

Undergraduate Federal and State Loan

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This guide will provide you with information on the different loans available to help fund your UCLA education.

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Types of Loans

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Federal Direct Loans

Federal direct loans consist of low-interest subsidized (no interest while in school), unsubsidized loans (interest accrues while in school) and parent PLUS loans. All of these are financed by the U.S. Department of Education.

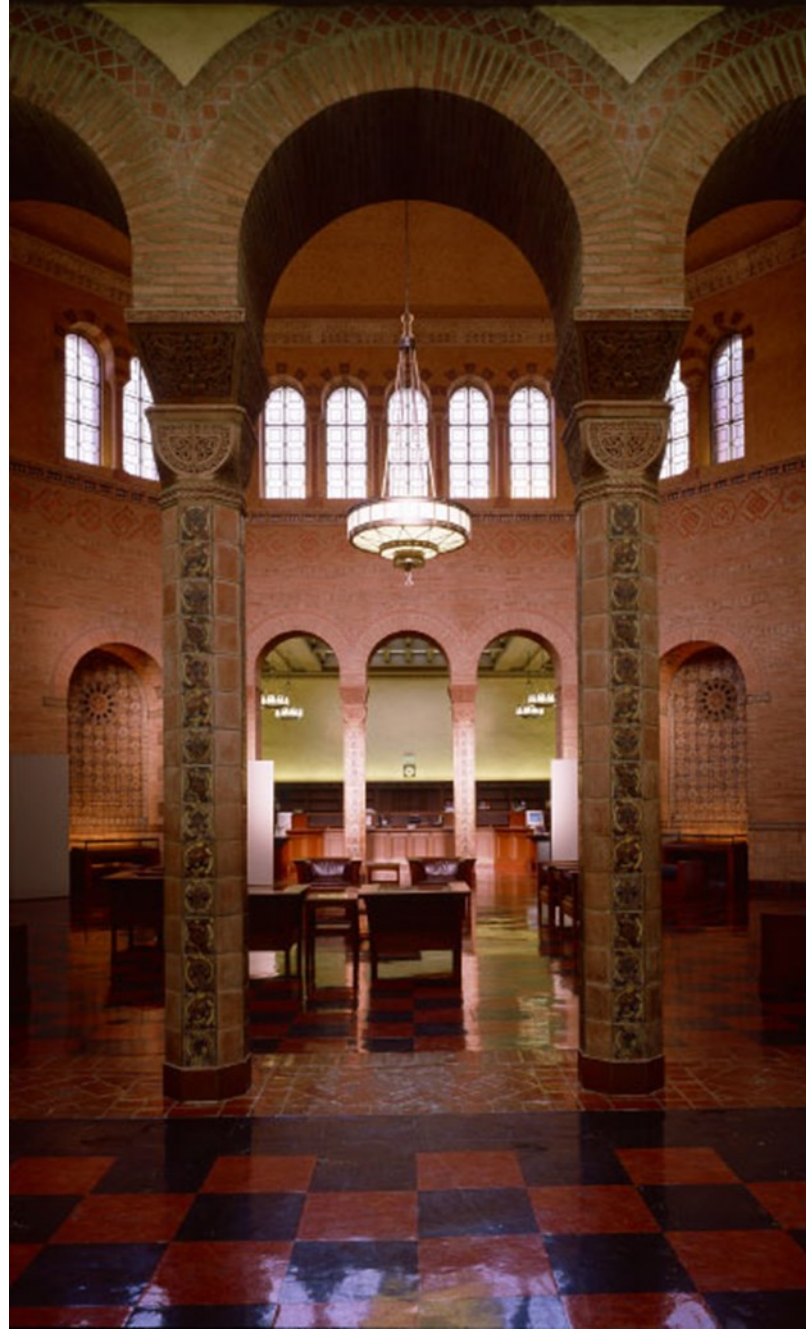
Subsidized and Unsubsidized loans are borrowed by the student. Parent PLUS loans are borrowed by the parent.

California DREAM Loan and University Loans

DREAM loans are available to California students who meet the application requirements for the California DREAM Act Application with an on-time CA Dream Act application status. Dream loan has the same interest rate as Federal Direct Subsidized Loan. University Loans are offered to incoming first year Undergraduate students who have financial need as determined by their FAFSA.

Private Student Loans

Private loans are available for both students and parents. These loans are offered by lenders independently of the Department of Education. Interest rates are credit based and repayment options will vary. Private loans are best utilized only if eligibility for Federal Direct Loans has already been exhausted. For detailed private loan information, re-



Loan Eligibility

- ◆ You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each academic year. (For Federal Loans)
- ◆ You must Complete a CA DREAM Act Application each year (for DREAM Loans)
- ◆ You must be a US citizen or an eligible non-citizen. (For Federal Loans)
- ◆ You must be enrolled at least half-time (6 units).
- ◆ Eligibility for Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans, PLUS loans and Private loans is not need based.

Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans

Students who submit a FAFSA will receive notification of their loan eligibility via their Bruin Financial Aid Letter through the Bruin Financial Aid Portal.

NOTE: First time borrowers must complete the Loan Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note for each type of loan they are accepting before funds can be disbursed.

California DREAM Loan and University Loan

Students who submit a California DREAM Act Application on-time and meet AB540 Criteria will receive notification of their loan eligibility on their Bruin Financial Aid Letter. First year students eligible for a University Loan will also be notified on their Bruin Financial Aid Letter.

