

Financial Aid Resources

The [IIT Financial Aid](#) office has various tools and resources for students related to budgeting and planning, loans, external scholarships, and more. Below are a few of the resources they recommend starting with. Please note that many are a bit more tailored to undergraduate students, but that is noted where applicable.

Budgeting

- Review expected tuition and program fees above and on our individual [program pages](#) (click on the program of interests and scroll down to the “Costs”)
- Review additional [cost of living estimates](#)
- Utilize the financial literacy tools found in the [Financial Aid Tools](#) page under “Financial Literacy”

Financial aid dashboard + Loans

- Navigate to the “How-to Guides for the Financial Aid Dashboard” section on the [Financial Aid Tools](#) page. This is where you find loans, aid requirements, forms, and more. This is most applicable to domestic students.
- [FASTChoice](#) includes a list of preferred lenders for loans. Many are more tailored to domestic students.
- [MPOWER](#) is a lender that many graduate international students use. We cannot recommend any providers directly, but it may be a good place to start.

External scholarships

- Review the [outside scholarships page](#)
- Find external search engines for external scholarships on the “scholarship engines” tab of the [Scholarship Opportunities spreadsheet](#). Most of these are geared towards undergraduate domestic students but graduate students can find things here too, it just takes a little more digging.
- Review the [Online Funding and Scholarship Databases](#) list. This page may also take some extra digging.
- The [Office of Sponsored Research and Programs](#) also has a short list of awards. These may not always be relevant to Institute of Design students but it’s worth the research.

Questions?

If you have any questions or need some budgeting tips along the way, we recommend [booking an appointment](#) directly with the Financial Aid team, which can be done by phone, Google Meet, or in-person.