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AFFORDING PUBLIC HEALTH SCHOOL

HOW TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

WELCOME TO AN OVERVIEW OF HOW TO AFFORD A GRADUATE SCHOOL

EDUCATION. Funding graduate education is not like undergraduate funding. Awards are not based upon parental income. Scholarships and awards are packaged during the financial aid process in March. For that reason, we encourage you to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), even if you may not have qualified for aid during your undergraduate program. We use the FAFSA to award all funds.

Financial aid eligibility is determined by official cost-of-attendance estimates, but schools differ dramatically in how they assemble these estimates. Emory University computes the estimated cost-of-living figures based on the Consumer Expenditure Survey (CES) and the Indexes of Comparative Costs, both produced by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Although many universities utilize the low range of this survey, Emory uses the moderate cost-of-living numbers to allow students maximum financial aid eligibility. Many students' expenses are well below these estimates, as described in this guide.

Submit the FAFSA, and do it early! This ensures consideration for institutional grant opportunities. The FAFSA is available October 1 this year for the upcoming term. Be sure to take this important first step as you apply to Rollins.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

PLANNING YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION

ATTENDING GRADUATE SCHOOL IS AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR FUTURE. There are a number of sources for funding your public health education. As with any investment, it is important to carefully examine your options.

ROLLINS FUNDING

The Rollins School of Public Health is committed to helping students make their education affordable. We offer several scholarships and grants each year to many of our students. Visit bit.ly/RSPH-funding for a list of available finanacial aid resources.

Merit-Based Scholarships

To be considered for a merit-based scholarship, submit your completed application by January 5, the priority application deadline for eligibility for one of 21 Rollins merit scholarships. In general, merit scholars receive anywhere from 40 percent to 100 percent of tuition, plus a Rollins Earn and Learn (REAL) award.

The James W. Curran and Robert W. Woodruff scholarships are the largest and most prestigious awards offered and include full tuition, a stipend, an applied practice experience award, and a REAL award. Visit bit.ly/rsphmerit for a complete list of all merit-based scholarships.

Mission-Driven Aid

Mission-driven scholarships are available to all students who meet the required criteria and submit a completed application. The following are the mission-driven awards available:

- AmeriCorps and Teach for America
- Bonner Scholarship
- Emory Health Sciences Dual-Degree Award
- External MD/MPH Award
- Returning Peace Corps Volunteers
- Yellow Ribbon Financial Opportunity

Some awards are granted on a first-come, first-serve basis; so, we invite you to more fully explore the criteria for these awards online at bit.ly/rsphmission. PLEASE NOTE that merit-based and mission-driven awards are not cumulative. Students who are eligible for more than one award will receive the award that is of the greater amount.

Institutional & Need-Based Awards

Many of our students are eligible for institutional and need-based awards. These grants range in amount, and are gifted on a first-come, first-serve basis according to the completion date of the FAFSA. It is important to ensure that the FAFSA is completed and submitted to Emory well in advance of the February 15 financial aid deadline to increase your chances of receiving one of these awards. The FAFSA will be available October 1 for completion.

- Lettie Pate Whitehead Scholarship
- Rollins Pathway Award
- Lupton Jones Scholarship
- Ivory Henson Scholarship Fund
- Rollins Earn and Learn (REAL)
- Rollins Incentive Award

One of the primary reasons students choose to study at Rollins is the plethora of applied public health opportunities available in Atlanta, the "Public Health Capital of the World." Our students benefit from our partnerships and through the REAL program which is a workstudy program offered by Rollins. It enables

eligible, full-time MPH and MSPH students valuable opportunities to earn while they learn. REAL provides employment to more than half of our full-time students. The award amount is \$2,500 per semester, or \$5,000 for the academic year. These awards are granted on a first-come, first-serve basis according to the completion date of the FAFSA. International students will be mailed a REAL award application. Visit sph.emory.edu/REAL to learn more about this program.

