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Fall 2025 Enrollment Update

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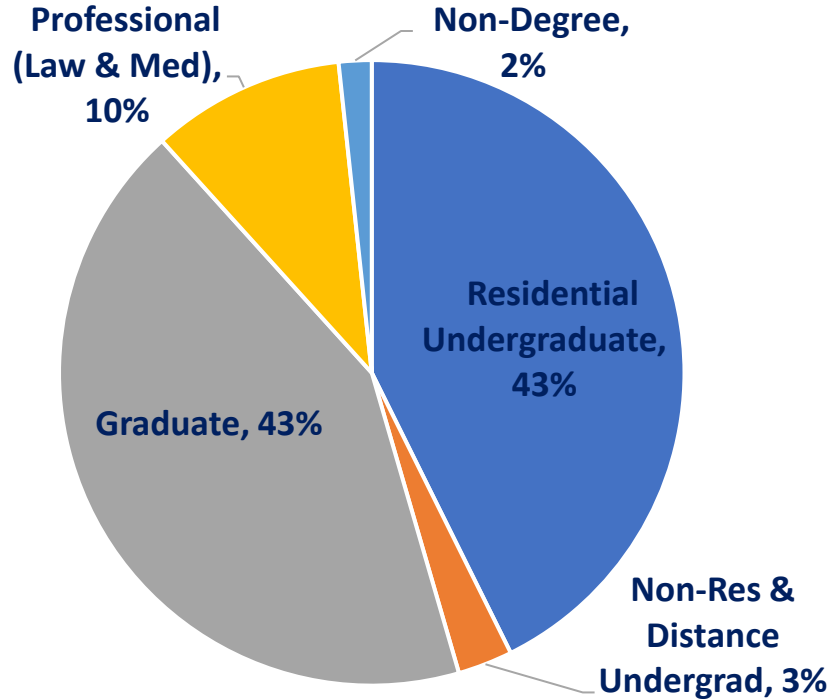
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Enrollment and Student Success

December 12, 2025



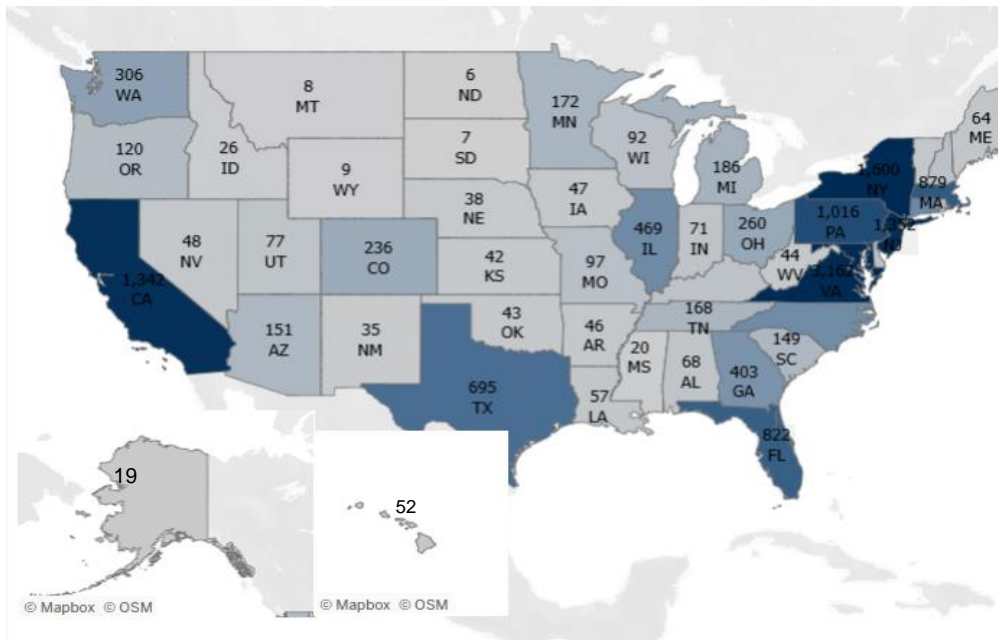
Fall 2025 Headcount: 24,500



Fall 2025 Total Domestic Students

All Levels and Colleges/Schools

21,219 students from 50 states, Puerto Rico, US territories
57% (11,995) come from 5 states and DC: VA, MD, DC, NY, CA, NJ



