

Estimating Your Cost of Attendance at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health

The University of Minnesota (UMN) School of Public Health (SPH), a top-ranked school of public health, offers a highly competitive cost of attendance compared to other top schools. Use this document to help you to calculate the cost of attendance at UMN SPH and other schools.

The cost of your education anywhere is determined by several factors, including:

- **Your tuition and residency/reciprocity status.** If your tuition rate is per credit, the cost can be calculated by the number of credits required to complete your degree. If charged a tuition band, consider how many terms you will need to register. At the UMN, your admission deposit will be applied to your first semester's tuition.
- **Student fees.** Many schools, including the UMN, charge some student fees in addition to tuition charges. Be mindful if you see a cost of attendance estimate that only mentions tuition, as it may not be a complete picture of what you will pay.
- **Health insurance.** Many UMN students use our cost-effective and [comprehensive health plan](#). Insurance charges may also not be listed in cost estimates by schools and they may be included at the UMN. If your cost of attendance from other schools doesn't include health insurance, please remember to look up what those costs are to compare to the UMN.
- **Living expenses.** Consider housing costs in the local area and how expensive transportation will be. Do you need to purchase [parking passes](#)? Are there public transportation costs? [The UMN provides all students free public transportation with their UCard](#).
- **Moving expenses.** If moving to a new area, you'll likely have extra costs getting settled.
- **Scholarships, fellowships, and assistantships.** If you obtain these opportunities, it can significantly reduce your costs. [SPH offers many funding opportunities](#), both during the admission process and for enrolled students.

Costs at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health

Official information will be posted on the UMN's [OneStop website](#).

Tuition: Master of Public Health (MPH) and Masters of Healthcare Administration (MHA) tuition is calculated per credit. Masters of Science (MS) degrees are based on the Graduate School tuition band. Tuition rates are reassessed and approved each summer before the new academic year begins. [Get more information about SPH tuition](#).

University & SPH Fees: Students are charged University and School fees each semester. These fees include many services, including SPH's student services, the [UMN's Recreation and Wellness Center](#), [Student Counseling Services](#), free legal help at [Student Legal Services](#), and [free use of public transportation in the Twin Cities area](#). Fees can vary depending on your academic program. International students are charged additional fees.

Health insurance: The University offers a Student Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) which is a cost-effective, comprehensive health plan designed to meet the unique needs of students. [Information https://www.metrotransit.org/UMNn_on_insurance_pricing_is_available_here](https://www.metrotransit.org/UMNn_on_insurance_pricing_is_available_here). Students with a Graduate Assistantship [can find insurance costs here](#). *If your cost of attendance*



estimate from a school you're interested in does not include health insurance, be sure to confirm what the insurance costs are.

Living Expenses & Housing: The Twin Cities area is a thriving metropolis offering many urban amenities. Living expenses, including room and board, for fall and spring are estimated, and lifestyle choices could reduce or increase this amount considerably.

How to Calculate your estimated Cost of Attendance

1. Decide if you want to estimate cost per semester, year, or the duration of your degree program.
2. Calculate each portion of the cost of attendance separately (tuition, student fees, health insurance, and living expenses).
3. Add the separate costs together and multiply by the duration.

Important notes:

- Your costs will vary depending on your degree, length of program, insurance options, and housing and transportation costs. They can be reduced depending on several decisions you make.
- Your costs can be also significantly lowered by obtaining scholarships, fellowships, and/or graduate assistantships. These can all be obtained even after beginning your program, if you are not offered one during the admission process.

Financial Aid FAQ

What type of funding is available from the School of Public Health?	How do I apply for a scholarship?	When will I be notified if I have received a scholarship?	How do I get a graduate assistantship?	What types of financial support are available for international students?
Scholarships, fellowships, and employment, and graduate assistantships are available from SPH. Students are also eligible for financial aid and student loans.	All applicants meeting the December 1st priority deadline who are admitted to the UMN School of Public Health will automatically be considered for first-round school-related scholarships. Explore information on scholarships and fellowships that may be available and require a separate application.	Notices for the first round of school-wide scholarships will be sent out by early March. Many additional scholarships will be offered after this as well but they will be made on a rolling basis.	Graduate assistantships are a fantastic opportunity to fund your education. Assistantships are limited and competitive. Learn more about assistantships and get advice on obtaining them. Search for positions via the UMN HR portal and SPH Job Board .	International students are eligible for many of our school-wide scholarships that require no separate application. Otherwise, international students can look at scholarship and funding resources listed above. Many, but not all, may be applicable. International students also may be eligible to obtain private student loans. Find information on student loans.



Other Resources

- **Read the SPHere Student Newsletter.** As an enrolled student, you will receive this newsletter. SPH regularly announces opportunities such as new scholarships, upcoming conferences, workshops, available assistantships, networking opportunities, and more.
- Check the following websites for employment opportunities:
 - [SPH Jobs](#)
 - [UMN Jobs](#)
- **Attend workshops from SPH Career Services.** Career Services provides you with the tools and resources necessary to successfully manage your career beginning when you first enroll as a student and continuing as you become an established public health professional. They can assist you in finding employment while a student, networking, applying for assistantships, in addition to preparing you for your future career. [Explore the full workshop schedule.](#)
- Visit [OneStop](#) for official information on UMN costs and additional financial resources, including financial aid, the FAFSA, and other loans.

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