



# Samuel Merritt University

# Fact Sheet

## 2021-2022

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### Mission

Samuel Merritt University educates students to become highly skilled and compassionate healthcare professionals who positively transform the experience of care in diverse communities.

### Vision

Samuel Merritt University will become nationally recognized as a premier, multi-specialty health sciences institution. Expert faculty and staff will shape an inclusive learning environment where all students experience best teaching practices and state-of-the-art learning approaches. The University will select and support students who will flourish in the rigorous academic programs, learn to practice expertly, and pass licensure or certification examinations on the first attempt.

### Values

At Samuel Merritt University, we value:

- a learning environment where we challenge ourselves and our students to think critically, seek mastery, and act compassionately;
- a collegial environment where we are fair, respectful, and behave with integrity;
- a collaborative environment where we partner with one another and with others in the community;
- an innovative environment where we take reasoned risks and move nimbly;
- a results-oriented environment where we provide and expect exceptional performance and service.

### Added value for students

- **SMU has a nationally-recognized, state-of-the-art human simulation facility at the Health Science Simulation Center (HSSC)**, and the Motion Analysis Research Center on the Oakland campus. SMU's other campuses are also equipped with human simulation laboratories.
- **A primary strategic objective of SMU is making the campus more diverse and inclusive of all students, staff, and faculty.** Students have continuous service learning opportunities in diverse environments in their programs.
- **Students are introduced to clinical experiences very early** in their programs.
- **SMU's graduates have one of the highest rates of employment** in Northern California within one year of graduation.
- **SMU has a robust interprofessional education platform** with the goal of graduating health care providers who bring an inclusive, respectful, and collaborative approach to person-centered care.

### HISTORY

Founded in 1909, Samuel Merritt University became a degree-granting institution in 1981. Today, Samuel Merritt University is a health sciences university offering a bachelor's degree in nursing and graduate degrees in nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician assistant, and podiatric medicine. Admission is selective. The University's facilities include a classroom complex, student recreation areas, a comprehensive health sciences library, computer learning laboratories, and specialized laboratories for gross anatomy, human performance, physical therapy, living skills, human occupation, splinting/orthotics, nursing skills, and human simulation. Students are offered a variety of clinical experiences in more than 1000 health care facilities.

### CURRENT PROGRAMS & YEARS OF INCEPTION

<b>1991</b> Bachelor of Science in Nursing	<b>1993</b> Master of Science in Nursing-Post Professional Family Nurse Practitioner	<b>1994</b> Master of Science in Nursing-Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	<b>1996</b> Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing-Case Management	<b>1997</b> Master of Science in Nursing-Post Professional Case Management	<b>1999</b> Master of Physician Assistant	<b>2002</b> Doctor of Physical Therapy
	<b>1994</b> Master of Occupational Therapy				<b>1999</b> Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner	<b>2002</b> Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (California School of Podiatric Medicine)
<b>2005</b> Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing	<b>2011</b> Doctor of Nursing Practice	<b>2015</b> Master of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner Online	<b>2016</b> RN to BSN	<b>2016</b> Doctor of Occupational Therapy	<b>2021</b> Public Health Certificate	<b>2022</b> Doctor of Nursing Practice-Nurse Anesthetist
						<b>2022</b> Doctor of Nursing Practice - Psychiatric Mental Health

# Governance & Leadership

**Governing Board**  
Board of Regents

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GRE #3358, #2069 (NursingCAS),  
#7593 (PTCAS)  
ACT #0412  
FAFSA #007012

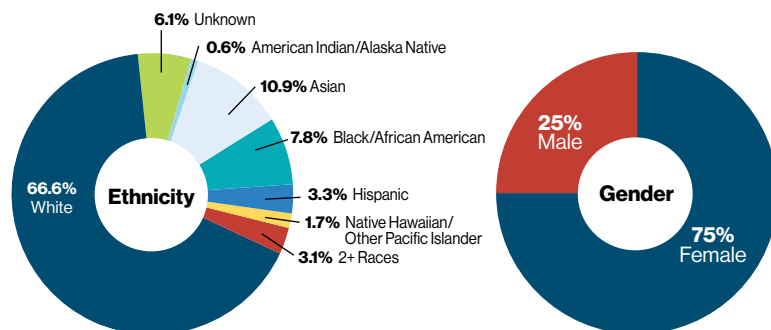
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Faculty Profile, Fall 2021	Full-Time	Part-Time	Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor	Instructor	Adjunct Faculty
Basic Sciences	7	1		3	4		1
California School of Podiatric Medicine	17	4	3		14		4
College of Health Sciences	1		1				
College of Nursing	105	124	6	10	60	32	121
Health Sciences Simulation Center	9		1	1	6	1	
Motion Analysis Research Center	2		1		1		
Occupational Therapy	13	11	3	3	6	1	11
Physical Therapy	16	28	5	3	5	3	28
Physician Assistant	11	10		2	9	1	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>174</b>