Total Enrollment Headcount – Census

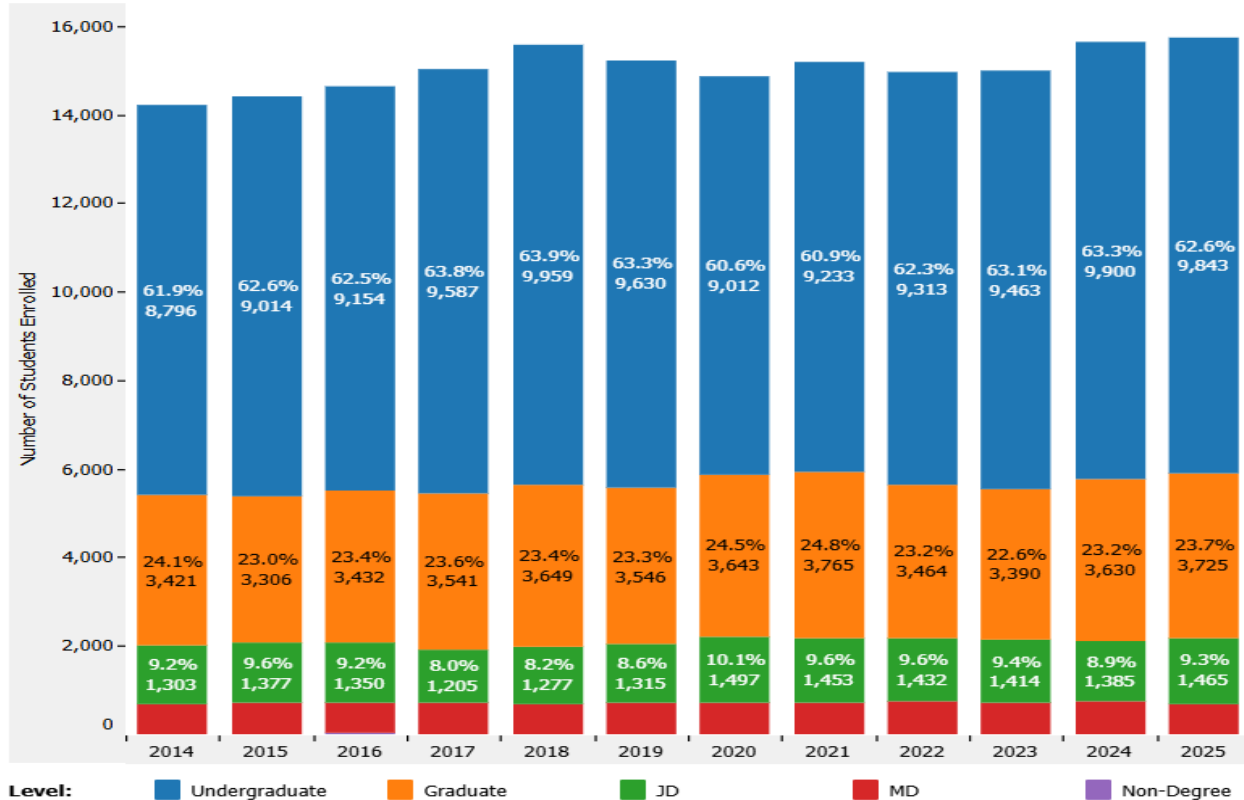
Fall 2022 - Fall 2025 Comparison

STUDENT CATEGORY	Post Pandemic Headcounts by Level				Diff. 2024 to 2025	
	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025	#	%
Residential Undergraduate	9,944	10,099	10,495	10,454	-41	-0.4%
Non-Res & Distance Undergrad	854	749	687	694	7	0.9%
Graduate	11,961	11,657	11,184	10,485	-699	-6.0%
Professional (Law & Med)	2,422	2,431	2,440	2,451	11	0.5%
Non-Degree	758	632	568	416	-152	-24.1%
Total Enrollment	25,939	25,568	25,374	24,500	-874	-3.4%

