



Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Application Fee Waiver Policy

Sanford Burnham Prebys Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences application fee waivers are available to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Eligibility is based on program participation, financial need or U.S. veteran status.

Applicants from these programs automatically receive a fee waiver:

- AmeriCorps
- Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (BUILD)
- Fulbright
- The Gates Scholarship
- Institute for Recruitment of Teachers (IRT)
- Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP)
- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program (MMUF)
- Maximizing Access to Research Careers (MARC)
- Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD)
- Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE)
- National Undergraduate Summer Research Project (NSURP)
- Post-Baccalaureate Research and Education Program (PREP)
- Ronald McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program
- Teach for America
- Vista/Peace Corps
- U.S. military veterans

This list is not all-inclusive. If your program is not listed, please contact the graduate office to be considered for a waiver. U.S. military veterans should submit Form DD214. Others should submit the appropriate documentation of their participation in one of the programs listed above.

To request a financial need-based waiver, please submit documentation that demonstrates your financial need. Examples include:

1. A letter from a financial aid officer at the college or university you are currently attending that demonstrates financial need and includes your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC).
2. Your most recent Student Aid Report (SAR). The SAR is generated from the information you provide on your [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) form and includes your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). *(Do not submit the entire FAFSA.)*
3. Official verification of current participation in a government aid program based on low income.
4. Copy of the waiver granted by the GRE testing service within the past year.
5. Other documents that show other evidence of having grown up in a substantially low-income/economically disadvantaged family. Documents will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Documents will be reviewed by the Graduate Program, and you will be notified if you qualify for a need-based waiver. Fee waivers must be approved in advance of the application. Please submit all documents to the Sanford Burnham Prebys Graduate Office at admissions@sbpdiscovery.org for review.