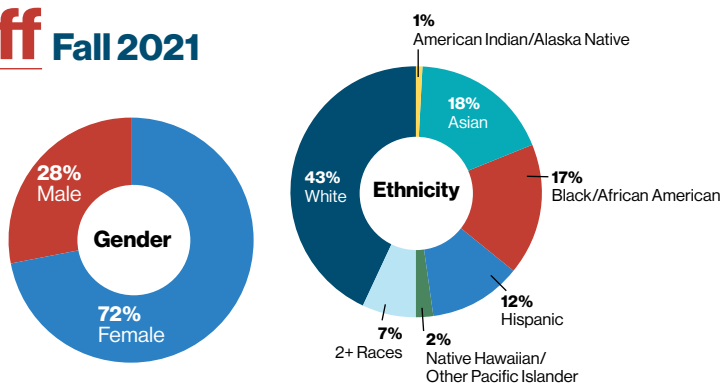
## Faculty Fall 2021



## John A. Graziano Memorial Library, 2021

Books/Monographs	13,565
Bound Journals	16,935
Electronic Journals	5,177
Audio/Video Materials	1,012
Online Subscribed Databases	20
Electronic Books	511

## Staff Fall 2021



**1:8**  
Faculty-to-student clinical ratio  
across all programs

**61%**  
Full-time Faculty with  
Terminal Degree

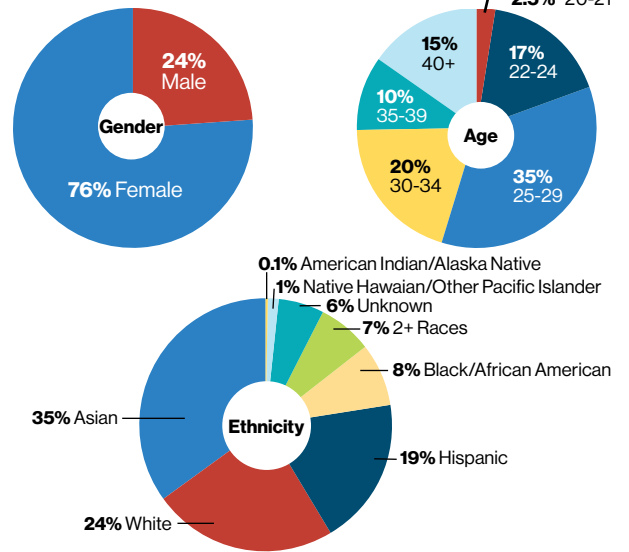
# Students



## Headcount Enrollment by Program, Fall 2021

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing	327
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	251
RN to BSN	99
Undergraduate non-degree seeking	51
Certificate - Family Nurse Practitioner	4
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing - Case Management	120
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner	159
Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner Online	255
Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Anesthesia	80
Master of Science in Nursing - Post Professional Case Management	3
Master of Occupational Therapy	14
Master Physician Assistant	132
Doctor of Nursing Practice	43
Post-Baccalaureate FNP/DNP	78
Doctor of Occupational Therapy	116
Doctor of Physical Therapy	141
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	175
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,048</b>

## Enrolled Students, Fall 2021

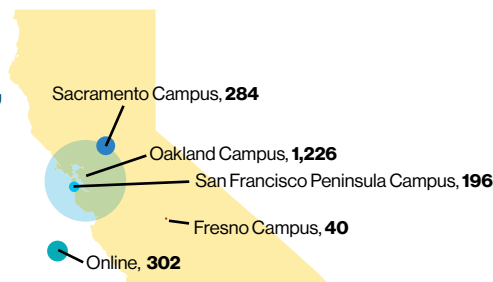


## Headcount Enrollment and FTE by Term

	Undergraduate	Certificate	Masters	Doctoral	Total
Fall 2021 headcount	728	4	763	553	<b>2,048</b>
Fall 2021 FTE	657.00	3.33	727.00	534.42	<b>1,921.75</b>
Spring 2022 headcount	735	3	673	550	<b>1,961</b>
Spring 2022 FTE	666.60	1.50	648.00	478.58	<b>1,794.68</b>