NOTE: Full-time Domestic Graduate headcounts grew 7.5% from 3,464 in Fall 2022 to 3,725 in Fall 2025

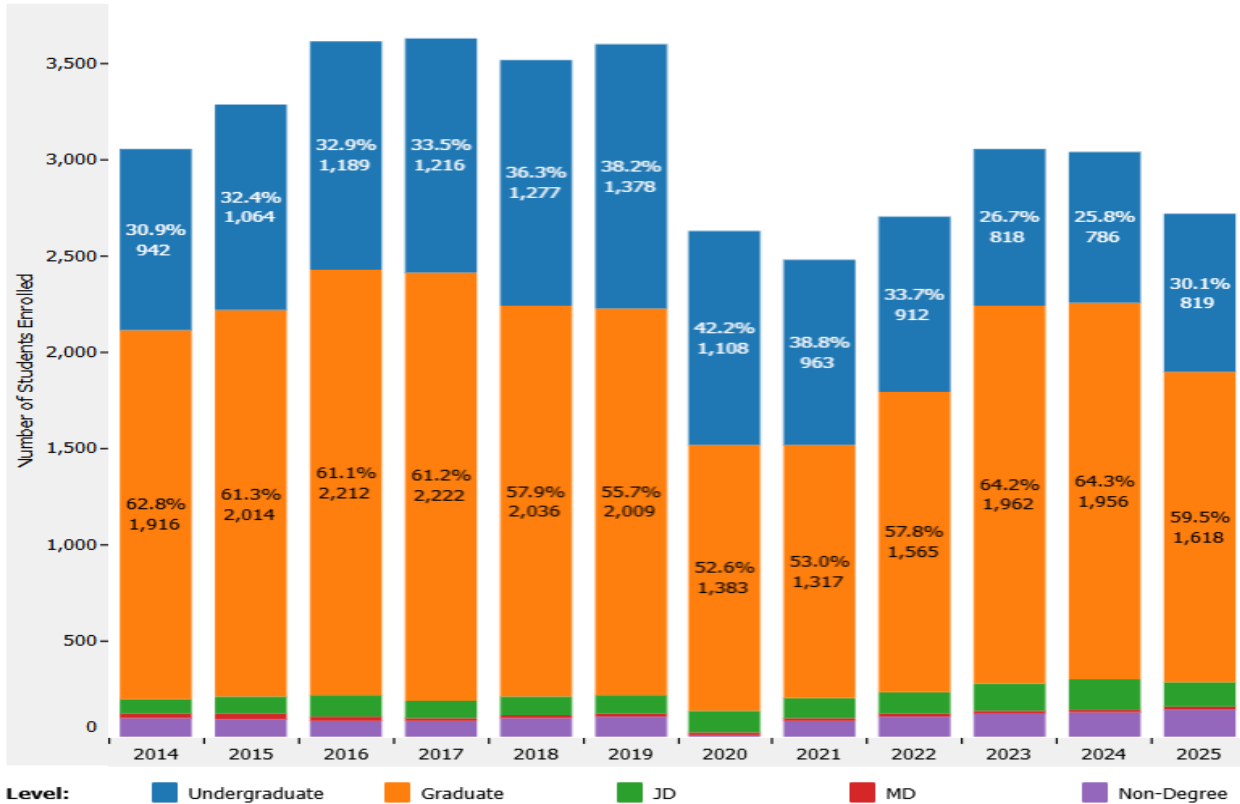
Domestic Full-time Enrollment

15,726 Students in Fall 2025

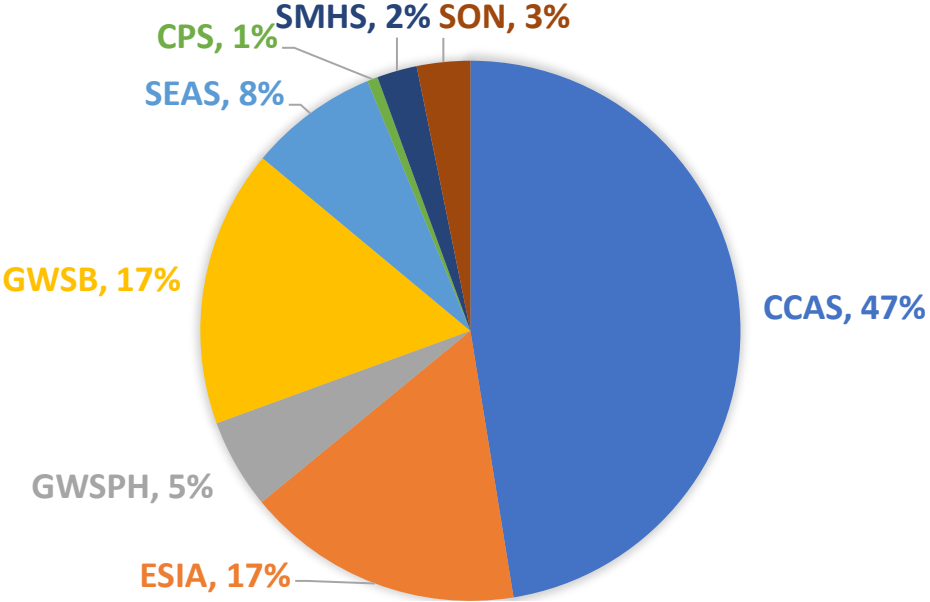


International Full-time Enrollment

