



Bruin Financial *Aid* Letter

2025-26 Guide

UCLA Financial Aid & Scholarships

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Messaging Center:

<https://financialaid.ucla.edu/Contact-Us>

Bruin Financial Aid Letter

Your Bruin Financial Aid Letter is the official notice of financial aid eligibility for the 2025-2026 academic year. Any time Financial Aid and Scholarships updates your award, a new Bruin Financial Aid Letter will be created and you will be notified via an email to access it through the Bruin Financial Aid Portal.

Housing Status

Your Bruin Financial Aid Letter will indicate the housing status that Financial Aid and Scholarships has on file. If your housing status is incorrect and you are a newly admitted student who has not submitted their statement of intent to register (SIR), you may inform our office by sending us a message via MyUCLA. Otherwise, please notify our office of the change by using the Bruin Financial Aid Portal and selecting “Documents - Upload a Non Requested Document” and select “Appeal: Housing Adjustment.” Please have copies of your rental agreement and canceled checks available to be submitted to Financial Aid and Scholarships upon request. If housing verification is requested and you are unable to provide the necessary documentation, your budget will be adjusted and you will be billed for grants and/or loans received in excess of your eligibility.

NOTE: All Graduate and Professional students are automatically awarded with an off-campus budget, thus revisions are never necessary.

Cost of Attendance Summary

This section of your Bruin Financial Aid Letter outlines the different expenses included within your estimated Cost of Attendance budget. Please keep in mind that your cost of attendance budget is an estimate and not a bill. Your total aid awarded cannot exceed your Cost of Attendance. Thus, your aid letter will be revised if you receive support from sources outside of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Different Types of Aid

Your Bruin Financial Aid Letter may include different types of support.

Grants and Scholarships that are included on your Bruin Financial Aid Letter are gift aid awarded to undergraduate students based on need and/or merit.

Federal, State and University Grants may be included in your aid package. If you receive a Cal Vet fee waiver, it will reduce University Grant offered.

If you are a Cal Grant recipient, your Cal Grant is limited to four academic years (two years if you are a transfer student) of eligibility. You need to complete 15 units per quarter in order to graduate within four academic years. University Grants are awarded to eligible students who meet the FAFSA/CADAA priority filing deadline of April 2.

Graduate Support will not display on your Bruin Financial Aid Letter until your Academic Department and/or Graduate Division has processed your eligibility. If you do not see your graduate support on your aid letter, please contact your academic department.

Please be aware that your total Federal and Graduate support aid combined cannot exceed your Cost of Attendance budget.

Depending on when your graduate aid is processed, this could cause a reduction in your loans offered and/or accepted at anytime during the academic year.

Loans - Loans are a type of aid that must be repaid. Additional information about the loans offered can be found in the Loan Guides available at financialaid.ucla.edu/Forms-and-Publications. Please read the loan guides carefully before accepting this type of aid. You can accept or decline the loans offered by proceeding to “Step 2 Take Actions On Loans” of your Bruin Financial Aid Portal under the HOME tab. You will have the option to take action for the loans based on the terms you are attending. You will also have the option to accept, cancel, increase or decrease the loan(s) offered at any time during the academic year.

University Grant, Cal Grant, University Grant for Dream students, and Federal Pell Grants require full time (12 units) enrollment in order to qualify for maximum eligibility. Grant awards will be reduced for students enrolled less than full time at the end of the third week of the quarter.

You will be notified via e-mail whenever a new or revised Bruin Financial Aid Letter is available for your review. Please make sure that your e-mail address is always current on MyUCLA.

Undergraduate Work-Study allows students to gain work experience and pay for their educational expenses as they earn their pay. Financial Aid and Scholarships will send separate communications to you via e-mail on how to locate and secure a work-study position. Additional information can be found at <https://financialaid.ucla.edu/types-of-aid/work-study>.