## Headcount Enrollment by Campus, Fall 2021

**Total 2,048**

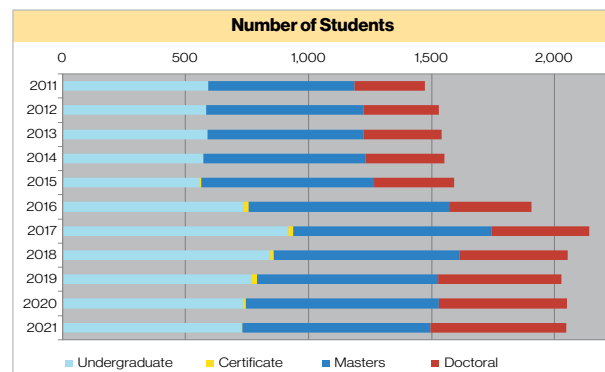


## Entering Students' GPAs, Fall 2021 (Average)

Accelerated/Bachelor of Science in Nursing	3.40
RN to BSN	3.06
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing	3.22
Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner	3.46
Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Anesthesia	3.45
Master Physician Assistant	3.35
Doctor of Nursing Practice	3.39
Doctor of Occupational Therapy	3.53
Doctor of Physical Therapy	3.22
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	3.25

## Headcount Enrollment by year

Headcount Enrollment, Fall 2011 - 2021



Headcount by Degree Level, Fall 2011 - 2021

	Fall	Undergraduate	Certificate	Masters	Doctoral	Total
2011	593			595	285	<b>1473</b>
2012	584			641	305	<b>1530</b>
2013	589			636	317	<b>1542</b>
2014	574			658	321	<b>1553</b>
2015	556		7	704	326	<b>1593</b>
2016	738		18	820	331	<b>1907</b>
2017	919		18	808	396	<b>2141</b>
2018	843		15	756	440	<b>2054</b>
2019	768		23	736	502	<b>2029</b>
2020	736		10	783	521	<b>2050</b>
2021	728		4	763	553	<b>2048</b>

**15%**  
Students with children

**21%**  
First in family to attend college

**56%**  
Disadvantaged students

(A student with at least one of the categories of economically, educationally, or environmentally disadvantaged)



# Student Success & Achievements

## First Year Retention Rates by Program, 2020-2021 Cohort

Program	Retention Rate	Notes
Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing	96%	*Includes ELMSN-CM, ELMSN-FNP, MSN-CM, MSN-FNP-Online, MSN-CRNA
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	99%	
RN to BSN	95%	
Master of Science in Nursing*	91%	
Master Physician Assistant	95%	
Doctor of Nursing Practice**	86%	
Doctor of Occupational Therapy	100%	**Includes DNP and FNP/DNP
Doctor of Physical Therapy	94%	
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	96%	
<b>All Programs</b>	<b>94%</b>	

## Degrees Awarded, 2020-2021

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)	411
RN to BSN (BSN)	111
Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate (Certificate)	5
Master of Science in Nursing - Case Management (MSN)	44
Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN)	146
Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Anesthesia (MSN)	27
Master Occupational Therapy (MOT)	7
Master Physician Assistant (MPA)	40
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)	18
Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)	30
Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)	42
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)	38
<b>Total Degrees Awarded 2020-2021</b>	<b>919</b>

**3.7**  
The average GPA for SMU's 2020-21 graduating class across all programs

**93%-95%**  
Average graduation rate for the past three years

**Top 5 Reasons to Attend SMU**  
 Reputation of the academic program  
 Location  
 University Philosophy  
 Campus Facilities  
 Personalized Service

Source: Entering Students Survey Fall 2021

### Licensure Pass Rates, First-Time Takers, 2021

Program	SMU	US
Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (NCLEX)	90%	86%
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (NCLEX)	73%	86%
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing (NCLEX)	81%	86%
Master Physician Assistant (PANCE)	95%	93%
Master of Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)	100%	N/A
Doctor of Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)	100%	N/A
Doctor of Physical Therapy (NPTE)	95%	88%
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (APMLE-PART II)	87%	90%

## Student Satisfaction with Academic Experience

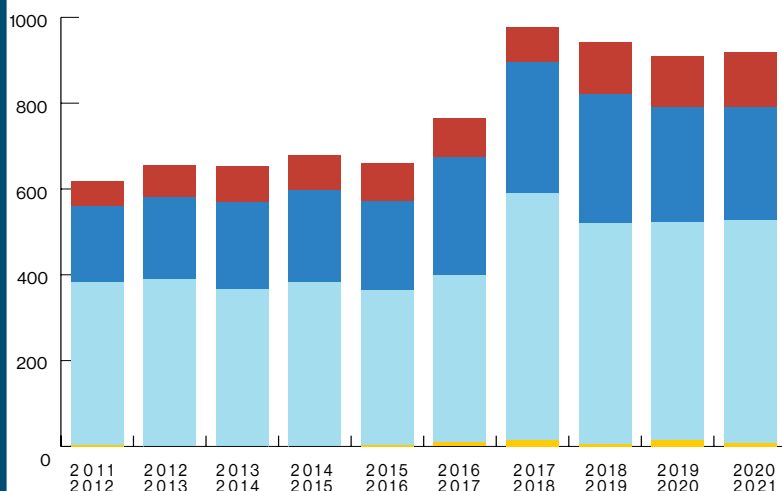
Likert scale 1 to 5 (student satisfaction/agreement)