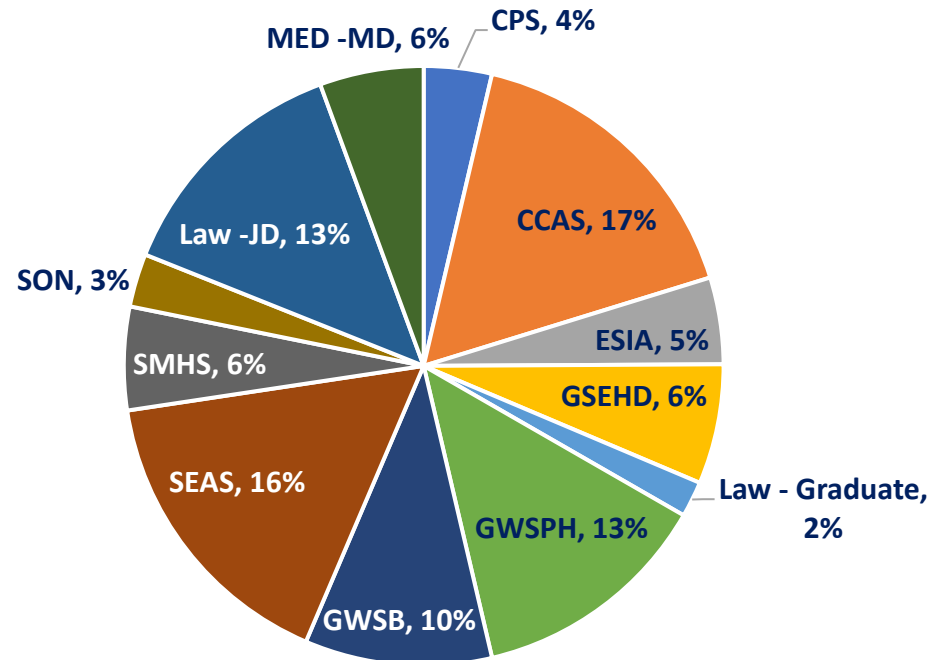
2,720 Students in Fall 2025



Fall 2025 Undergraduate Enrollment by School/College (11,148)



Fall 2025 Graduate and Professional Enrollment by School/College (12,936)



New Residential Undergraduate Enrollments

Target Profile Achieved:

