



The Program in Neuroscience offers application fee waivers to qualified applicants who meet one of the criteria for **Program Participation** or **Financial Need**, as described below. If you believe you qualify for an application fee waiver, upload the required documentation as “**Neuroscience Application Fee Documents**” in your application. The Program in Neuroscience will review fee waiver requests and provide a status update (approved or denied) within 3 business days. If you have the need for a fee waiver but cannot provide the supporting documentation or don’t fall into one of the Program Participation categories, we encourage you to contact the Program Director, Dr. Lisa Eckel (eckel@psy.fsu.edu), to discuss your situation.

Please note that this is a fee waiver process and not a fee payment reimbursement process. **Once a student pays the application fee, a waiver is no longer an option. If you want to be considered for a fee waiver, do not pay the application fee.**

Criteria for a fee waiver:

Program Participation (Domestic and International students)

Applicants who have participated in one or more of the following programs designed to prepare students for graduate study must submit verification of program participation/membership (such as a letter bearing the original signature of the program director/advisor) or proof of accepted meeting presentation (ABRCMS, SACNAS).

- McNair Scholars Program
- Florida Georgia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (FGLSAMP)
- Minority Access for Research Careers (MARC)
- Minority Biomedical Research Support Program (RISE)
- NIH Postbaccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP)
- Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minorities Students (ABRCMS)
- Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)
- Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement (CARE) program

Financial Need (Domestic students)

To demonstrate financial need, upload one of the following*:

- A statement of need from a financial aid officer at the college/university you are currently attending. This statement must include your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) number listed on your Student Aid Report (SAR), the financial aid officer’s signature, and your signature verifying that the reported information is correct.
- A copy of your 2020-21 Student Aid Report (SAR). The SAR is generated from the information you provide on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>). **Do not** submit a copy of your FAFSA.

*Note: do not upload documentation that shows sensitive or confidential personal information, such as social security numbers, your phone number, or other sensitive items.