

# FINANCIAL AID NEWSLETTER

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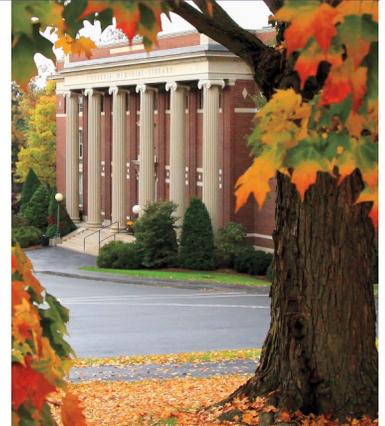
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Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

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**Upcoming Reminders:** October 1—2021-22 Application Forms available online (CSS Profile and FAFSA)  
Due Now—Sibling Enrollment Verification Forms Due (details below)

### Financial Aid Office: Remote & Available!

We are still here and happy to help with any questions by phone or zoom. Follow this link to make appointments on-line Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2-4pm EST.

[Click Here to Schedule an Appointment](#)

### Financial Aid Peer Ambassadors

As we enter the final stretch of the semester, we would like to remind all students that the Financial Aid Peer Ambassadors are always a quick and easy resource to go to with any finance-related inquiries.

Feel free to reach out to the ambassadors with any questions on topics including but not restricted to financial aid renewal, study abroad, student employment, and summer employment. The Peer Ambassadors are available by appointment. They can be reached through their email at [finaidpeers@amherst.edu](mailto:finaidpeers@amherst.edu).

You can learn more about the ambassadors and their roles on the Financial Aid Peer Ambassador Program page on our [website](#).

### Students with Siblings in College

Sibling verification date for returning forms due Oct 5th

If you indicated in your aid application that a sibling was expected to be enrolled in college in 2020-2021, you may have recently been sent a notice requesting their enrollment be confirmed by your sibling's institution. Your financial aid for the school year may be revised based on changes in information initially reported or forms not submitted. The Sibling Verification form is due October 5.



## 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.

**\*\* Office copays – Out of Network (applies to remote students) - now \$10 copay for other than routine appts (physicals, annual exams) or mental health services.**

- Students on-campus – for expenses including prescriptions through health services, eye care or emergency dental, contact FinAid to confirm if eligible for assistance.

- Remote students – please contact FinAid to discuss your eligibility, options and logistics for support while remote.

**Dates for expenses incurred eligible for financial aid assistance - August 24-December 11, January 4-January 29 (if enrolled for a JTerm class only), February 3 – May14**



## New Emergency Fund

Through the Office of Student Affairs, the College has established a new Student Emergency Fund for students who experience financial strain and need supplemental resources due to temporary hardship. The funds distributed may cover expenses such as unforeseen medical costs, financial stress around housing, food insecurity, and emergency travel.

Amherst maintains a generous financial aid program and is among the minority in offering significant enhancements for students. This fund has been established to meet unique categories not already covered, while recognizing that no college can meet all personal costs for students. Non-recurring and unanticipated expenses in which support can be tied to educational success will be considered. Students should explore all financial aid options prior to making requests of the fund. More information can be found [here](#).

## Study Abroad

A decision about spring study away has not yet been made and the Office of Global Education is advising students to plan to be away **AND** plan to be at Amherst. If you have tentative plans to study abroad for the spring semester, you are welcome to set up a time to meet with Kate Gentile to review the process and learn what paperwork will be required in order to transfer financial aid abroad. You can schedule an appointment with our office [here](#).

Please be assured that if the decision is made that Amherst students will be able to study abroad for the spring semester, there will be enough time to make arrangements for your financial aid to be available.

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. Amherst College now uses the Home School Tuition model so all students who study abroad/away are charged Amherst College tuition for their semester/year away. For more information, see the [Financial Aid and Study Away/Abroad](#) section of our website.