Students must accept the loan(s) on their Bruin Financial Aid Letter and complete their loan documents through the third party vendor, Heartland ECSI to complete all necessary loan documentation.

DREAM Loan and University Loan

- ◆ For more information please review UCLA Financial Education, Loan and Support Services Office website via <https://loans.ucla.edu/e-sign-portal>
- ◆ The required loan entrance counseling for a CA or University Dream Loan will be provided when e-signing the loan documents.

Parent PLUS Loans

The PLUS loan acceptance is initiated by completing the following steps with Federal Student Aid:

Parent PLUS Loan Documents

- ◆ The students parent must request a PLUS Loan at: <https://studentaid.gov> A new request must be completed each year.
- ◆ The parent must also complete a Master Promissory Note on the same website (<https://studentaid.gov/mpn>). This requirement is for first time borrowers only, with the exception of Loans approved with an endorser. Endorsed loans require a new master promissory note to be signed for each year a PLUS loan is requested.

PLUS Loan Credit

A Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan applicant is considered to have an adverse credit history if he or she:

- ◆ Is 90 or more days delinquent on any debt as of the date of the credit report, or
- ◆ Has been the subject of a default determination, bankruptcy discharge, foreclosure, repossession, tax lien, wage garnishment or write-off of debt under Title IV of Higher Education Act during the 5 years preceding the date of the credit report.
- ◆ Has unpaid collection accounts and/or charge-offs as of the date of the credit report.
- ◆ If the parent is denied a PLUS loan due to adverse credit, and the family chooses not to appeal the decision or proceed with an endorser, UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships will award the student additional unsubsidized loan funds.

Approval on Appeal or with an Endorser:

Borrowers who have adverse credit but are approved for a Direct Parent PLUS Loan as a result of appealing the credit decision or applying with an endorser are subject to a new counseling requirement. This new PLUS credit counseling module must be completed at <https://studentaid.gov>

How to accept your Loans

Take Action On Your Loans

If you choose to utilize any student or parent loans offered as part of your Bruin Financial Aid Letter, you will need to complete the acceptance process via “Step 2 Take Actions On Loans” of your Bruin Financial Aid Portal under the HOME tab.

Under this section, you will have the option to take action on your loans per term; accepting or reducing the loan amount offered. Please keep in mind that reducing the amount accepted on your loan after it has disbursed will result in an overaward, requiring us to bill you immediately on your BruinBill.

Receive Your Funds

After you have accepted your loans, you will need to proceed to “Step 3 Receive Your Funds” of your Bruin Financial Aid Portal under the HOME tab to complete any outstanding loan documentation required. For Federal Parent PLUS Loans and Graduate PLUS Loans, a separate Loan application will need to be completed with the link provided in this section.



Loan Fees and Interest Rates

Loan Type	Interest Rate	Interest Rate Period	Origina-tion Fee	Loan Period
Subsidized/ Unsubsidized	6.39%	July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026	1.057%	October 1, 2025- September 30, 2026
PLUS Loan	8.94%	July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026	4.228%	October 1, 2025- September 30, 2026

Repayment

Subsidized and Unsubsidized loans enter repayment six months after a student graduates or drops below half-time (grace period). Payments to the principal and interest on Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans can be deferred while the student is in school and during the grace period (although interest will still accrue). Deferred interest will be capitalized (added to the principal) at repayment or the borrower can pay interest while in school.

A Parent PLUS loan will enter repayment 30 days after the final disbursement. Parents have the option to defer payment until after their dependent student graduates or drops below half time enrollment by contacting their loan servicer.

The standard repayment period for all Federal loans is 10 years but can be extended. Please go to <https://studentaid.gov> for information about different repayment plan options, deferments and forbearances available through the Department of Education.

LOAN DISBURSEMENTS

The total loan amount you accept on your Bruin Financial Aid Portal will be disbursed to your BruinBill account at the start of each quarter. You may reference Section 3 under the FINANCIAL tab of your Bruin Financial Aid Portal for all future disbursement dates. Any funds remaining after the BruinBill balance is paid will be refunded to the student.

For faster delivery of your excess funds, we recommend that students sign up for [BruinDirect](#) via their BruinBill on MyUCLA. This will allow any refund to be direct deposited to your bank account, rather than being processed as a paper check, which can take up to 7-10 business days.



ANNUAL LOAN LIMITS

Loan limits for graduating seniors, who will not be enrolled for the entire academic year will be prorated, resulting in lower than the annual maximum eligibility being awarded.

Grade Level	Federal Direct Subsidized Loan Maximum	Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan Maximum*	TOTAL Annual Maximum**
Freshman	\$3,500	Dependent = \$2,000 Independent = \$6,000	Dependent = \$5,500 Independent = \$9,500
Sophomore	\$4,500	Dependent = \$2,000 Independent = \$6,000	Dependent = \$6,500 Independent = \$10,500
Junior/Senior	\$5,500	Dependent = \$2,000 Independent = \$7,000	Dependent = \$7,500 Independent = \$12,500
Undergraduate Aggregate Loan Limits	\$23,000		Dependent = \$31,000 Independent = \$57,500

- ◆ Students whose parents do not qualify for a Parent PLUS Loan are eligible to receive unsubsidized loan at the independent student maximum, not to exceed cost of attendance.
- ◆ Students who do not qualify for a Federal Direct Subsidized Loan are eligible to receive Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans up to their respective total annual maximum loan limits, not to exceed cost of attendance.

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