

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a purple jacket, is shown in profile from the chest up, looking towards the right. She is standing in front of a wall covered in a colorful, abstract pattern of overlapping lines and shapes in shades of red, blue, and white. The lighting is soft, and the overall mood is contemplative.

Graduate

Tuition +

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Making It

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**SFAI**  
SAN FRANCISCO  
ART INSTITUTE

**San Francisco Art Institute is a supportive and individualized community, and those qualities are reflected in the financial aid strategies and resources offered to students funding their education at SFAI.**

Tuition for SFAI students is charged at a flat rate if you are enrolled full time (12–15 units), and at a per-unit rate if you are taking 11 units or less.

This means that if you multiply SFAI's cost per unit by the total number of units in your program, you will end up with a number that is higher than the actual cost of tuition.

## **MFA**

Tuition for a full-time MFA student for the 2017–18 academic year was \$46,010 for two semesters.

## **MA**

Tuition for a full-time MA student for the 2017–18 academic year was \$46,010 for two semesters. Tuition for a second year MA student for the 2017–18 academic year was \$24,240 for two semesters.

## **LOW RESIDENCY MFA**

Tuition for a first-year Low Residency MFA student for the 2017–18 academic year was \$27,613 for three semesters. Tuition for a second or third year Low Residency MFA student for the 2017–18 academic year was \$32,221 for three semesters.

## **POST-BACCALAUREATE**

Tuition for a full-time Post Bacc student for the 2017–18 academic year was \$46,010 for two semesters.

## **DUAL DEGREE MFA/MA**

Tuition for a first-year Dual Degree student for the 2017–18 academic year was \$46,010 for two semesters. Tuition for a third-year Dual Degree student for the 2017–18 academic year was \$24,240 for two semesters.

Tuition is updated each February.

To find the most current tuition rates, visit: [sfai.edu/financialaid](http://sfai.edu/financialaid)

# Fellowships

**\$12,500** /academic year  
MFA Dean's Fellowship

**\$35,000** /academic year  
MFA Presidential Fellowship

**Full-tuition Award**  
MFA Trustee Fellowship

**75% tuition Award**  
MFA Low Residency Fellowship

**Full-tuition Award**  
MA Fellowship

**\$10,000** /academic year  
Harlan Jackson Diversity Scholarship

All candidates who submit applications on or before the priority deadline will be considered for these awards during the admissions review based on the strength of their application materials. Recipients of these awards must maintain full-time enrollment status and a high level of artistic development during the course of their graduate studies at SFAl.

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**For more information about Financial Aid, please contact:**

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415.749.4520  
[sfai.edu/financialaid](http://sfai.edu/financialaid)

# Grants

Grants can cover up to 20% of tuition each academic year. SFAl grants are need-based and are awarded through the Financial Aid Office to U.S. citizens and eligible noncitizens who demonstrate financial need beyond any scholarship assistance.

## How to Apply

To be considered for grants, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required. We encourage you to complete your FAFSA early in the application process.

You can submit the FAFSA online at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) using SFAl school code 003948. The 2018/2019 FAFSA will be available on October 1, 2017.

SFAl Matching VA Benefits are also available to Veterans and Service members who qualify.

# Loans

Federal Loans and Graduate PLUS Loans may be available to students based on FAFSA information, and graduate students can also use Graduate PLUS loans to cover housing and other personal expenses while in school.

Post-Baccalaureate students are also eligible for federal loans and sometimes Parent PLUS loans. Private loans can help meet the cost of attendance that is not met with scholarship and financial aid.

To learn more about your loan options, visit: [sfai.edu/financialaid](http://sfai.edu/financialaid)



MFA candidate Kate Laster at the 2017 Grad Open Studios

## Outside Awards

There are many opportunities available, and you can begin the process of identifying and applying for outside scholarships through the following search engines:

- Fastweb.com
- Scholarships.com
- Chegg.com

The US Department of Education also provides useful information and online resources for finding scholarships, which you can access: [studentaid.gov/scholarships](https://studentaid.gov/scholarships)

You may also want to apply for awards and opportunities connected to your art and academic practice. As you begin this research, the following resources are a great place to start:

- Mira's List
- NYFA.org
- Art Deadlines List

## Non-US Citizens

If you submit your application on or before the priority deadline you will be considered for merit-based fellowships during the admissions process.

These awards are highly competitive, and most international students finance their education with a combination of personal funds and outside awards including Fulbright, Colfuturo, or awards from organizations in their home countries.

An international appeal form is available for need-based awards and you can request this form from your admission counselor.

**For more information on international scholarship opportunities, visit: [educationusa.state.gov/find-financial-aid](https://educationusa.state.gov/find-financial-aid)**

# Career Resources

In addition to leading workshops for students to learn more about opportunities, resources and skill-sets that are invaluable for career development, our Student Affairs office conducts one-on-one meetings to help edit proposals and CVs, or help with where to start when researching internships, galleries and residencies.

To learn more about the resources at SFAI, visit: [sfai.edu/career](https://sfai.edu/career)

## Work on Campus

For locating on-campus positions, SFAI has a job board open to current students, where job openings throughout the school are posted. Typically, you can work up to 20 hours a week (it varies based on position and department needs), and the hourly payment starts at San Francisco minimum wage.

On-campus job opportunities include work in the Admissions Office, where students assist with campus tours, administrative functions, and event planning and execution. You may also work in the Library, Walter and McBean Galleries, Student Affairs, Academic Resource Center, Residence Halls, or any campus studio facility that is hiring.

## Teaching/Graduate Assistantships

There are both paid and unpaid Teaching/Graduate Assistantships. TA/GAs last one semester- the duration of the class you are assisting. Students in their 3rd and 4th semesters are given priority for paid teaching assistantships.

TA/GAships are paid hourly for 6-10 hours per week, and students typically use these funds to supplement their living expenses while in school.



# Living in SF

There are many ways that you can offset the cost of your education while also developing experience that will help you reach your personal and professional goals:

- Kickstarter funding
- Sell artwork over the summer to family + friends!
- Online housing board and housing guide to help find the most affordable place to live and the best community for you or request a triple room in the Residence Halls
- Option to waive Health Insurance (with proof of comparable coverage)

Left: MFA student Lauren Menzies in her studio



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Cover: A visitor to the 2017 MFA Exhibition  
looks closely at an installation by SuperMrin  
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