

Graduate & Professional Studies

University of Pittsburgh

Pitt Students and Alumni: Get Money for Graduate School at Pitt

Is graduate school in your future? Think Pitt. With the Pitt2Pitt scholarship, which awards up to \$7,500 per year for graduating University of Pittsburgh students and alumni, you can get a jump start on grad school in the place you already call home.

The scholarship launched in 2020 in response to dips in the job market related to the COVID-19 pandemic, to support current students considering further education instead of entering the job market right away, or alumni seeking to boost their professional skills or change careers.

Jake Matthews, a 2022 Pitt2Pitt Scholarship recipient who is now a graduate student in the Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, spoke to Pittwire about his experience. “After spending one or two months on the job hunt after graduation, I got some offers that weren’t exactly what I was looking for,” he said. “I’m undertaking a Master of Science in Quantitative Economics for a leg up into the industry at the level that I want.”

Since inception, Pitt2Pitt has supported more than 300 students. The program is here to stay and is growing, with more than 80 participating graduate and professional programs in fields such as law, business, health sciences, education, social work, and technology. Example degrees include Master of Science in Health Informatics (MS), Master of Science in Chemical Engineering, Part-Time MBA (MBA), and Master of Science in Nursing with Nursing Informatics specialty (MSN). Alumni and graduating seniors at the Oakland campus as well as regional campuses are eligible for the funds.

“Pitt has incredibly talented, driven undergraduate students. And they already know the quality of education here—so many of our programs are ranked nationally and internationally,” says Vice Provost for Graduate Studies Amanda Godley, whose office established the scholarship. “To be able to encourage them to stay for grad school is a win-win, for Pitt and for our students.”

The scholarship seeks to increase access and equity, pillars of Pitt’s overall mission. In addition to the scholarship money, most Pitt2Pitt programs waive the application fee for graduating Pitt seniors and alumni. Also, many offer online and hybrid learning options as well as part-time tracks for increased flexibility.

And for current students already living in Pittsburgh, sticking around means avoiding the cost, hassle, and mental load of relocating.

“Moving to a new place is distracting,” said Matthews. “I like that I could just focus on school.”

Indeed, pursuing advanced education is bound to push the “comfort zone” academically, so some might appreciate keeping other aspects of life familiar. When surveyed about potential benefits of staying at Pitt for grad school, one student wrote, It’s familiar to me. I’ve been around Oakland all my life. The professors. The programs. It’s home. I would get a sense of comfort. It wouldn’t seem foreign. It would be easier.

Plus, who wouldn’t want to stay close to their favorite hiking trail and takeout joint?

If you’re a Pitt student interested in finding out more about grad school options and funding, check out one of our Exploring Graduate Education At Pitt Workshops hosted by the David C. Frederick Honors College and Pitt Graduate Studies. The workshops will facilitate discussions on how to decide if graduate education is right for you, choosing a school, creating the best application, and applying for funding (including the Pitt2Pitt scholarship). Join remotely or in person with lunch or dinner provided on March 16, May 23, July 23, October 3, or December 7. Register for a workshop and view participating Pitt2Pitt scholarship programs here: www.gradstudies.pitt.edu/pitt2pitt.

Maybe your best option, after all, is right here. #H2P

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There are more than 80 participating Pitt2Pitt graduate or professional programs in areas such as Business, Education, Engineering, Government, Health Sciences, Law, Natural and Social Sciences, and Technology. Many flexible, part-time, online, and hybrid options are also available.

For all the details on the Pitt2Pitt Scholarship, visit gradstudies.pitt.edu/pitt2pitt



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