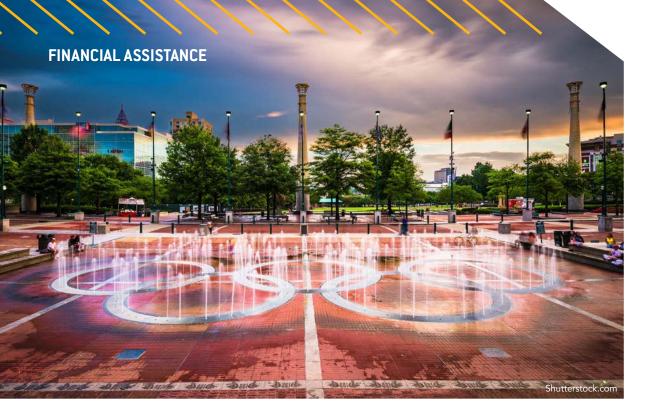
In my first semester, I had the opportunity to work with Rollins faculty members in the beginning stages of exploring how to effectively capture cancer recurrence in national cancer registries. In just a few short months, I've learned how to navigate through pathology data, gain exposure to the inner workings of national surveillance systems and contribute to (and submit) an abstract to the American Association for Cancer Research annual conference. Since my long-term goal is to continue participating in research, these have been both useful and valuable experiences."

Leah Moubadder / '20 MPH, Epidemiology

External Scholarship Opportunities

The Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health has developed a list of scholarship and fellowship opportunities specifically for public health students. See the following links to explore these opportunities:

- aspph.org/study/financing-your-degree/
- aspph.org/study/fellowships-andinternships/



Student Loans

Students may elect to use federal education loans, such as Direct and Grad PLUS Loans, or private educational loans to help finance their educational expenses. Federal loans typically offer more favorable terms than other consumer loans, but they still must be repaid. We encourage students to borrow only what is necessary and to minimize expenses when possible.

\$ Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

Many Rollins students graduate to find fulltime employment in the public sector. Under the PSLF program, borrowers may qualify for forgiveness of the remaining balance of their direct loans after they have made 120 qualifying payments while employed full time by certain public service employers. For more information, visit studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service.

\$ Other Sources Of Assistance

- Part-Time Employment (excluding the REAL program)
- Resident Director Positions
- Veterans Benefits
- Employer Benefits

ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDING ROLLINS

2020-2021 tuition rates*. Tuition rates are posted online at sph.emory.edu/tuition.

DEGREE PROGRAM	LENGTH OF PROGRAM	FULL TIME SEMESTER RATE * [1]
Master of Public Health (excludes Executive MPH)	4 Semesters	\$17,920
Master of Public Health	3 Semesters	\$23,900
Master of Science in Public Health	4 Semesters	\$20,700
Dual Degree Program	2 Semesters in Public Health	\$27,710
Executive MPH, Master of Public Health [2]	6 Semesters (3 course schedule) 9 Semesters (2 course schedule)	\$11,950 \$1,850/per credit hour
Part-time students (enrolled in less than 9 credit hours) - Master of Public Health/ Master of Science in Public Health	Based on the number of credit hours completed per semester	\$2,270/credit hour

^[1] All full-time degree-seeking students (with an exception of the distance program) are charged the semester rate. The full-time semester rate is based on enrollment of nine credit hours or more.

During summer semesters, the hourly rate goes into effect when students sign up for coursework above the three or four semester-program plans, or if they enroll in eight credit hours or less.

FEES	
Administrative*	\$350
Transcript*	\$70
Recreation and Athletic	\$150
Activity	\$97
Mental Health and Counseling	\$91

^{*} One-time fee for entering students. 2020-2021 fees are estimates, based on last year's rates. Please expect a variance of \$100 to \$200.

ESTIMATED VARIABLE COSTS PER SEMESTER		
Living Expenses*	\$10,404	
Books & Supplies	\$280	
Loan Fees	\$565	
Transportation	\$336	

^{*} Emory's living expenses are based on moderate, versus low, cost-of-living estimates to allow students maximum financial aid eligibility.

ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL COSTS

Health Insurance

The annual 2020-21 premium is \$3,816. Students may opt out of the Emory student health insurance plan if covered under another policy that meets Emory's coverage minimums.