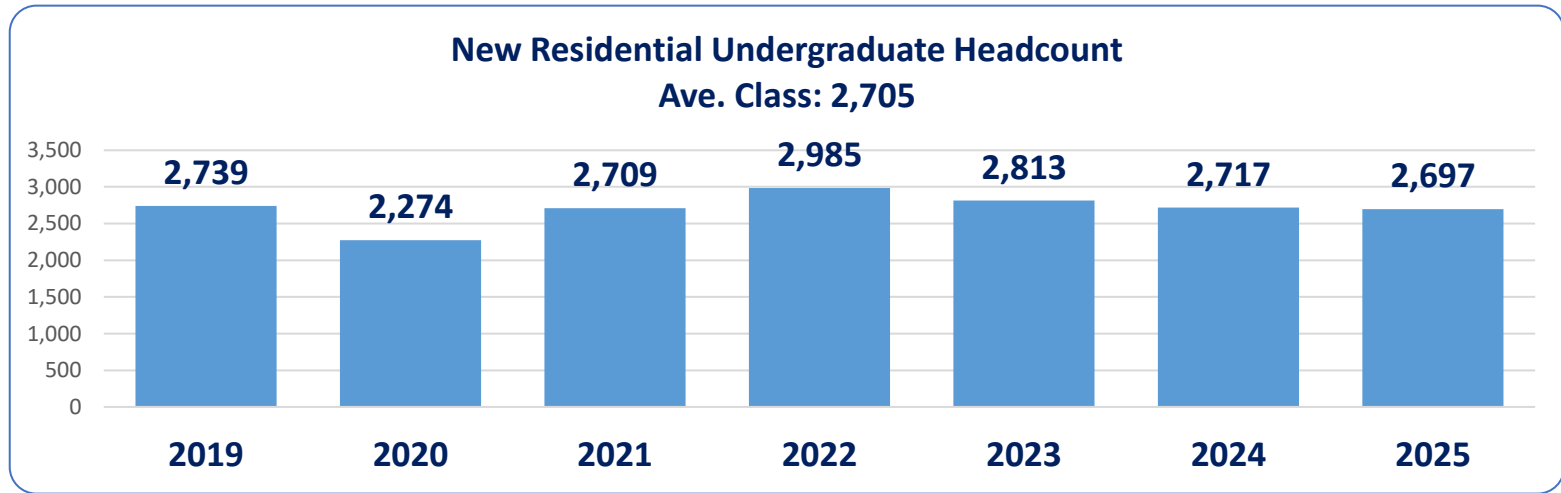
Future Enrollment Planning Task Force Desired Class Profile

Headcount Goal: 2,650

New Student Total: 2,697

Desired New Undergraduate Class Profile	2025 TARGET	2025 Census
Total FY Headcount	2,400-2,500	2,405
Total Transfers Headcount	200-300	292
Academic Profile - ACRK	4.3 – 4.6	4.58
Academic Profile - Mean HS GPA	3.5 – 3.8	3.64
% First Generation – First Year Students	15% - 17%	16%
% Pell Grant Eligible – First Year Students	18% - 20%	22%
FY/Transfer Mix Ratio - % Transfers	6% - 12%	10.8%
% of Need Met	92% - 94%	TBD
% International – First Year Students	7% - 9%	7%

New Residential Undergraduates Fall First-Year and Transfers



Fall Census	2019	*2020	2021	**2022	2023	2024	***2025
First-Year	2,619	1,978	2,571	2,941	2,539	2,459	2,405
Transfers	120	296	138	44	274	258	292
Total New Res UGs	2,739	2,274	2,709	2,985	2,813	2,717	2,697

*Fall 2020: new student class was all online/virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many students declined or deferred admission that academic year.

