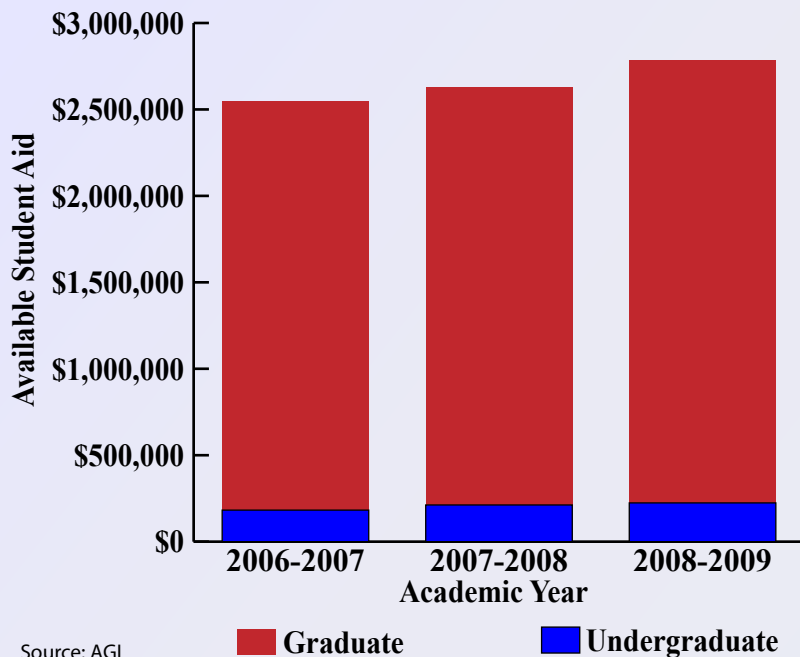
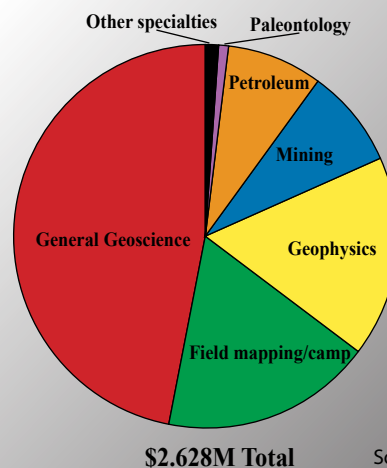


Student Aid for Geoscience Students to top \$2.7 Million in 2008

Total U.S. Geoscience Student Aid by Degree Level



2007-2008 Student Aid by Discipline



Direct support for geoscience students has been rising for the last two years. The trend looks to continue in 2008-2009 with a projected 6% increase in available funds. These opportunities for student support include funds from government agencies (60%) and non-profit societies (40%, which includes support from private foundations and companies).

Graduate student support comprises 91% of all awards in the 2007-2008 academic year – over \$2.4 M spread across 570 individual awards. The largest student support program is the NSF Graduate Student Fellowship program. This program provided more than \$1.13 million dollars in support to geoscience graduate students in 2007 from a total program budget of \$40.5 million.

Several programs have significantly grown in recent years, including the Society of Exploration Geophysicists scholarship program's 65% increase in awarded support since 2006-2007. Funding for student travel grants has increased by more than \$32,000 since that time, though field camp scholarships have remained steady.

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