Learn more: studenthealth.emory.edu/hs/ insurance fees/health insurance/index.html

Campus Parking

An Emory annual parking pass will cost approximately \$672. Many students avoid this cost completely by taking Cliff, the free Emory shuttle system, riding their bikes, or taking public transportation. Students may also purchase an Eagle permit, a reloadable parking card designed for occasional use.

^[2] Executive MPH program will offer a fixed fee rate for students who enroll in a 6-semester program taking at least 6 credit hours per semester. Students who cannot commit to 6 credits per semester will enroll part-time and pay the credit hour rate.

^{*}FY2020-2021 tuition rates are subject to change upon further review of market conditions within these programs.

YOUR CHOICES MATTER

BUDGETING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SCHOOL

YOUR LIVING CHOICES MAKE A DIFFERENCE. The annual estimated cost of attendance for the 4 semester MPH program at the Rollins School of Public Health is \$63,768 for the 2020-2021 academic year. If you borrow the maximum amount through unsubsidized Federal Direct Stafford Loans and Federal Direct Graduate Plus Loans, you would have approximately \$27,928 for variable expenses (rent, food, books, etc.) for the year, or \$13,964 per semester. The following table shows how far that might go based on high, mid, and low estimates for major living expenses.

ESTIMATED LIVING EXPENSE RANGES

EXPENSE RANGES	HIGH	MID	LOW
Rent (per month)	\$1,000	\$883	\$708
Health insurance (annual)	\$3,816	\$3,296	\$1,500
Food (per month)	\$333	\$283	\$250
Transportation (per month)*	\$246	\$187	\$96
Books (annual)	\$1,580	\$1,180	\$900
Loan fees (annual)	\$1,130	\$1,130	\$1,130
Misc. expenses (per month)	\$125	\$92	\$83

Figures are rounded.

These estimated calculations are based on a voluntary annual living expenses survey administered to current Rollins students. Individual costs will vary.

^{*} If you choose to buy an Emory parking permit, a \$672 (approx.) parking fee is charged in the fall semester directly to your student account. In this example, the high range assumes a parking permit, car insurance, routine maintenance, and gas expenses. The low range assumes that you utilize public transportation, ride a bike to campus, or take Emory's free shuttle system.



HOW MUCH CAN YOU BORROW? You can borrow up to \$63,768 for the 2020-2021 school year toward the estimated cost of the 4-semester MPH program. Figures below are calculated by adding 2 semesters of MPH tuition and recurring fees, as well as the upper range of variable and potential cost estimates. You do not need to borrow the full amount, but the funds will be available if they are needed. Below is a 12-month hypothetical budget, based on the ranges for common living expenses outlined on the previous page:

12-MONTH BUDGET RANGES

Please note your financial aid is awarded for a 9-month period, but expenses cover a 12-month period.

BUDGET RANGES	HIGH	MID	LOW
Rent	\$12,000	\$10,000	\$8,500
Health insurance	\$3,816	\$3,296	\$1,500
Food	\$4,000	\$3,400	\$3,000
Transportation	\$2,960	\$2,250	\$1,150
Books	\$1,580	\$1,180	\$900
Loan fees	\$1,130	\$1,130	\$1,130
Misc. expenses	\$1,500	\$1,100	\$1,000
Tuition	\$35,840	\$35,840	\$35,840
Recurring Fees	\$942	\$942	\$942
Potential total cost of attendance	\$63,768	\$59,138	\$53,962

These estimated calculations are based on a voluntary annual living expenses survey administered to current Rollins students. Individual costs will vary.

The table above illustrates how your individual financial decisions can impact your cost of attending graduate school. Depending on the choices you make—where you live, whether you have a roommate, how much you eat out, etc.—your total cost of attending Rollins School of Public Health could be dramatically lower than the high range estimate.

YOUR CHOICES MATTER

ROLLINS STUDENT SCENARIO

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT ONE ROLLINS STUDENT'S FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE so that you can see an example of the amount of aid our students are awarded. This will help you in determining what you may need to fully cover your educational expenses. You may need far less than you might imagine depending on your living choices.



