April 15 Resolution

Acceptance of an offer of financial support*, such as full tuition support, a fellowship, traineeship or assistantship, completes an agreement that both student and graduate school are expected to honor. In that context, the conditions affecting such offers and their acceptance must be defined carefully and understood by all parties. By signing this Resolution, universities commit to a fair and equitable process that allows prospective students time to receive and consider offers of financial support in the best interest of that student.

Students admitted for the upcoming fall term are under no obligation to accept or decline offers of financial support prior to April 15; earlier deadlines for acceptance of such offers violate the intent of this Resolution. In those instances, in which a student accepts an offer before April 15, and subsequently desires to withdraw that acceptance, the student is encouraged to notify the program as soon as possible as a courtesy, but the student is not required to formally decline the offer until at least April 15. If the student withdraws the acceptance after April 15, the student must inform the program in writing that they are withdrawing from or declining the offer of financial support that they previously had accepted. It is further agreed by the institutions and organizations subscribing to the above Resolution that a copy of this Resolution or a link to the URL should accompany every full tuition support, fellowship, traineeship, and assistantship offer.

This resolution was approved by the CGS Board on April 10, 2026. The following list includes CGS member institutions that indicated their support of the Resolution.

*This Resolution applies to offers of full tuition support, fellowships, traineeships, and assistantships only, not offers of admission.

Appalachian State University
Arkansas Tech University
Auburn University
Ball State University
Baylor University
Brandeis University
Boston University
Bowie State University
Bowling Green State University
Brigham Young University
Bryn Mawr College
California Institute of Technology
California State University, Monterey Bay
Case Western Reserve University
Central Michigan University
Central Washington University
Chapman University
City University of New York Graduate Center
Clark Atlanta University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Drexel University
Duke University
East Carolina University
Eastern Illinois University
Emory University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Gallaudet University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Grand Valley State University
Hampton University
Harvard University
Howard University
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University, The
Kennesaw State University
Lehigh University
Louisiana State University and A&M College
Loyola University Chicago
Miami University
Michigan Technological University
Minnesota State University, Mankato
Montana State University

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New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University
North Dakota State University
Northern Illinois University
Northwestern University
Old Dominion University
Oregon State University
Pennsylvania State University, The
Princeton University
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
Rutgers University, School of Graduate Studies
Salisbury University
San Diego State University
San Jose State University
Sarah Lawrence College
Southern Methodist University
Stanford University
State University of New York at Binghamton
Stony Brook University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
Tulane University
University at Buffalo SUNY, The
University of Alabama at Birmingham, The
University of Alabama in Huntsville, The
University of Alabama, The
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, San Francisco
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Central Florida
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
University of Idaho
University of Illinois Chicago
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Kansas, The
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Massachusetts Medical School
University of Miami
University of Minnesota
University of Missouri, Columbia
University of Missouri, Kansas City
University of Montana
University of Nebraska at Kearney
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of New Hampshire
University of New Mexico
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Pembroke
University of North Dakota
University of North Florida
University of Northern Iowa, The
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester, The
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Southern Mississippi
University of Texas at Arlington, The
University of Texas at Austin, The
University of Texas at El Paso, The
University of Texas at San Antonio, The
University of Texas Grad School of Biomedical Sci at Galveston
University of Tulsa, The
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
University of Wyoming
Van Andel Institute Graduate School
Wesleyan University
West Virginia University
Western Michigan University
Western Washington University
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