University of California Student Health Insurance Program (USHIP) Grant is awarded to many low and middle income applicants who filed their FAFSA/ CADAA by the [UCLA Priority filing deadline](#) as published on our homepage. This grant helps to pay for USHIP Health Insurance Fees. **Students who elect to waive the USHIP fees will not be eligible for the USHIP Grant.**

Outside Scholarships

Your financial aid is initially awarded up to your cost of attendance budget. In the event that you receive additional funding after your Bruin Financial Aid Letter is provided, your aid will be revised in order to accommodate the additional funding you've been provided.

NOTE: We will replace your need-based loan and work-study eligibility with scholarships first.

Appeals

Your eligibility for aid can be reevaluated based on certain special circumstances. Please review our [Appeals | Financial Aid & Scholarships](#) webpage for additional information on various types of appeals and how they may impact your eligibility for aid.

Projected Year Income Appeal – can be submitted if there is a loss in income due to un-employment, catastrophic illness, retirement, divorce, etc.

Budget Increase Form – can be submitted if the student has [allowable educational expenses](#) not covered by their standard financial aid budget.

Only the expenses listed on the appeal form and incurred by the student during the enrollment period will be considered.

Independent Status Appeal – This form is used to gather information regarding unusual circumstances that warrant the re-evaluation of your dependency status. In order to make exceptions to federal/state regulations, your appeal must be detailed and provide accurate verifiable documentation.

Housing Adjustment Form – can be submitted to inform Financial Aid and Scholarships of any changes to your housing status anytime during the academic year. Additional information may be required to process your request.

Late FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) Appeal– This appeal can be submitted by students who filed their FAFSA or CADAA after the UCLA Priority Filing deadline. If your Student Aid Index exceeds your cost of attendance, submitting this appeal will not change your eligibility for institutional aid.

Submitting Documents and Appeals:

Newly admitted students who have submitted their Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) and continuing students should review their Bruin Financial Aid Portal to submit any requested documentation and/or submit appeals for loss of income or unusual circumstances via the Bruin Financial Aid Portal.

Newly admitted students who have not submitted their Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) will not be able to view requested documents to complete the financial aid process or submit appeals via the Bruin Financial Aid Portal.

If you have not SIR'd but need to submit appeal documentation to our office, please visit our [Financial Aid and Scholarships publication webpage](#) under the 25/26 New Admit Appeal forms for access to the forms with instructions on how to submit them via MyUCLA Message Center.

Take Action On Your Loans

If you choose to borrow 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.

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.

NOTE: PLUS Loans cannot be accepted until a loan application has been completed and approved by the Federal Processor.

Financial Information

A summary of your financial aid offered can be found under the “Financial” tab of your Bruin Financial Aid Portal. Section 1 will outline your Cost of Attendance for the academic year. Section 2 will outline the aid you have been offered, please be aware that any grants and scholarships awarded will be automatically accepted on your behalf. Section 3 will outline the scheduled disbursement dates and display the loan amounts you’ve accepted. This section will also show the origination fees that will be charged for your Federal loans.

Disbursements

We begin disbursing financial aid 10 days prior to the start of each term for students enrolled in at least 4 units (Graduate) and 6 units (Undergraduate). Financial aid will automatically apply to your BruinBill to cover your term charges, such as Tuition and Fees and Housing (if applicable). Any excess aid will be refunded to students via BruinDirect or a mailed paper check. We highly encourage students to [sign up for BruinDirect](#) as it is the quickest and most efficient way to receive their refunds.

BruinBill

BruinBill allows debits (educational fees and other charges) and credits (financial aid disbursements or student payments) to be applied to your student account.



Through BruinBill, your financial aid disbursements will be applied to your registration fees and other outstanding University charges once your aid disburses. Any credit balance remaining after quarterly charges are paid will be refunded to you.

- Charges for UCLA Residence Halls and University-Owned Apartments are posted in BruinBill and will automatically be paid for by your financial aid. **However, if there is still a remaining balance, you will need to pay via BruinBill by the deadline.**
- Your BruinBill statement will be posted on MyUCLA each month. Please make sure that you review the activity in your account at least once a month.