- Tuition rates increase from year to year at all educational institutions. Please factor in this increase as you consider expenses.
- This is only an example. Award offers vary from student to student.
- You must apply for financial aid EVERY year.
- Award packages may vary from year to year.
- Deferring admission may result in a change in an award offer, particularly if grants are involved.
- The scholarship award reflected is an external award this student found using the ASPPH Funding Your Degree website:
 - aspph.org/study/financing-your-degree/
 - aspph.org/study/fellowships-andinternships/

Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan or Private Loan (optional)	VARIES (based on total cost of attendance)
Scholarship Award	\$10,000
Rollins Earn and Learn Award	\$10,000
Unsubsidized Federal Direct Stafford Loan	\$33,000

If you consider the low-range budget cost featured on the previous page, you would not need to borrow any additional Grad PLUS or private loans to cover your educational costs in this particular scenario.

ROLLINS AS A BEST VALUE

Rollins has one of the lowest tuition costs in comparison to many of our peers in the top 10 schools of public health. We invite you to use this cost comparison worksheet as a guide to determining the best financial choice for you. The Rollins calculations assume the costs for one academic year. Loan fees are not included in this budget since every borrower, despite the institution they ultimately attend, will incur this standard cost.

	ROLLINS	SCHOOL A	SCHOOL B	SCHOOL C
Tuition	\$	\$	\$	\$
Recurring Fees	\$	\$	\$	\$
Rent*	\$	\$	\$	\$
Transportation	\$	\$	\$	\$
Books & Supplies	\$	\$	\$	\$
Food	\$	\$	\$	\$
Health Insurance	\$	\$	\$	\$
Estimated Expenses				
		MINUS		
Loans	\$	\$	\$	\$
Work Study	\$	\$	\$	\$
Scholarships	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Aid	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance**	\$	\$	\$	\$

^{*} Visit the CNN Money Calculator to compare rent rates in other cities: money.cnn.com/calculator/pf/cost-of-living/

^{**} The balance reflects your estimated expenses minus the aid you receive. Depending on how much scholarship support you receive and loans you choose to borrow, your aid may exceed your expenses. In such a case, you may receive a refund or use the balance to reduce the amount of your loans. However, if your expenses exceed your aid, you will need additional funding (i.e. scholarships or loans) to cover your educational costs.

STUDENT TIPS

TIPS FROM STUDENTS

Hear what students have to say! Also, check out the Rollins Student Ambassadors blog, rollinsambassadors.com to learn about life at Rollins from current students.



Priyam Patel



The cost of living in Atlanta is pretty much on par with what I expected coming in, but it's more than worth it for the experience that I've gotten working with major public health organizations like the CDC, CSTE, and Georgia Department of Public Health. Saving money by budgeting, couponing, and meal prepping has been important for me to stick to my projected spending, but overall, I'm pretty happy when I compare the costs and benefits of attending graduate school at Emory.



Sabina Emerenini



In order to manage the costs of living in Atlanta, I suggest trying your best to budget and live within your means. Consider things such as having a roommate and meal prepping. This definitely helped me stay within my projected budget.

'20 MPH, Behavioral Sciences and Health Education



Samraat Saxena



Prioritizing goals and being disciplined in adhering to a set budget have been key to me successfully living in Atlanta.

Because of this, I feel I've been able to see a lot of the city and do what I enjoy, whether it's exploring new neighborhoods, going shopping, playing tennis, or looking for the best chicken wings in Atlanta.

'20 MPH, Behavioral Sciences and Health Education

HOUSING

CHOOSING HOUSING IN ATLANTA

FOR MOST STUDENTS, HOUSING REPRESENTS THEIR MOST SIGNIFICANT

LIVING EXPENSE. Atlanta, with its generally low cost of living, offers a broad range of options. The Rollins campus is located along a pedestrian-friendly corridor with numerous house and apartment rentals within walking distance along Emory's extensive free shuttle routes, or an easy bike ride away. Some students live at Campus Crossings at Briarcliff, a complex of furnished apartments designed for graduate students. The Office of Residential Services hosts an off-campus housing finder at offcampushousing.emory.edu. Dining, grocery, and other types of shopping and salon services are within a three-mile radius of campus.

