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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.
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 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.

*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.

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.