



DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

The table on the second page of the Visa Request form (VRF) asks you to indicate the amount of funding you will have available for each year of your graduate program. Below are examples of correctly completed Source of Funds Tables that take into account both the source of funding and the duration of the graduate program. These examples represent the most common funding scenarios. If you do not see your source of funding below and you are not sure how to complete the table, please contact us at engineering@gwu.edu.

Please note: like the VRF, this document uses *estimated* cost of attendance. The actual cost for a given year may be different from the amounts entered on the charts below (or on the VRF), based on estimated living costs and the tuition required by most of the University's graduate programs for the 2024- 2025 academic year. Some programs have non-standard tuition, resulting in amounts different from those listed below. Detailed information on tuition rates is available on the Student Accounts website.

Doctoral programs typically require five years of study. Accordingly, the required amount of funding should be indicated on the chart for Year 1 through Year 5.

GWU Doctoral Funding

The chart below shows how to complete the chart for doctoral students who have been offered a tuition/stipend/assistantship package by GWU:

Table with columns: SOURCE OF FUNDS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5. Rows include SELF - SUPPORT, FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR, GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR, GW, OTHER (specify), and TOTAL. GW row shows \$ 63,132.00 for all years. TOTAL row shows \$ 63,132.00 for all years.

Self-Support

This chart is appropriate for doctoral students who are relying solely on their own funds to support their studies. In this example, the financial document in the student's name must show **at least** \$63,132 x 5 in liquid funds available, or \$315,660:

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS <i>(must be provided for estimated length of program)</i>				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$ 63,132.00	63,132.00	63,132.00	63,132.00	63,132.00
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$				
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$				
OTHER (specify)	\$				
TOTAL Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 63,132.00	63,132.00	63,132.00	63,132.00	63,132.00

Family/Individual Sponsor

This chart shows funding for doctoral students who will receive full support from a family member or other individual sponsor. In the sample below, the financial document in the sponsor's name must show **at least** \$63,132 in liquid funds:

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS <i>(must be provided for estimated length of program)</i>				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$				
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$ 63,132.00	63,132.00	63,132.00	63,132.00	63,132.00
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$				
OTHER (specify)	\$				
TOTAL Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 63,132.00	63,132.00	63,132.00	63,132.00	63,132.00

Combining Sources of Funding

The chart below shows funding for doctoral students who will rely on a combination of self-support and family/individual sponsor support. Please note that the combined funds must meet or exceed the minimum required amount for each year of the program. A similar approach should be used when combining funds from other funding sources. In the below case, the financial document in the student's name must show at least \$50,000, while the document in the family sponsor's name must show at least the sponsor amount for Year 1 (\$53,132):

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS				
	<i>(must be provided for estimated length of program)</i>				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$ 10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$ 53,132.00	53,132.00	53,132.00	53,132.00	53,132.00
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$				
OTHER (specify)	\$				
TOTAL Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 63,132.00	63,132.00	63,132.00	63,132.00	63,132.00

The following is an example of a doctoral student with funding from GW who is bringing a dependent. To bring a spouse, students must demonstrate an additional \$11,228 per year. In this case, the financial document in the student's name must show \$56,140.

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS				
	<i>(must be provided for estimated length of program)</i>				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$ 11,228.00	11,228.00	11,228.00	11,228.00	11,228.00
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$				
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$ 63,132.00	63,132.00	63,132.00	63,132.00	63,132.00
OTHER (specify)	\$				
TOTAL Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 74,360.00	74,360.00	74,360.00	74,360.00	74,360.00

Government/Agency Sponsor

Use this line on the chart if you are funded by a governmental organization or by another (noncommercial) national or international organization.

Other

This is rare. You might use this line if you are be sponsored by a private sector company. Special additional documents are required in this case; please email engineering@gwu.edu with any questions.

Loans

If the loan is in the student's name, the amount of the loan is considered as "self-support" funds (line 1). If the loan is in a family member's name, it is considered as "family sponsor" funds. **Loans should not be listed on the "Other" line.**