

# types of financial aid



UCLA



## financial aid FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships administered by UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships are awarded to students based on academic merit and financial need. Scholarship eligibility is highly competitive and is determined by evaluating the academic data provided by UCLA Undergraduate Admission and Registrar's Office, financial data obtained from the FAFSA or California Dream application, and any additional academic documentation that you have provided.

### GRANTS

Grants are awarded to "on-time" undergraduate applicants who are citizens or eligible non-citizens. Awards are based on financial need. Students who are ineligible to file a FAFSA but qualify for the AB540 waiver will be eligible for university grants.

### FEDERAL WORK-STUDY

Federal work-study is intended to stimulate and promote part-time student employment, particularly students from low-income families, who are in need of earnings from such employment to pursue courses of study at institutions of higher education. The federal government pays a portion of the student's wage

and the employer pays the balance. The federal government allocates funds annually to UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships for this purpose.

### FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM

This program consists of low-interest subsidized student loans (no interest while in school), unsubsidized student loans (interest accrues while in school) and parent PLUS Loans financed by the U.S. Department of Education.

### PRIVATE LOANS

Private loans are available to students who have received the maximum award amounts under the Federal Direct Loan Program and require additional funding. These loans are sponsored by banks and private lending institutions. The interest rates and repayment schedules vary.

### How do I find out more information about the awards on my PAL?

To learn more about awards that are displayed on your Provisional Award Letter (PAL), simply click on the name of the award. Information about different types of aid can be found in our Financial Aid Handbook on our website at [www.financialaid.ucla.edu](http://www.financialaid.ucla.edu).

### When will I receive my final notification of eligibility?

Once you submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR), your financial aid application will be reviewed by a counselor before your award is finalized. A Financial Aid Notification (FAN) will be sent to you in summer (July-August) that presents your financial award and additional information regarding the next steps you need to complete before you can receive your financial aid for fall.

### I am expecting to receive outside assistance (scholarships, etc). How will these affect my financial aid?

Because your award meets 100% of your cost of attendance, the receipt of aid from outside sources will require an adjustment to your financial aid package. In order for these awards to provide the greatest benefit to the student, it is our policy to replace a student's need-based loans and work-study first. If the amount of outside aid received exceeds the amount of loan and work in your package, grants are then reduced.

## AT A GLANCE



Nation's No. 3  
"Best Value"  
Public University  
Princeton Review 2017



Families with income below \$80K\* pay no tuition under UC's Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan

\*Must submit FAFSA/California Dream Act Application by March 2, be a CA resident or AB540-eligible, and have demonstrated need.



45% of all UCLA undergraduates receive grants & scholarships in excess of UC system-wide tuition and fees



55% of all UCLA undergraduates receive some form of financial aid, with an average gift aid package of \$18,808

## UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships

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## common questions

### What are the anticipated fees for the 2017-2018 academic year?

The anticipated tuition and fees for the 2017-2018 are \$13,260\*. Non-resident students will be assessed an additional \$28,014 in supplemental tuition. *\*This figure is subject to change if additional student services fees are approved via student referendums.*

### Will my financial aid package cover my non-resident fees?

Yes, your financial aid notification will offer assistance to cover your total Cost of Attendance. This will primarily consist of Federal Parent and/or Private Loans.

### If I am a non-resident student, can I appeal and be assessed California resident tuition?

You must be a California resident to be assessed in-state tuition. Please refer to the Registrar's webpage at [www.registrar.ucla.edu/Fees-Residence/Residence-Requirements](http://www.registrar.ucla.edu/Fees-Residence/Residence-Requirements) for information on establishing California residency for tuition purposes.

### If I am receiving financial aid, do I need to pay tuition and fees when I receive my bill?

If your financial aid disbursements are enough to cover the full cost of your tuition/fees, you do not need to make a payment. Your fees will be paid automatically when your aid is applied to your account at the beginning of each quarter.

### Does UCLA have an installment payment plan for tuition?

UCLA's BruinPay Plan (BPP) allows you to pay your tuition in 3 monthly payments throughout each quarter. This means you will not need to make the full tuition payment by the term deadline. This is a great option for students not receiving full financial aid to cover all of their fees. Please go to [www.sfs.finance.ucla.edu](http://www.sfs.finance.ucla.edu) to find out more information about the BruinPay Plan.

### If I am receiving financial aid, will my housing be covered automatically?

Financial aid disbursements released at the start of each quarter will not pay for your UCLA housing automatically. You will need to wait until you receive your BruinDirect\* refund and use it to cover your housing payment. UCLA Housing Services has a payment plan designed for financial aid recipients that will allow your family to defer making your

housing payments until financial aid refunds are released. For more information about payment plans offered by UCLA Housing, go to [www.housing.ucla.edu](http://www.housing.ucla.edu)

*\*BruinDirect is the electronic deposit of your financial aid refund to your personal bank account and is the fastest, most secure way to receive refunds. You can sign up for BruinDirect on [www.my.ucla.edu](http://www.my.ucla.edu).*

### My family's financial circumstances have changed since we applied for aid. Can UCLA take these changes into consideration?

If you or your parent(s) financial situation changed after you applied, or at any time during the academic year, you may submit a projected year income appeal, available on our Forms and Publications page along with supporting documentation. For more information, please refer to the "Special Circumstances" section of your PAL Guide.

### I received a better financial aid award from another university. Can UCLA match the other school's offer?

Unfortunately, UCLA is not able to negotiate our financial aid awards in response to offers from other universities. If the other school has information about your family's financial situation that you did not

share with us, or if you have reason to believe we have made an error in our assessment of your award, please contact UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships to discuss a possible re-evaluation.

### I am an admitted international student who has dreamed of attending UCLA. Is there financial assistance available to assist me in covering my educational expenses?

UCLA does not provide funding to entering international students at the undergraduate level. Regulations of the U.S. Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) require that persons entering this country on a student visa demonstrate that they have sufficient funds available to them to support their living and education expenses. You should also consider contacting your Consulate as there may be scholarships you are eligible for through your home country. In addition, it is suggested that you utilize the following internet scholarship search sites:

- [www.ief.org/search/](http://www.ief.org/search/)
- [www.internationalscholarships.com](http://www.internationalscholarships.com)
- [www.internationalstudent.com/scholarships/search](http://www.internationalstudent.com/scholarships/search)

Additional information can be obtained from our Dashev Center for International Student and Scholars Office: [www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu](http://www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu)

### How and when should I apply for student loans?

PLUS and Private Loans are credit based. You and your parent(s) can apply for them before accepting admission to determine whether you will qualify. Application instructions are included in your PAL Guide. Additional information about student and parent loans will be provided during the summer, when you receive your Financial Aid Notification from UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships. You do not need to apply for student loans until the summer.