Financial Aid for the Master of Management in Clinical Informatics
Overview

- Cost of Attendance (aka: the student budget)
- Duke’s Financial Aid Package
- Types of Financial Aid
- How to apply for Financial Aid
Cost of Attendance for 2020-2021

- Tuition & Required Fees $67,298
- Living Expenses $25,320
  - $2,078/ monthly
    - $1,156 – housing (includes utilities)
    - $370– board
    - $400 – miscellaneous
    - $184 - transportation
- Books/Supplies/Coursepacks $1,880
- Loan fees $3,375

- 1st year total COA $97,873
Duke Financial Aid Package

- Federal Education Student Loans
  - (via Direct Lending)
  - Available to eligible US Citizens and Permanent Residents

- Unsubsidized Stafford Loan
- Grad Plus Loan

Aggregate loan limit of Subsidized/Unsubsidized Stafford Loans for Graduate & Professional students: $138,500.00. Of this aggregate limit, $65,500.00 may be in Subsidized Stafford Loan. Grad Plus loans are not applicable to the noted aggregate limit.
Federal Direct Student Loans cont’d

• Unsubsidized Stafford Loan

  – 4.30% fixed interest rate for loans disbursed July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. Interest accrues while in school. Interest rates for loans to be disbursed after July 1, 2021 not yet available as tied to 10 year Treasury Note.
  – 1.057% loan origination fee (after 10/01/20)

Maximum award per academic year - $20,500.00
Federal Direct Student Loans cont’d

- Grad PLUS Loan

  - 5.30% fixed interest rate for loans disbursed July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. Interest accrues while in school. Interest rates for loans to be disbursed after July 1, 2021 not yet available as tied to 10 year Treasury Note.
  - interest rate cannot exceed 10.50%
  - 4.228% loan origination fee (after 10/01/20)

Maximum award per academic year – up to total cost of attendance (remainder of student budget) less any other resources
Other loans

• Alternative Loans (private loans)
  – most require school certification
  – variable and fixed interest rates
  – stringent credit check
  – typically not available for federal loan consolidation or federal loan forgiveness programs
  – may be available to international students, however at discretion of lender to provide
Scholarships

• MMCI Scholarship

  – Recipients selected by MMCI Scholarship Committee based on completed program application materials
  – Award notification directly to student and Office of Financial Aid by program
  – Scholarship funding may replace federal loan in financial aid award
Other funding sources

- Veterans Benefits – Yellow Ribbon Program
- Civic Organizations
- Health Care Organizations
- School affiliations
- Professional Organizations
- Home state affiliations
Applying for Financial Aid

- Complete the 2021-2022 FAFSA using 2019 federal tax information
  Free Application for Federal Student Aid, [https://studentaid.gov/](https://studentaid.gov/)
- IRS data retrieval tool recommended
- Parent information not required
- Duke University / School of Medicine Code 002920

Upon receipt of your SAR (Student Aid Report) review for any messages that may require further action on your part.
To – Do List

• Send in your documentation no later than April 15, 2021

• Check your credit report!
  – Students who borrow Grad PLUS loan will undergo a credit check by Direct Lending – check is valid for 180 days
  – Must not have adverse credit history or a co-endorser may be required
  – Source for free credit reports https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action
Adverse Credit per the Department of Education

- Bankruptcy (Chapters 7, 11 or 12 within past 5 years)
- Voluntary surrender within past 5 years
- Repossession within past 5 years
- Foreclosure proceedings started
- Foreclosure within past 5 years
- Deed in lieu of foreclosure
- Accounts totaling $2085.00 and currently 90 day or more delinquent at time of credit check
  - Unpaid collection accounts
  - Charge offs / write offs
- Wage garnishment within past 5 years
- Defaulted loan that has been claim paid
- Lease or contract terminated by default
- County/State/Federal tax lien within past 5 years
Financial Aid Timeline

- June - access to on-line acceptance of aid open to matriculated students (should be done early June)

- July - loan entrance counseling and Master Promissory Note completion deadline (early July)
  Sign up for direct deposit with the Office of the Bursar via link in DukeHub

- August - financial aid disburses to student account 10 days prior to classes beginning

- August - refunds issued to students for living expenses (first week of classes)
Applying for loans

- All federal educations loans offered through Direct Lending
- https://studentaid.gov/
  - Apply for loans
  - E-sign Master Promissory Notes
  - Complete Mandatory Entrance Counseling
    - Stafford/Grad Plus
Federal Loan Facts Review

- **Stafford Unsubsidized Loan**
  - **4.30% fixed interest rate (for 2020-2021)**

- **GradPLUS Loan**
  - **5.30% fixed interest rate (for 2020-2021)**
  - **6 month grace period on both loans**
  - **Repayment lengths based on payment plan selected**
Loan facts cont’d

- Fulfill service commitment for any loan and/or scholarship provided
- Select repayment plan suitable for you
  - [https://studentaid.gov/](https://studentaid.gov/)
- Keep track of your federal education loan debt
  - [https://studentaid.gov/](https://studentaid.gov/)
- Keep loan servicer informed of any changes to your name, address, telephone numbers or Social Security number
Details to consider

- Arrive with at least 1 month of living expense on hand. 2 months is even better.
- Cost of Attendance **may not be increased** to cover expenses for spouse and/or dependents.
- Disbursement of loan refunds will not take place until 1st day of classes.
- Arrive with reliable transportation. **Loans may not be used to purchase a vehicle.**
- Pay down consumer / credit card debt. High debt may impact ability to obtain GradPLUS loan funding. **Consumer debt is not considered part of the cost of attendance.**
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