



## **TRANSPARENCY**

As a university that upholds financial transparency, our admissions counselors offer detailed information and answer questions directly about how to pay for college and incur minimal debt.

- As a private university, GCU's out-of-state students pay the same affordable tuition rates as in-state students.
- GCU takes great care to ensure students know how much attending GCU will cost so they can make the necessary plans early in the college search process.

Our counselors help families determine which scholarship opportunities students may be eligible to receive. We make sure families understand the requirements, savings and how to lock in a scholarship offer.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

95% of traditional students in the 2021-22 academic year maintained some level of an institutional scholarship.

Each accepted student is automatically reviewed for a number of incoming scholarship opportunities that are renewable each year.

Unlike many universities that require students to reapply, these incoming scholarship opportunities automatically renew as long as students remain eligible academically.



## REDUCING DEBT

GCU students graduate with less debt than the average (\$25,681 for GCU vs. \$33,600 for private nonprofit universities).<sup>1,2</sup>

In 2022, GCU's traditional campus students received nearly \$180 million dollars in scholarships.

Our 2023-24 room and board rates per academic year start at just \$3,550 per semester.<sup>3</sup>

GCU's opportunities and options help students graduate with minimal student debt

In fact, College Scorecard reports GCU's median Parent PLUS loan debt at just over \$14,500,4 making it \$10,000 lower than half of the other institutions listed.5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Average student loan debt is calculated by taking only undergraduate students with student loan debt (borrowed by graduates) who have graduated in the 2019-20 Award Year into consideration.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 2019-20. Data retrieved from College Board, Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid 2021 in February 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Based on suite-style, triple occupancy room plus the residence hall minimum meal plan (Canyon \$1,450 Dining Dollars per semester). Prices based on 2023-24 rate and are subject to change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Retrieved from College Scorecard in March 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Retrieved from Wall Street Journal in March 2021.

## **COST ESTIMATE COMPARISONS**

It is important for students to read through and understand how GCU's Cost Estimator was fashioned and how it may differ from those produced by other universities for comparison purposes. Here are some important differentiators at GCU:

#### **DIRECT COSTS**

GCU's cost estimates will include direct costs only. For a full cost of attendance, please visit: <a href="mailto:gcu.edu/cost">gcu.edu/cost</a>

#### **FEDERAL WORK STUDY**

Students who are eligible for federal work study will see it on their GCU Cost Estimator once the federal work study opportunity has been secured. Other schools may show federal works study prior to an opportunity being secured, which could negatively impact the balance due if a federal work study eligible opportunity was not secured.

### **PLUS OR PRIVATE LOANS**

In the spirit of minimizing debt, GCU's cost estimate only includes federal financial aid loans and will not include PLUS or private loan amounts, unless a student indicates interest in pursuing one of those options.

#### **BALANCE DUE**

Because GCU's approach is to minimize borrowing, GCU's estimate will typically NOT have a \$0 amount due at the bottom.

# INTEREST-FREE SEMESTER PAYMENT PLANS

GCU's estimate will likely show a balance due with the option of an installment plan. GCU offers and encourages interest-free payment plans to help manage college expenses by making payments over the course of a semester, rather than in a single lump sum.

\$0 at the bottom of a cost estimator from another school does not always mean the student isn't paying anything. Often these estimates include loans the student did not qualify for.

GCU'S COUNSELORS HOST WORKSHOPS AND SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS TO HELP FAMILIES COMPARE COST ESTIMATES.



# STUDENT WORKER OPPORTUNITIES

Student worker positions are available in a wide variety of campus departments each year. This helps students earn money they can put toward collegerelated expenses or summer session classes. Students can apply for student employment through GCU's Academic and Career Excellence (ACE) Center and even search for paid internship opportunities.

GCU enterprises, such as the GCU Golf Course, The Lope House Restaurant, GCU Hotel, Canyon 49 Grill, Grand Canyon Beverage Co. (GCBC) and Canyon Promotions also offer jobs and real-life work application for students. Not only are student-worker positions beneficial for earning money, they serve as opportunities for networking with GCU employees and faculty.





# **MAXIMIZE TIME AT GCU**

GCU offers options for students to accelerate their educational path toward early graduation.



## PERSONALIZED PLANNING

If a student wants to graduate in less than four years and is in a program that permits the acceleration, their counselor will customize a fast-track path with options that may include online learning, attending during discounted summer sessions or acquiring more transfer credits.

# **DUAL ENROLLMENT**

This program offers an opportunity for students to earn transferable credits while still in high school to get a head start on their academic goals.

Visit **gcu.edu/DualEnrollment** for more information.







Apply at gcu.edu/ApplyNow and upload your transcripts. No transaction fee! 2



Make an appointment with your admissions counselor to review scholarships and programs. 3



Upon acceptance, visit campus (all-expenses-paid<sup>1</sup> programs available) 4



Register early to secure courses and on-campus housing.





Pack your sunglasses and move to Lope Country!

## **DISCOVER GCU IS NOW BETTER THAN EVER!**

This overnight, all-expenses-paid trip to sunny Arizona will let you experience life as a Lope firsthand.<sup>1</sup>
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undergraduate programs offered on campus, available scholarships and more, contact an admissions counselor.

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<sup>1</sup> Travel reimbursement is only available to accepted prospective traditional campus students, plus one legal guardian, from a student's home city/state to Phoenix, AZ. School/district/organizations staff, faculty and/or personnel are also eligible. To participate, the program requires a signed MOU by both the student and parent/guardian or personnel, approval of travel dates by GCU and receipts submitted per GCU requirements. Travel reimbursement thresholds vary based on location and education sector. Only one form of travel will be reimbursed, air or ground. GCU does not reimburse hotel expenses, baggage costs, early check-in or travel insurance fees. Travel reimbursement usually occurs within 45 days.

