

## Every Step of the Way: Student Aid at Bowdoin

Bowdoin's financial support is behind you **throughout your college journey**—going well beyond tuition, housing, and food to include things like **studying abroad, internships, personal computing, and more**. This means you can concentrate on *just being a Bowdoin student*. And, when you graduate, you can focus on whatever comes next—without student debt limiting your options.

- Our highest priority is making a Bowdoin education affordable for everyone. You can contact our student aid officers and use our aid estimators before you even apply.
- The application fee is automatically waived if you are applying for aid, or if you are the first in your family to go to college.
- More than half of Bowdoin students in the most recent entering class receive aid. Of those aided students, 29 percent pay \$0.
- Bowdoin's student aid is **need based**. This means our scholarship and grant support is determined based on **your individual family situation**.
- Bowdoin is need blind for all applicants, which means that your ability to pay is never a factor or barrier to admission.
- Bowdoin meets your full calculated need using need-based scholarships—not loans—which never have to be paid back.
- The average financial aid package for students in the most recent entering class is \$69,000, with need-based Bowdoin scholarships ranging from \$8,950 to \$82,900.

- **Health insurance coverage** is available to students on financial aid who don't have comparable plans of their own.
- You'll receive your student aid award with your admission letter, so you can make decisions and start planning right away.
- For students whose **combined parental income is less than \$75,000**, the summer work contribution of \$2,300 is replaced with need-based scholarship.
- Your student aid award is calculated to include tuition, housing, food, and a budget for indirect costs—to help you cover things like personal expenses, books, and travel.
- Every Bowdoin student receives a MacBook Pro, an iPad, and an Apple Pencil—yours to keep upon graduation.
- On-campus employment is available to all students, with wages ranging from \$14.50 to \$16.75 an hour. Campus jobs are usually between five and ten hours per week, and are capped at twenty hours.
- Your student aid award can be used to cover the cost of studying abroad.
- If you are pursuing a **summer internship in a field that can't afford to pay interns**—often the case for nonprofits and in areas like public service, education, and the arts—Bowdoin's funded internship grants can provide a stipend of up to \$7,000.
- Because Bowdoin scholarships never have to be repaid, you can expand your options for employment or graduate school—without navigating a mountain of debt.
- Bowdoin offers more than \$400,000 in graduate and medical school scholarships to seniors and alumni who are applying to or attending postgraduate programs of study.

