Louisiana State University Graduate School offers a limited number of application fee waivers on a first-come, first-serve basis to applicants who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and who belong to under-represented groups or who hold active or veteran military status. Application fee waivers cannot be requested for late applications.

1) Applicants affiliated with the following programs should submit the Application Fee Waiver Request form and a signed letter of support from the program director: the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC), McNair Scholars, Project 1000, Post Baccalaureate Research and Education Programs (PREP), GEM Fellowship Program, and Initiatives for Maximizing Student Diversity (IMSD).

2) The application fee may also be waived in some cases of financial hardship. In order to apply for the fee waiver, submit the application fee waiver form and at least one of the following:

- A copy of the waiver granted by the testing service for the GRE fee within the past year, OR
- An official statement of need signed by a financial aid officer at the college or university you are now attending, including the most recent year’s Estimated Student or Family Contribution, OR
- Official verification of current participation in a government aid program based on low income (i.e. SNAP Food Benefits, Unemployment, TANF-Welfare or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Medicaid or CHIP)

3) The application fee may also be waived for applicants with active or veteran military status. In order to apply for the fee waiver, submit the application fee waiver form and documentation of current military status.

Application fee waiver requests must be submitted at least four weeks prior to the program’s application deadline date, in order to provide enough time to evaluate the application and determine eligibility. Application fee waivers will not be granted if the application deadline has passed. The program to which you are applying may require additional fees, which are not covered by this policy.

Fill out the top section of the Application Fee Waiver Request Form, and append at least one of the documents listed on the form. (Note: application fee waiver requests will not be considered without the required documentation.)

Final approval for the requested waiver is made by the Louisiana State University Graduate School. The applicant will be notified via email of the final decision. For further information contact gradadmission@lsu.edu or 225-578-2311.

Information about the MARC program can be found at this link: https://www.nigms.nih.gov/Training/MARC/Pages/USTARAwards.aspx

Information about the Project 1000 can be found at this link: http://matl.eas.asu.edu/p1000/

Information about the PREP program can be found at this link: https://www.nigms.nih.gov/Training/PREP/Pages/default.aspx

Information about the IMSD program can be found at this link: https://www.nigms.nih.gov/Training/IMSD/Pages/default.aspx