

Financial Aid

Dear Entering PharmD Student,

I am looking forward to working with you during your Pharmacy school career. I hope the information I have stated below will be helpful to you.

The majority of our Pharmacy students receive some type of financial aid to help finance their education. Federal loans constitute the majority of the aid for most of our students. We will begin processing Federal Direct Stafford Unsubsidized Loans in July. You should receive an email notification by the end of July, once your loans have been processed. If you do not receive a notification by the end of July, please contact me, so I can look into the situation.

Students may also be eligible to apply for the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan if other financial aid resources have not met the Cost of Attendance set by the school. If you are interested in applying for the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan, I suggest you read about this loan at www.sfa.ufl.edu/programs/loans/graduate-plus/.

A link to apply for the loan is provided on this site.

Once your Federal loans are processed, the required steps for disbursement should be completed to ensure that your funds are disbursed at the beginning of the appropriate term. These steps can be found by going to ISIS (www.ISIS.ufl.edu), Financial Aid/2015-2016/ Aid Status. Direct links will be provided for the required steps at this page. Please allow up to two business days for the links to show as completed. **To verify that you have completed all the required steps, go to the Aid Status page which should read, “You have no missing documents or requirements at this time”.**

You are required to set up Direct Deposit of financial aid funds. To set up Direct Deposit, log onto my.ufl.edu, and select the Main Menu, My Campus Finances, and then Student Direct Deposit and follow the instructions outlined on the site. This will enable the University Bursar to deposit the remainder of the disbursed financial aid into your checking account once your tuition/fees have been deducted.

The Cost of Attendance budget set by the school determines the maximum amount of financial aid a student may receive. The information listed below should help as you begin to develop your budget for the upcoming school year. The Cost of Attendance budget includes tuition, books and living expenses.

College of Pharmacy-specific information as well as links to University-wide programs can be found on the [web site](#). You are encouraged to review the [Financial Aid and Awards Handbook](#).

The 2015-2016 semester block tuition/fees will not be determined until the end of June. Once the block tuition/fees have been finalized we will update the tuition page located [on the web site](#), as well.

Tuition is set annually, in the summer, for the upcoming academic year.

In addition to tuition, the following is included in the Cost of Attendance budget for Fall/Spring 2015-2016.

- * Off Campus Housing: \$7,670
- * On Campus Housing: \$7,130
- * Food Off/On Campus:\$4,230
- * Books/Supplies:\$1,300
- * Clothing/Maintenance: \$700
- * Computer/Cell Phone: \$1,360
- * Transportation: \$1,110
- * Personal: \$270
- * If you have Child Care Expenses you are required to submit documentation in order for us to increase your budget for that additional expense.

A limited number of College of Pharmacy scholarships are available for students with financial need and excellent pre-pharmacy academic records. You will be notified by email during the summer about the application process and deadline for these scholarships.

Another good place to review basics of the financial aid program is the '[Gator Aid](#)' handbook.

NOTE: Federal financial aid regulations state that students who enter the College of Pharmacy with 90 or more undergraduate semester credits or a baccalaureate degree will be classified in the graduate-professional category; and, thus, are eligible for higher federal loans up to approximately \$37,167 per year. Students with 89 or fewer semester credits will be classified in the undergraduate category for federal financial aid purposes; and, therefore, are eligible for Pell Grants and lesser federal loan amounts. Florida Bright Future scholarships can be utilized in the PharmD program to the maximum of 120 undergraduate semester credit hours at the undergraduate tuition and fee rate, pending no future changes in state regulations by the State Legislature.

The Student Financial Aid Office utilizes August the 14th, 2015 as the cut-off date for a report from the Office for Student Affairs regarding total undergraduate credit hours. If transcripts from spring semester or summer semester term A are not received by August the 14th 2015, the total credit hours from present transcripts will be reported. Changes in the number of total credit hours cannot be submitted after the August 15th 2015 date.

If you have questions concerning Florida Residency requirements you should visit <http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/residency.html>. If you have additional questions after classes begin you should contact the UF Registrar's Office at 352-392-1374

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions concerning your financial aid. **General** financial aid questions can be directed to my email address listed below.

See you in August!

Sincerely,

Myra Edwards-COP Financial Aid Coordinator