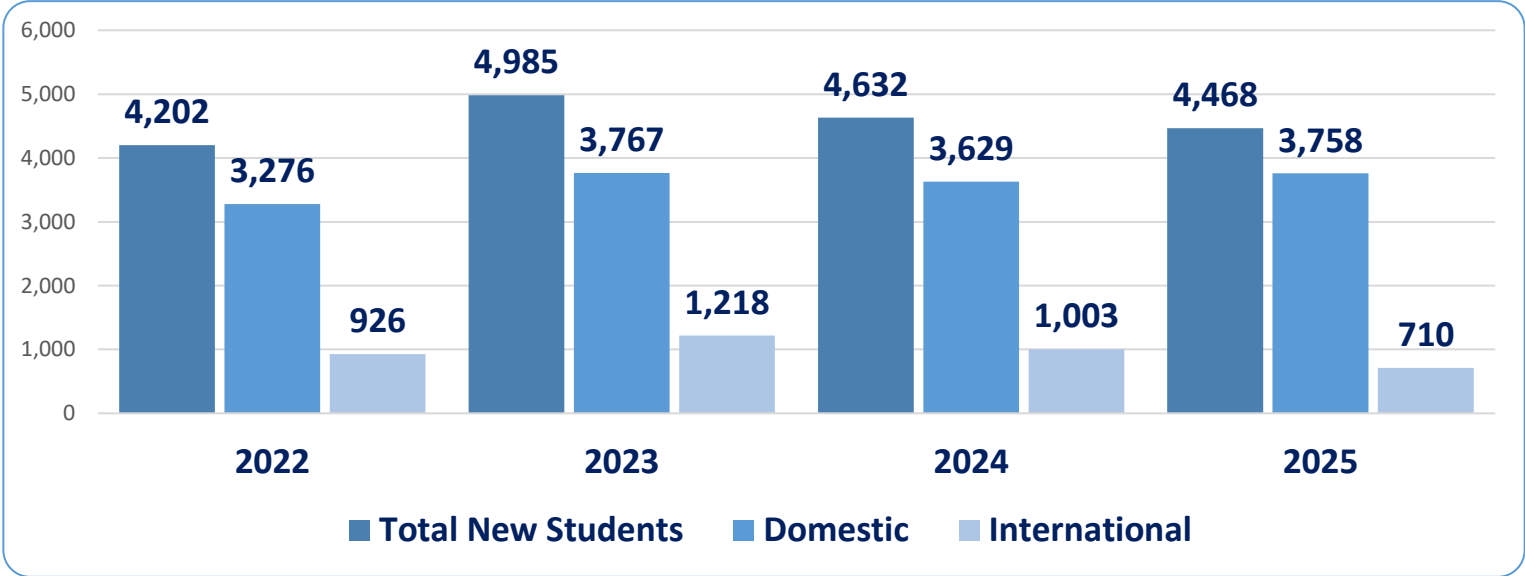
**Fall 2022: larger new student class was possible due to lower previous enrollments due the pandemic and the re-opening of Thurston Hall (+830 beds).

***Fall 2025: new student class target was lowered by 100 due to Mitchell Residence Hall being offline for renovations.

New Graduate Enrollments

New Graduate and Professional Students

Post-Pandemic: Fall 2022 - 2025



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Student Loan Task Force

UPDATE

Preparing for
Student Loan Support in
Academic Year 2026-2027

12-12-2025



Important Highlights and Reactions from HR-1

- 1. No Changes for current student borrowers** in 2025-2026 academic year. For current student borrowers continuously enrolled in the same degree program, they will be able to persist with the current federal loan programs, or be “grandfathered”, for up to three years.
- 2. After July 1, 2026, Graduate and professional students** starting a new degree program will be able to apply for student loans through federal and private lending processes. *New total borrowing caps will be initiated and the federal PLUS Loans for graduate and professional students will be eliminated.*
- 3. By end of April 2026, GW plans to provide a new private loan portal** to identify various private loan options, including lender comparisons and online loan applications.

Federal Aid Changes Homepage & FAQs

<https://financialaid.gwu.edu/recent-changes>



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Financial Aid Changes in 2026-27

On July 4, 2025, HR 1 – Public Law No. 119–21, known as the “Big Beautiful Bill,” was signed into law. This legislation introduces sweeping changes to how students and families pay for higher education. The provisions include the phase-out of the Grad PLUS Loan Program, new annual and lifetime loan limits, adjustments to federal grant and loan programs, and fewer repayment options for new borrowers.

The Department of Education has not yet issued the official regulations that will define how these changes will be implemented. However, the summary below provides an overview of what we currently know—and what is still unclear—about how this law may affect financial aid beginning in the 2026–27 academic year.

