

GRADUATE FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN GUIDE

There are several different loan programs designed to help graduate students meet their educational costs. This guide will provide you with information regarding the Federal loan options available to you as a graduate student

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Financial Aid and Scholarships

Website:

www.financialaid.ucla.edu

Message Center

www.financialaid.ucla.edu/Contact-Us

Types of Loans

There are several different types of loans available for Graduate Students to help cover college costs.

Federal Unsubsidized Loan

Federal direct loans consist of low-interest unsubsidized loans (interest accrues while in school) . Unsubsidized loans are financed by the U.S Department of Education and the maximum annual unsubsidized loan amount is \$20,500.

Federal Graduate PLUS Loan

These loans are available to graduate students enrolled at least half time (4 units) who have borrowed the maximum Unsubsidized loan amount per year. The borrower (you) and the UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships office work with the Department of Education (ED) to complete the loan process and deliver loan funds to you.

Private Student Loans

Private loans are offered by lenders independently of the Department of Education. Private loan 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, please see our private

How To Apply

Unsubsidized and PLUS loans

Students who submit a FAFSA will receive notification of their loan eligibility via their Financial Aid Notification (FAN) on MyUCLA.

Loans must be accepted via the student's FAN. First time borrowers must also complete a Master Promissory Note and a UCLA Debt Management session. Direct loans will not disburse until these requirements are completed.

If you wish to borrow less than the loan amount offered to you, indicate the amount you want to borrow in the space provided on the FAN. If you do not need all of the loans offered to you, you should utilize your full

PLUS Loan Credit Requirements

A Federal Direct Graduate 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

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

Unsubsidized and PLUS Loan Documents

- ◆ For First time Borrowers only.
- 1. **The Debt Management Session is completed on the UCLA Loan office website www.loans.ucla.edu/Debt-Management**
- 2. **The Master Promissory Note is completed at: studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan**
- ◆ **If your loan was approved with an endorser you will also need to complete a credit counseling session at the same site and complete a new Master Promissory Note**

Loan Fees and Interest Rates

The Graduate Unsubsidized Loan interest rate 6.08% for loans disbursed July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

Loan fees for Unsubsidized loans disbursed between October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019 is 1.062%.

The interest rate for Graduate PLUS loans is 7.08% for loans Disbursed July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019.

The loan fee for Federal Direct PLUS Loans disbursed October 1, 2018 –September 30, 2019 is 4.248% of the total amount borrowed.

Loan Disbursements

The total loan amount you accept on your FAN will be divided equally among the terms for which you have been awarded. If you want to accept a portion of your loan for different terms of enrollment than those reflected on your FAN, please notify Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Your loan will be disbursed to your BruinBill account at the beginning of each term. Any funds remaining after your Tuition & Fee balance is paid will be refunded to you.

We recommend that you sign up for Bruin Direct with Student Account Services so that your refund can be deposited directly to your bank account. If you do not have Bruin Direct, a refund check will be mailed to you by Student Financial Services. Paper checks are processed once a week only, on Thursdays.

You must be enrolled at least half time (4 units) in order for your loan to be disbursed. If you drop below half time or withdraw from school you may be billed for



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