Popular neighborhoods for students include: Emory Point, Emory Village, Virginia-Highland, Druid Hills, Toco Hills, Inman Park, Candler Park, Morningside, Midtown, and the City of Decatur. Visit the Emory Off-Campus Housing website: offcampushousing.emory.edu/.

Before my first year of graduate school, I spent some time looking for apartments using online tools like Zillow and Emory's off-campus housing search website. I had roommates throughout undergrad and I wanted to try living alone, so I found an unfurnished

apartment that's less than a mile away from campus for \$1,200 including utilities. The city and Emory buses have stops nearby, and I was able to purchase some cheap furniture that I'm planning on reselling when I leave the apartment. While I pay a little more for rent, I like my apartment, and I really appreciate the convenience of living so close to campus."

Priyam / Rent = \$1,200 per month

My roommate and I found each other through the Rollins housing page. We live pretty close to campus and opted for an unfurnished apartment. We share a bathroom and pay approximately \$780 a month. Sharing a bathroom is not ideal, but it cut down the price for us."

Sabina / Rent = \$780 per month

I choose to live with two roommates to help share the costs of a really nice apartment in North Decatur. This allows an affordable option for living, close to the Emory shuttle to campus. I pay a little more in rent than my roommates because I wanted my own bathroom."

Samraat / Rent = \$980 per month

MANAGING COSTS

TRANSPORTATION

Emory University ranks in the top 20 of green colleges in the U.S. for 2019—promoting an environmentally responsible approach to transportation, offering an extensive free shuttle service around and beyond campus, even to Atlanta's midtown business district. Many Rollins students choose to walk, bike or take public transportation to campus. The Michael Street Parking deck is free after 4 p.m., which is a benefit for students who drive to school.

I usually use Emory's free shuttle service to get to class, and occasionally I'll use MARTA, too. Both services have stops near my apartment complex, so they're very convenient. Make sure to register for the free 20-ride MARTA pass that Emory offers for graduate students!

I also have a car, which I use to get to my job downtown and for trips around Atlanta on the weekends. Uber or Lyft is always a great option for weekend events and nightlife, too."

Priyam / Transportation = \$30 per month

I use the shuttle services that Emory offers.

There are two stops near my apartment
which include the 1525VA shuttle and the C shuttle.

I often take Uber or Lyft to evening classes and extracurricular activities. I save money by not having a car, but be sure to factor in the cost of reliable transportation."

Sabina / Transportation = \$60-\$100 per month

I use the Emory shuttle to get to campus.
About once a month I'll drive and pay to park on campus, but I often try to take advantage of free parking after 4 p.m. and on weekends. I usually take Uber or Lyft when going out on weekends to avoid having to search for parking in the city."

Samraat / Transportation = \$75 per month





STRATEGIZING ON TEXTBOOKS

With planning, managing book expenses is an easy way to reduce your costs. There are a number of simple options that can help you spend less than the official Emory textbook estimate.

I haven't had to buy that many books for my classes. Most of the time, my professors are able to recommend cheaper alternatives like older edition textbooks, or I'm able to share copies with my fellow students. As far as software goes, the computers in the Gracement are already loaded with programs like SAS and ArcGIS, and you can also access those tools from home through the virtual system Apporto, so you typically won't need to purchase them for class."

Priyam / Books = \$0-75 per year

During my first year, I had to purchase a few books but thankfully they were easily accessible on Amazon and Cheggs so they were pretty affordable. A laptop is necessary, so consider that when budgeting."

Sabina / Books = \$0-250 per year

Rarely do I need textbooks for class. My professors provide access to books and other resources online. On the occasion I do purchase a textbook, it is for the purpose of securing reference material as I progress in my career."

Samraat / Books = \$100 per year



OFF-CAMPUS LIFE

Atlanta offers food and entertainment options for every budget. An international destination, our dynamic city has it all: farmers markets, distinctive ethnic restaurants and grocery stores, haute cuisine, and hidden dives you don't want to miss. The city's rich cultural offerings include museums, theaters, and music venues, plus dozens of free local and international festivals each year. Atlanta's many parks and public trails are perfect for outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, water sports, and camping. On campus, Emory hosts a full schedule of music, speakers, and theatrical events, and many area attractions offer discounts or special nights for students.