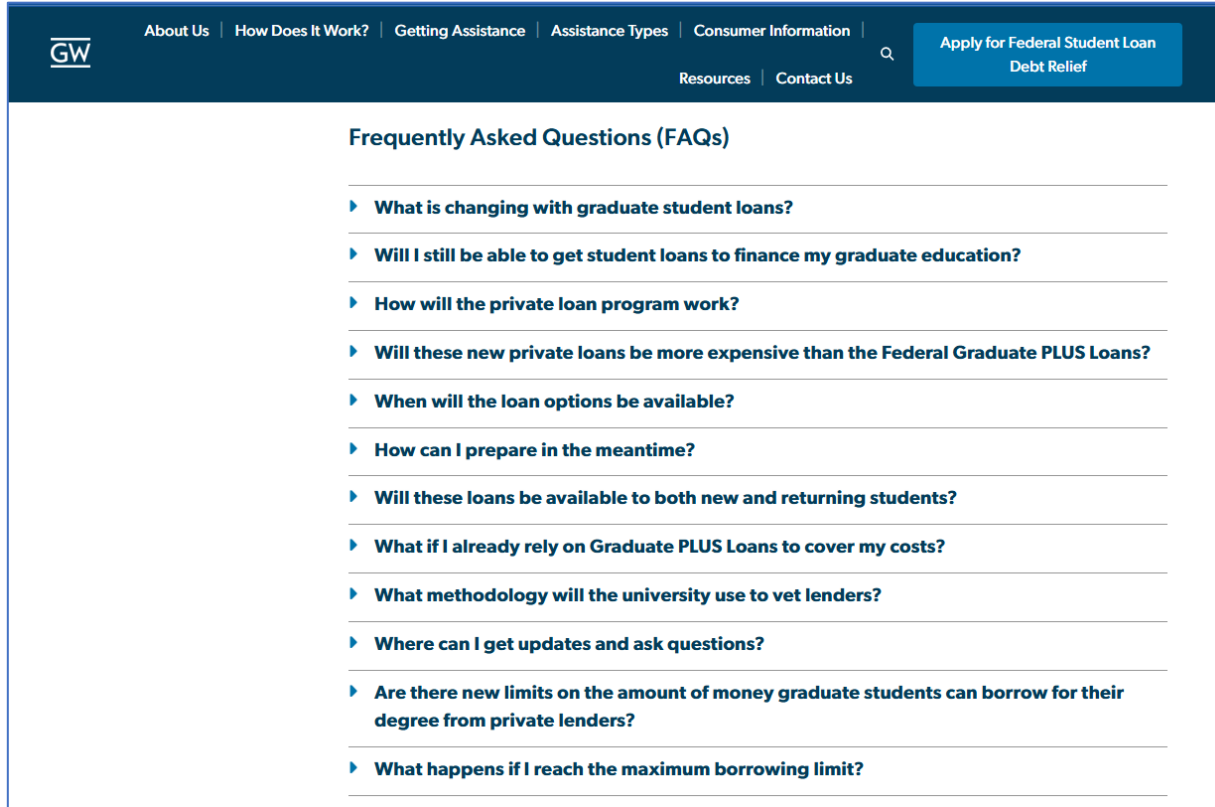
For now, please be aware that:

- Financial aid for the 2025–26 academic year is not changing.
- If you start a new graduate program before July 1, 2026, you remain eligible for Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loans (GradPLUS) under current rules.
- If you start a new graduate program after July 1, 2026, you will be able to apply for student loans through federal and private lending processes. GW plans to provide a new homepage to highlight the process for students to identify various loan options in April 2026.