Outside Awards

Students receiving outside scholarships should request that the awarding agency make the checks payable to: **UC Regents and include the student’s identification number on the check.** Checks should be forwarded to:

University of California, Los Angeles
Attn: Payment Solutions & Compliance Office
405 Hilgard Avenue
1125 Murphy Hall, Box 951432
Los Angeles, CA 90095-9000

Checks received from an outside agency are typically applied to BruinBill within 7-15 business days. Your financial aid will be revised to include outside scholarships. If possible, we will use scholarships to replace your need-based loans and/or work-study.

Maintaining Your Eligibility

Unit Requirement

The Financial Aid and Scholarships office checks your enrolled units on the census date at the end of the third week of classes each quarter. Enrollment below half time on that date will result in cancellation of your aid and billing for funds received. Half-time enrollment for an undergraduate student is six units. For a graduate student, the minimum unit requirement is half time or four units.

Grants (Federal Pell Grant, Cal, University Grants, and University Grant-Dream) require enrollment in 12 units in order to maintain maximum eligibility. Enrollment below 12 units on the census date will result in reduction of and billing for these awards

Pell Grant Maximum

Pell Grant recipients are eligible for 18 quarters (6 years of full time eligibility) of Pell Grant funding. This calculation includes Pell Grant received at other institutions. If you have exhausted your eligibility for Pell Grant additional loan assistance will be offered to cover your educational costs.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for financial aid purposes measures students' progress relative to their length of enrollment. UCLA Standards for Satisfactory Academic Progress measure students' progress toward degree completion using both qualitative (GPA) and quantitative (completion of units) standards. To be eligible for financial aid at UCLA, students must meet or exceed these standards. The standards apply to all college coursework taken, regardless of whether financial aid was received or not, including coursework transferred from another institution. Academic progress is reviewed annually after Winter Quarter grades are available. Students who fail to meet the Standards for Satisfactory Academic Progress at the end of winter will have their financial aid eligibility suspended for the following academic year.

Please refer to the *2025-2026 Guide to Satisfactory Academic Progress* available on the [Financial Aid and Scholarships website](#).

Withdrawals

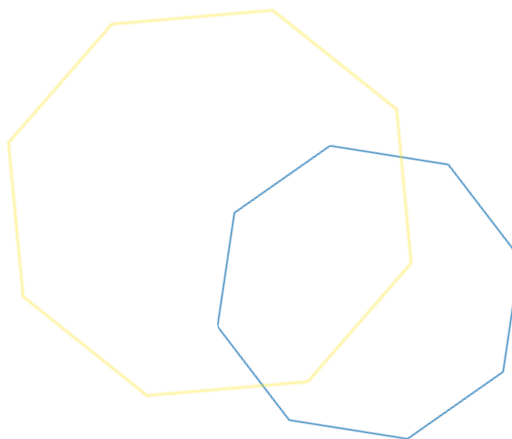
If you receive financial aid and subsequently do not enroll in the University or enroll and then withdraw, you may be required to return financial aid funds received. The calculation of Return of Title IV funds received is based on published schedules and the date you withdraw (officially or unofficially), cancel your registration or drop all your classes. Title IV funds include Federal Pell Grant, SEOG, Work-Study and Federal Loans.

Grants funded from University sources (ex: University Grant, Blue and Gold Opportunity Award, Scholarship Recognition Award, University Grant-Dream, Dream Loans, etc.) will also be subject to reduction and billing, if you withdraw. The calculation of return of aid is based on published schedules and the date you withdraw, cancel your registration or drop all your classes.

If you are a CAL Grant recipient and you receive a fee refund based on a withdrawal, your CAL Grant award will also be reduced.

Verification

Some students will be selected for verification by the Department of Education. Financial Aid and Scholarships performs an audit by verifying the information documented by the student and parents in comparison to the information provided on the Financial Aid Application. **Participation on the part of selected students is mandatory.** Failure to provide the required information will prevent Financial Aid and Scholarships from awarding aid until all requested documentation is submitted.



