

FINANCIAL AID NEWSLETTER

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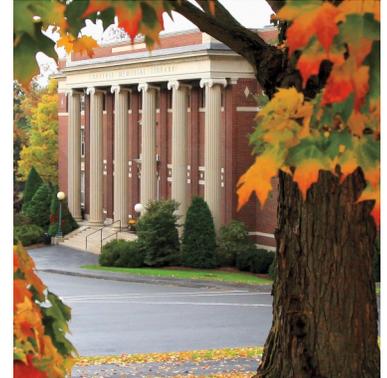
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Upcoming Reminders: October 1—2020-21 Application Forms available online (CSS Profile and FAFSA)

Due Now—Sibling Enrollment Verification Forms Due (details below)

Due Now—Student Expenses Survey (sent out via email)

Welcoming new Financial Aid Peer Ambassadors!

We are pleased to introduce three new members to our Financial Aid Peer Ambassadors team! Learn more about our new ambassadors Andres Nino '22, Emma Cape '22, and Abdullah Brown-EI '22, as well as our original ambassadors Sara, Andrea, Esther and Grace through reading their bios linked below.

<https://www.amherst.edu/offices/financialaid/peer-ambassadors/meet-the-ambassadors-2019-20->

You can reach the ambassadors through...

- **Frost café drop-in hours: Sunday 2-4pm & Sunday-Thursday 7-9pm**
- **Email: finaidpeers@amherst.edu**



Computer Purchases

If you receive need-based scholarship from the College, you may borrow a student loan for purchase of a reasonably priced, education-related computer. Appropriate software and equipment (e.g. network card, printer, etc.) may also be included.

Students with Siblings in College

If you indicated in your aid application that a sibling will be enrolled in college in 2019-2020, you may have recently been sent several notices requesting their enrollment be confirmed by your sibling's institution. Financial aid for the school year may be revised based on changes in information initially reported or forms not submitted.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT AT AMHERST

Looking for a campus job? Join **Handshake** for all jobs posted on and off campus by following these simple steps:

1

Login to Handshake using your Amherst login details.

<https://amherst.joinhandshake.com/login>

2

Click on the Jobs tab and search using appropriate filters. (e.g. On-Campus / Full-Time Job / Internship)

The screenshot shows the Handshake website navigation bar with the 'Jobs' tab highlighted. Below the navigation bar is a search bar with the text 'Job titles, employers, or keywords' and a location field 'City, State, Zip Code, or Address'. Below the search bar are several filter buttons: 'Full-Time Job', 'Part-Time', 'Internship', 'On-Campus', and 'Filters'. An arrow points to the 'Filters' button with the text 'Filters let you see job listings under specific categories'. There is also a 'My Favorite Jobs' button.

3

Look through the listings and apply to the job of your choice through handshake.

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Jobs are updated and taken down in real time, so make sure to check handshake periodically.

IMPORTANT

If you need assistance in finding a job, contact Nancy Robinson at the Office of Financial Aid at:
narobinson@amherst.edu

The screenshot shows a job listing for 'On-Campus Photographer at the Digital Programs Dept. @ Frost Library'. The listing includes the job title, location, and a 'Quick Apply' button. Below the job title, there are several green checkmarks indicating that the user matches all of Amherst College On-Campus Opportunities's preferences: Major, GPA, and School Year. The job description and requirements are also visible.

You can apply through handshake's internal application process.

