

Applying for Financial Aid at the Graduate Level

For a **NEW GRADUATE** student beginning in the **SUMMER TERM**, and who wishes to apply for federal student aid, the following items will need to be completed:

1. Complete both the **2016/17 AND 2017/18** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov – student will need to use their Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) at www.fsaaid.ed.gov
2. Complete the Summer Aid Request Form at: https://oafa.pitt.edu/pdf/faid/16-17%20Summer%20Aid%20Request%20Form_UPP.pdf -Students should complete and return this form to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid.
3. Students who wish to borrow through the Federal Direct Loan and/or Federal Graduate PLUS loan programs will need to complete both a Master Promissory Note and Entrance Counseling online at www.studentloans.gov

For RETURNING students who wish to borrow a Federal Direct Loan during the **SUMMER TERM**.

Please complete the Summer Aid Request Form at: https://oafa.pitt.edu/pdf/faid/16-17%20Summer%20Aid%20Request%20Form_UPP.pdf -this form will need to be completed and returned to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid. If you have unsubsidized loan funds remaining and you would like to use them for the summer term.

- **Graduate students must be enrolled for at least 4.5 credits** and be making satisfactory academic progress to use federal financial aid in the summer term. If they have exhausted their unsubsidized loan for 2016-17, they can apply for a Federal Direct Plus Loan on www.studentloans.gov or a private education loan for the summer term. The best time to apply for either loan is after they've registered for summer classes.

If applying for a Federal GRAD PLUS in the summer, a new application may be completed at www.studentloans.gov

For students who have not previously borrowed, but now wish to borrow in the **FALL**, the following items will need to be completed for the **2017/18** academic year:

- 1) Complete the **2017/18** Free Application for Federal student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov - student will need to use their Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) at fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm
- 2) For **new** borrowers, who wish to borrow through the Federal Direct Loan and/or Federal Graduate PLUS loan programs will need to complete both a Master Promissory Note and Entrance Counseling online at www.studentloans.gov

Please direct all questions about the application process to:

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