<b>4.15</b>	SMU embraces diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and takes actions to address DEI issues
<b>4.07</b>	Instructors in my program are accessible and supportive
<b>3.97</b>	My program is preparing me to succeed in the profession

Source: 2021 Student Climate Survey

## Degrees Awarded, 2011-2021

Legend: Certificate (Yellow), Bachelor's Degree (Light Blue), Master's Degree (Dark Blue), Doctoral Degree (Red)



	Certificate	Bachelor	Masters	Doctoral	Total
2011-12	1	380	178	60	619
2012-13		390	190	75	655
2013-14		367	202	84	653
2014-15		383	213	82	678
2015-16	1	362	209	87	659
2016-17	7	392	276	89	764
2017-18	13	577	306	80	976
2018-19	4	516	302	119	941
2019-20	13	510	268	117	908
2020-21	5	522	264	128	919

## Recent Student/Faculty Collaborative Work in Clinical and Community Service Settings

Each day, 230 people with diabetes require an amputation, usually a leg because of a diabetic foot ulcer. That's why Dr. Alexander Reyzelman, DPM '95, a graduate of and professor at SMU's California School of Podiatry, founded the Bay Area Foot Care Center and the Center for Clinical Research.

<https://bit.ly/319VtvL>



Professor Sharon Gorman is the creator of the Function in Sitting Test (FIST), one of the world's foremost exams in measuring a person's ability to balance while sitting.

<https://bit.ly/3mdcwOK>



Wesley Chow, OTD '21, took the University's hands-on learning mission literally and with a 3-D printer and made 15 larger-than-life plastic finger bones that were used as teaching props in class to demonstrate finger conditions.

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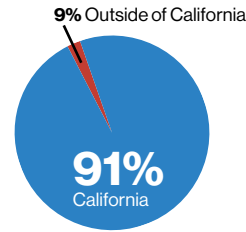
Ongoing and award-winning research by Sarah Jingying Zhang, PhD, CRNA '15, focuses on alternatives to common opioids that can be highly addictive and not effective for treating pain.

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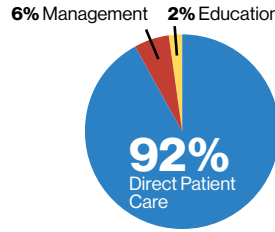
# Alumni

## Employment Details Source: 2020-2021 Alumni Surveys

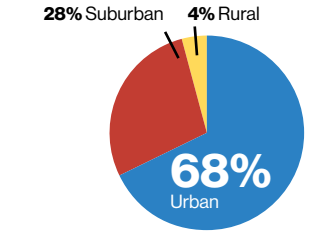
### State of Employment



### Primary Job Responsibilities



### Location of Primary Worksite



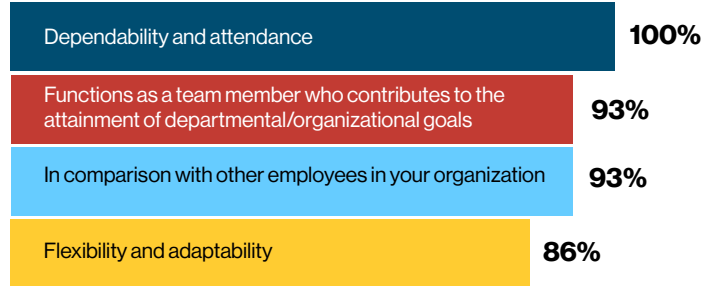
### Reasons Why Alumni Recommend SMU

- Outstanding Faculty
- Academic Rigor
- Clinical Experience
- Reputation
- Accelerated Programs
- Values Diversity

In 2021, Samuel Merritt University was ranked No. 1 in the U.S. for early-career salary prospects for graduates with a bachelor's degree, as reported by Forbes.

Also in 2021, Samuel Merritt University has been named the "best college in California for getting a job" by career research website Zippia.