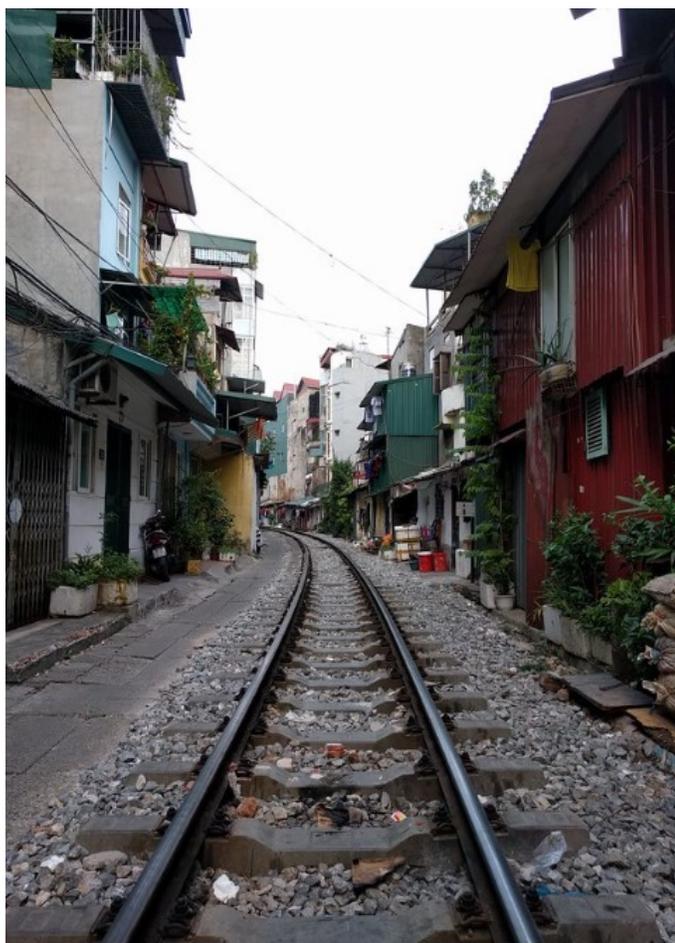
Help With Unreimbursed Medical, Emergency Dental and Optical Expenses

Students whose total parental contribution is \$5,000 or less (unadjusted for number of children in college) may be eligible for help with co-pay, medical, emergency dental and optical expenses incurred,

Expenses must be incurred after the first day of classes (Jan. 21, 2020) and before the last day of exams each semester (Dec. 22, 2019, May. 15, 2020). Students need to plan ahead for anticipated costs over winter and summer break.

Students must be enrolled during an academic semester to be eligible.

Any eligible student must confer with the Office of Financial Aid before making arrangements for eye exams or emergency dental care appointments.



Are you Planning to Study Away For Spring Semester? It is important to plan ahead!

If you intend to study abroad or go on a domestic exchange for the spring semester, please schedule an appointment with Dean Gentile to discuss the process for transfer of your aid to your program, if you haven't already done so, through the following link:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/selfsched?sstoken=UUZGNXJxZmtNbzZ6fGRIZmF1bHR8ODY1ZTQ1ODViZjc5OWFkYjk4ZTIhODMzYjA1MDMwNWM>

Students should submit required paperwork to the office. Many spring semester programs have payment deadlines in late November or early December and it takes time to revise awards and have checks issued.

In general, your financial aid is adjusted according to the educational costs of your program. Your family contribution is the same whether you are at Amherst or studying away.

Appointments are necessary if you are receiving any aid, even if a student or parent loan is the only resource being transferred.

Information about financial aid and study away from the college is available on our website: https://www.amherst.edu/offices/financialaid/studyabroad_aid

Funds to Cover Other Expenses

Refunds and Advances

If you have a credit (negative balance) showing on your student account in ACdata, you may request a refund of the excess amount, or if your financial aid will result in a credit balance due to pending aid, you may request an advance on your aid. Please plan ahead in making your requests.

Requests for financial aid refunds and advances are prepared by the Controller's Office once a week—must be received by Tuesday—and are mailed to students' post office boxes on Fridays.

Book Costs

If you receive scholarship from the College and your costs for required books and supplies exceed \$1,000 this academic year, your grant aid can be adjusted for the difference. To request an adjustment you should send the Office of Financial Aid a listing of your courses and documentation for the total costs incurred for books and supplies for each class. Costs can include course packets and lab fees charged to your student account. If you have questions, contact the Office of Financial Aid.

Student Expenses Survey

Reminder to students to complete the Student Expenses Survey that was sent out via email!

Tools to Stay Informed

Check Your Financial Aid Application Status and Review Aid Awards Online

Financial aid awards for students may be reviewed online. These records may be accessed through the FA portal at: <http://amherst.edu/go/faportal> by entering your Amherst username and password. A link to this site is on our website home page at <https://www.amherst.edu/offices/financialaid>.

What if I have some questions about my award?

If you have a question about your financial aid award, please visit, call, or write to clarify things. Staff is available to discuss the application process, individual aid programs, the crediting of aid to student accounts, and general policy and procedures.