

Financial Aid Information for Graduate Students

The **Summer Aid Request** is now available on the **Financial Aid website under forms for 2017-18** https://oafa.pitt.edu/pdf/faid/17-18%20Summer%20Aid%20Request%20Form_UPP.pdf . Students should complete and **return this form to the Financial Aid Office** only 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 loans in the summer term. If you have exhausted your unsubsidized loan eligibility for 2017-18, there are two additional loan options you can explore for the summer term:

- 1) Direct Graduate Plus Loan: This is a federal loan through the U.S. Department that you can apply for online at www.studentloans.gov.
- 2) Private education loan: This is a loan you can apply for through the bank of your choice. For information on commonly used lenders, please visit: <https://choice.fastproducts.org/FastChoice/home/337900>.

The best time to apply for either loan is after you have registered for summer classes.

If graduate students are receiving financial aid from outside the university, they should report their awards to the financial aid office using this form https://oafa.pitt.edu/pdf/faid/17-18%20Information%20Update%20Form_UPP.pdf .

Feel free to contact the Financial Aid Office to check your remaining loan eligibility for the summer term. Students can email finaid@pitt.edu or call (412) 624-7488 for assistance.