Atlanta is full of food and entertainment, and a lot of it is relatively cheap or free. I typically meal prep and cook my meals on the weekdays so that I can explore Atlanta's diverse food culture on the weekends. For entertainment, there are amazing hiking spots and trails all around Atlanta, and it seems like there's a different free festival going on every weekend. Most sporting events in Atlanta have "college passes" or student discounts that make them really affordable, and Atlanta also has some really interesting museums and attractions that are definitely worth a visit, like the Georgia Aquarium."

Priyam / Food & Entertainment = \$220–\$250 per month (including groceries)

There are many options for off-campus activities such as festivals and simply exploring the city of Atlanta. Food is a necessity and probably what I spend the most on. I try to meal prep 5-6 days out of the week, but I enjoy trying new coffee shops and restaurants so that is not always feasible."

Sabina / Food & Entertainment = \$320–\$400 per month

This is where I'm most diligent with my budget because Atlanta has so many choices for food and entertainment. I determine the things I'd like to do in Atlanta and then prioritize options based on my budget. I look for ways to cut costs, like packing my lunch during the weekday, so I can do more when I'm out with friends on the weekend."

Samraat / Food & Entertainment = \$375 per month (including groceries)

BUDGETING TIPS

- Set a budget and stick to it!
- Have extra in the budget for unexpected costs, like car maintenance.
- Having a job definitely helps.
- Ask for student discounts.
- Get a roommate.
- > Utilize Emory University resources.
- Shop around for deals on necessities such as WiFi, cell phone plans, and laptops.
- Shop sale sections in the stores.
- Sign-up / join email lists that offer discounts.
- Pay off as much consumer debt as possible before starting graduate school.
- Limit the number of times you eat out each week.
- Brown bag your lunch or organize potluck dinners with friends.
- Ride the Cliff Shuttle or MARTA instead of driving in every day.

- Put off unnecessary expenses until after graduate school.
- > Take advantage of on-campus activities.
- Monitor your expenses carefully. Deposit funds into a savings account each semester and transfer just enough to your checking account for your expenses each month.
- Use a student loan repayment calculator to keep up with projected repayment amounts.
- Clean up negative credit history on your credit report, if possible, AND keep your credit clean while you are enrolled.
- Remember: Many students are in a similar financial position. You are not alone!



If you're interested in having a roommate, connect with other students who may wish to share housing on the Class of 2022 Facebook page.

RESOURCES

EMORY RESOURCES

Office of Financial Aid

200 Dowman Drive Suite 300 Atlanta, GA 30322

800.727.6039 (toll free) p. 404.727.6039 f. 404.727.6709

Visit the Office of Financial Aid website at studentaid.emory.edu to connect with a financial advisor, see hours of operation and additional Emory University financial resources.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Student Budget And Loan Calculators

- accessgroup.org/calculator
- finaid.org/calculators
- mappingyourfuture.org

Scholarship Search

- sph.emory.edu/admissions/tuition/ways-topay/index.html
- aspph.org/study/financing-your-degree/
- fastweb.com
- ocllegeboard.org

Credit Report

annualcreditreport.com

Credit Bureaus

- ▶ Equifax | equifax.com 800.685.1111
- Experian experian.com 888.397.3742
- TransUnion | transunion.com 770.396.7011

College Cost Reduction And Access Act

- studentaid.ed.gov
- equaljusticeworks.org/resources
- studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/ forgiveness-cancellation/public-service

Helpful Cost-Of-Living Calculators

- noney.cnn.com/calculator/pf/cost-of-living
- bankrate.com/calculators/savings/movingcost-of-living-calculator.aspx
- knowatlanta.com/about-atlanta/how-atlantastacks-up/

Budgeting Worksheets And Applications

- mint.com
- kiplinger.com
- Use personal finance apps (e.g., Mint Bills, CashTrails)



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