



# Department of Philosophy

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **DENVER**

## Help with Student Loans: Application Period: October 1- 31, 2025

The Philosophy Department is excited to announce the \$5,000 Pay it Back Grant for Philosophy Majors. Designed to assist with paying down student loan debt. The Pay it Back Grant is open to sophomore and up Philosophy Majors with existing student debt exceeding \$5,000.

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This grant is funded by a CU Denver Lifelong Learners student, Jim Greenwood, and his wife Karen. Jim has been part of the Lifelong Learners Program for six years and has become a friend of the Philosophy Department. Jim and Karen would like to “Pay It Back” by helping a student with their existing debt. They started the Pay It Back Grant after retirement. Since then, the Greenwoods have awarded Pay it Back Grants to healthcare workers with student debt for 5 years. They are excited about continuing this program at CU Denver.

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### Here's how it works

#### To be eligible you must meet these requirements:

- Matriculating Philosophy Major
  - Sophomore or above
  - GPA 3.0 or above
- Existing student debt exceeding \$5000

#### Application Requirements:

- Completion of a short essay   ■ Recommendation from a Philosophy Professor
  - Proof of outstanding student debt   ■ Submission by October 31, 2025
- \* Privacy note - CU Denver does NOT provide any student information to the Greenwoods.
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All applications will be reviewed solely by Jim and Karen who will select one Grant Recipient. The Grant Recipient will be announced in early December 2025. The \$5,000 will be paid directly by the Greenwoods to the Recipient's loan holder to reduce their outstanding debt. Interested in applying? Please contact [MAYA.THIEME@ucdenver.edu](mailto:MAYA.THIEME@ucdenver.edu) to receive an application or for any questions you may have.



\*The Greenwoods reserve the right not to award a scholarship if there are no applications that meet their eligibility and requirement criteria.