Recent Changes: Student Loan Implications for the 2026-27 Academic Year
Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loans Are Being Phased Out
Beginning July 1, 2026, new graduate and professional students will no longer be able to take out Federal

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The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the GWU Financial Aid website. The navigation bar is dark blue with white text. On the left is the GW logo. In the center are links for 'About Us', 'How Does It Work?', 'Getting Assistance', 'Assistance Types', and 'Consumer Information'. On the right is a search icon and a button that says 'Apply for Federal Student Loan Debt Relief'. Below the navigation bar is a section titled 'Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)'. This section contains a list of 13 questions, each preceded by a blue right-pointing arrow. The questions are:

- ▶ **What is changing with graduate student loans?**
- ▶ **Will I still be able to get student loans to finance my graduate education?**
- ▶ **How will the private loan program work?**
- ▶ **Will these new private loans be more expensive than the Federal Graduate PLUS Loans?**
- ▶ **When will the loan options be available?**
- ▶ **How can I prepare in the meantime?**
- ▶ **Will these loans be available to both new and returning students?**
- ▶ **What if I already rely on Graduate PLUS Loans to cover my costs?**
- ▶ **What methodology will the university use to vet lenders?**
- ▶ **Where can I get updates and ask questions?**
- ▶ **Are there new limits on the amount of money graduate students can borrow for their degree from private lenders?**
- ▶ **What happens if I reach the maximum borrowing limit?**

Key Takeaways

- 1. Current student borrowers will not be impacted** by the HR1 changes. The new regulations “grandfather” current students access to the current federal loan programs.
- 2. Future students will still be able to borrow up to their program’s Cost of Attendance**, but it will be funded through a combination of Federal and private loans.
- 3. New students must still complete the federal financial aid applications (FAFSA/CSS Profile).**
- 4. Private loan portal** available by the end April 2026.



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Meet unmet financial gap for incoming families who qualify for Pell grants

Reduce unsubsidized loans for incoming families who qualify for Pell grants

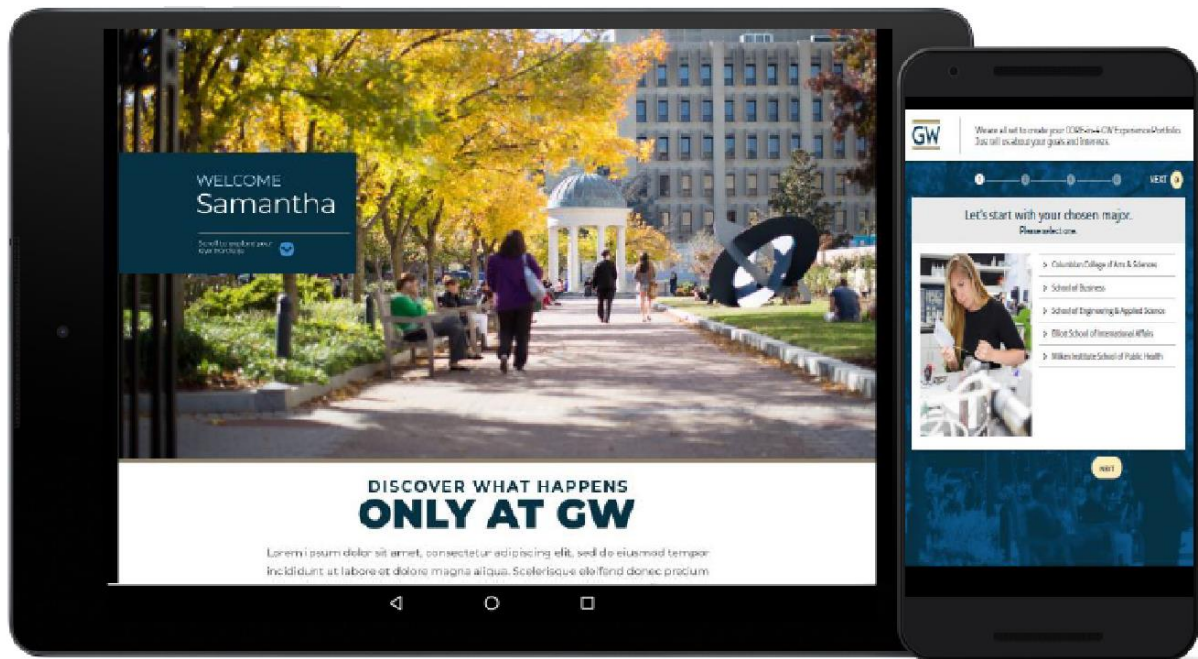
Reduce loans by forgiving the debt incurred senior year

Meet unmet financial gap for incoming students from middle income families

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