
V6T076
United State of America

Dear Professor, Tanimowon,

REQUEST FOR APPLICATION FEE WAIVER

I am writing to request an application fee waiver to submit my application for the Master/PhD program at the Department of XXXX, University of Ijan Ekiti, USA.

My name is Ayomide Oluwaseun. I recently completed my bachelor's degree in physics at the University of Efon Alaaye. I have always been interested in infectious diseases right from high school.

My dream is to have my own research group and contribute to solving mysteries about pathogens.

My inability to pay the application fee is because of my family's financial status. We have also been greatly affected by COVID 9 and political unrest which has resulted in a lack of stable income for my family. I am from a family of 5 with a total annual income of XXX.

My siblings even struggle to attend classes because of the uneven distribution of income and the cost of education in my home country.
I am optimistic that my dream of becoming a professor of microbiology will be further enhanced if this request can be granted.

Please find attached my family tax statement and current balance of the account

Thank you for your anticipated response

Best wishes,
Ojo Iberu

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