Federal Work-Study (FWS)

Carnegie Mellon participates in the Federal Work-Study program during the academic year only. This is a federal financial aid program offered to students who demonstrate financial need. If you are eligible, a dollar amount will appear on your financial aid letter. To view your financial aid letter and check your eligibility, visit your SIO. All students receiving Federal Title IV student financial assistance must continually demonstrate that he/she are earning a minimum number of units and maintaining a minimum grade point average to receive federal financial aid. These requirements vary from major to major. Students who accept their offer of FWS are not guaranteed a job. Your Work-Study award will be used toward your payment for any job that you have on campus.

Work-Study students are paid by the hour on a bi-weekly basis. In order for a Work-Study award to be used for a job, the pay rate must be a minimum of $8.25/hour and no more than $12.00/hour for undergraduate students, or $16.00/hour for graduate students (a graduate student's federal Work-Study award can only be used by the student's graduate department). The students' total gross earning must not exceed the award limit amount. Any hiring department that an undergraduate student works for can use their federal Work-Study award. This program offers employers a cost-savings benefit, and students with a Work-Study award can have an advantage when applying for certain jobs.

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