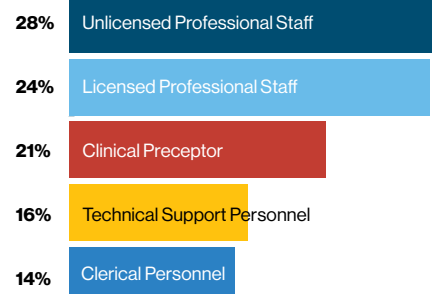
## Employer Ratings of Graduates Source: Employer Survey 2020-2021



% of employers who rate SMU graduates as "very good or excellent"

## Supervisory Role

(types of personnel supervised by SMU graduates)



Note: SMU graduates can have multiple supervisory roles.

# 19%

Graduates who are employed in Medically Underserved Areas/Populations (MUA/P) designated worksites

# 15%

Graduates are employed in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) designated worksites

**71% of employers say** that SMU graduates are "Often to Always" preferred among other candidates. Source: 2020-2021 Employer Survey

# Accreditation

## Organizations Accrediting Samuel Merritt University

Organization	Address	Program/Department	Date of Last Visit	Date of Next Visit
WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)	1001 Marina Village Pkwy, Suite 402 Alameda, CA 94501 510.748.9795	Institutional Accreditation for Samuel Merritt University	2020	2030
Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)	4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200 Bethesda, MD 20814-1220	Entry-level Master's Degree Program in Occupational Therapy (MOT)	2018	2028
		Entry-level Doctoral Degree Program in Occupational Therapy (OTD)	2018	2023/24
California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN)	P.O. Box 944210 Sacramento, CA 94244-2100 916.322.3350	Baccalaureate Program in Nursing (BSN)	2020	2030
		Master's Degree in Nursing (MSN)	2020	2030
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)	One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530 Washington, DC 20036-6791 202.887.6791	Baccalaureate Program in Nursing (BSN)	2020	2030
		Master's Degree in Nursing (MSN)	2020	2030
		Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)	2017	2027
Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)	Department of Accreditation American Physical Therapy Association 1111 North Fairfax Street Alexandria, VA 22314	Entry-level Doctoral Degree Program in Physical Therapy (DPT)	2017	2028
Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA)	222 South Prospect Avenue Park Ridge, IL 60068-4010 847.692.1160	Master's Degree Program in Nurse Anesthesia (MSN)	2014	2024
Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARCPA)	12000 Findley Road, Suite 150 Johns Creek, GA 30097 770.476.1224	Entry-level Master's Degree Program for Preparation of Physician Assistants (MPA)	2019	2029
Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME)	19312 Old Georgetown Road Bethesda, MD 20814 301.581.9200	Doctoral Degree Program in Podiatric Medicine (DPM)	2014	2022
Society for Simulation in Health-care	2021 L Street, NW, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20036 866.730.6127	Health Sciences Simulation Center (HSSC)	2017	2022

\*The baccalaureate degree programs in nursing/master's degree programs in nursing/Doctor of Nursing Practice programs and/or post-graduate Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) certificate program at Samuel Merritt University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education ([www.ccneaccreditation.org](http://www.ccneaccreditation.org)).

# Financials

**Over \$44 million in endowment funds available for the benefit of students and university operations.**

**Application Process** | Priority filing date for FAFSA: March 2. FAFSA accepted on a rolling basis. Notification of awards on a rolling basis beginning April 1.

Scholarships and Grants (2020-2021)	Loans (2020-2021)	Student Employment
Types: Federal (Pell, SEOG), State (Cal Grants A and B), college, and private grants; Federal, state, college, and private scholarships; Merit and need-based scholarships.	Types: Stafford, NSL, PLUS, Perkins, HPSL, state, school, private; deferred payment plans are available.	
<b>\$500 to \$61,000</b> Range of undergraduate scholarship and grant aid	<b>\$1,000 to \$87,000</b> Range of undergraduate scholarship and grant aid	<b>10.8%</b> Full-time students who worked on campus through Work/Study program
<b>\$500 to \$33,000</b> Range of graduate scholarship and grant aid	<b>\$1,000 to \$113,000</b> Range of graduate scholarship and grant aid	<b>\$1,995</b> Average amount earned by students through Work/Study program
<b>\$6,816,746</b> Total loan funds awarded to undergraduate students	<b>\$22.7 million</b> Total loan funds awarded to undergraduate students	
<b>\$3,652,497</b> Total loan funds awarded to graduate students	<b>\$62.7 million</b> Total loan funds awarded to graduate students	
<b>84%</b> Undergraduate students who received some form of financial aid/assistance	<b>62%</b> Undergraduate students who received some form of financial aid/assistance	
<b>89%</b> Graduate students who received some form of financial aid/assistance	<b>76%</b> Graduate students who received some form of financial aid/assistance	