# STUDENT EMPLOYMENT AT AMHERST

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

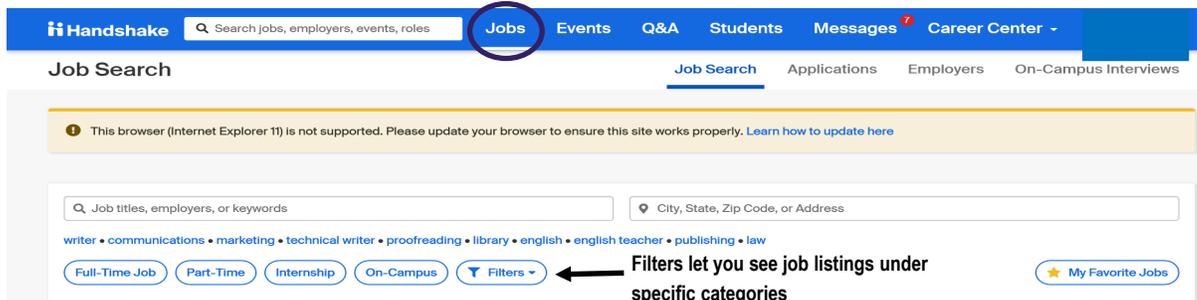
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Login to Handshake using your Amherst login details.

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

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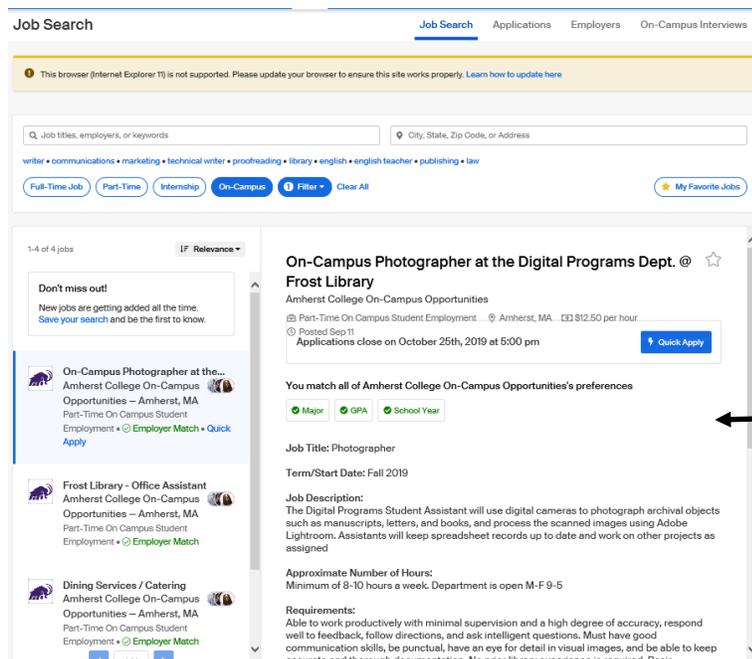
Click on the Jobs tab and search using appropriate filters. (e.g. On-Campus / Full-Time Job / Internship)



3

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

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](mailto:narobinson@amherst.edu)

## Important Changes Effective Fall 2020

As of the fall 2020 semester, student employment authorization will be limited to on-campus and remote work for enrolled students who are residing in the United States.

Due to the laws governing local employment and tax responsibility, any Amherst student who is residing outside the United States, including those who are studying remotely, is unable to work for the college. International students who are studying remotely, but who are still living in the United States, may still work for Amherst.

**Keep your eyes open for information about a new College-wide payroll system coming in December.**

## 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 and Supplies

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.

## 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.

## 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](#) by entering your Amherst username and password.

### What if I have some questions about my award?

If you have a question about your financial aid award, please call (413-542-2296) or email ([finaid@amherst.edu](mailto:finaid@amherst.edu)) to set up a time to discuss (via phone or zoom) your questions. Staff is available to discuss the application process, individual aid programs, the crediting of aid to students accounts, and general policy and procedures.