Your Rights and Responsibilities

You Have the Right to Know:

- The deadlines for submitting applications for each of the available aid programs.
- How your financial need was determined.
- How much of your financial need has been met.
- The resources considered in the calculation of your need.
- Available financial aid programs and their exact requirements.
- What portion of your financial aid award is a loan and what portion is a grant. If the aid is a loan, you have the right to know the total amount that must be repaid, the amount of each payment, the interest rate, the length of time you have to repay the loan and when repayment begins.
- The cost of attendance and the refund policy.
- How the University determines Satisfactory Academic Progress standards, and what happens if you are not meeting these requirements.
- What happens, if you withdraw (officially or unofficially) during the year.
- The steps necessary to re-apply for aid each year.

To see the break-down of UCLA's standard budgets go to financialaid.ucla.edu/Undergraduate/Cost-of-Attendance

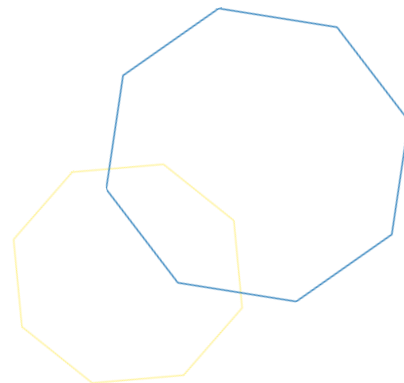
You Have the Following Responsibilities:

- To consider carefully all information provided regarding UCLA's programs and performances before attending UCLA.
- To complete all forms accurately and to submit them to the correct locations by the published deadlines. Errors can cause long delays in the receipt of your financial aid. Intentional misreporting of information on application forms for financial aid is a violation of the law, and is considered a criminal offense subject to penalties under the U.S. Criminal Code.
- To maintain good academic standing and make satisfactory progress toward graduation.
- To inform Financial Aid and Scholarships if you drop below half-time status.

Please allow 10-15 business days for the evaluation of your appeal. During busy summer months, the average appeal processing time may exceed 15 days.

- To update information when your circumstances change, such as changes in name, marital status, housing situation, number of family members in college, residency, the addition of resources, or if you withdraw or graduate.
- To read, understand and keep copies of all forms that you are asked to sign.
- To be aware of the policies and procedures affecting the refund of Title IV funds.
- To keep an accurate record of the total loan amount you owe when it is time to begin repayment. If you have received loans from Financial Aid and Scholarships, schedule an appointment with Student Loan Services for an Exit Interview before graduating, transferring, or withdrawing from UCLA.
- To perform the work that is agreed upon in accepting a Federal Work-Study award and to keep a record of the amount of each check you receive from your work-study employer. You cannot exceed the maximum eligibility for Federal Work-Study indicated on your Financial Aid Notification.

The census date is the last day of third week of classes. Please check with the Financial Aid and Scholarships office if you are planning on dropping units.



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310-206-0400
[https://financialaid.ucla.edu/
contact-us](https://financialaid.ucla.edu/contact-us)

California Student Aid Commission
888-CA GRANT
<https://csac.ca.gov/contact-us>

Financial Education, Loan and
Support Services
555 Westwood Plaza
106 Strathmore
Los Angeles, CA 90095
310-825-9864
loans.ucla.edu/contact-us

Federal Student Aid
1-800-433-3243
[https://studentaid.gov/help-center/
contact](https://studentaid.gov/help-center/contact)

Graduate Student Support
1228 Murphy Hall
<https://grad.ucla.edu/contact-us/>

Student Financial Services/Accounting
1121 Murphy Hall
310-825-9194
[https://www.finance.ucla.edu/
business-finance-services/student-
accounts](https://www.finance.ucla.edu/business-finance-services/student-accounts)

Registrar
1113 Murphy Hall
[https://registrar.ucla.edu/contacts-
hours](https://registrar.ucla.edu/contacts-hours)

Undergraduate Admissions
1147 Murphy Hall
310-825-3101
<https://admission.ucla.edu/contact>

Accreditation Statement

UCLA is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges along with numerous special agencies. Information regarding the University's accreditation may be obtained in the Office of Budget and Planning, Institutional Planning Analysis Library.

Privacy

All student records are strictly confidential. Even if you have signed waivers of access to your file, you are not required to tell anyone about any information contained therein.

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