



FAQs : Financial Aid & EIP Graduate Programs

Graduate Programs offered through Extension and International Programs (EIP)

- **MS in Counseling Evening Cohort**
- **Fully-Employed MBA**
- **Master of Social Work (MSW) Flex Program**
- **Accelerated MS in Software Engineering (AMSE)**



Q: How do I apply for financial aid as an EIP graduate student?

A: In order to determine financial aid eligibility, students must first complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on-line at www.fafsa.gov/ for the academic year of their attendance.

Q: What awards am I eligible for as a graduate student in an EIP program?

A: Graduate students, who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and meet all other federal student aid criteria, enrolled in EIP degree programs are eligible for Unsubsidized Federal Direct loan aid up to the academic year maximum of \$20,500. Students' total eligibility will be based on academic program costs and standard allowances for room and board, transportation and personal expenses. Federal regulations require a minimum of half-time enrollment (6 units per term) to receive Federal Direct Loan aid. First time borrowers of graduate loan aid must also complete a master promissory note and loan entrance counseling at www.studentloans.gov before their loan will be funded. Students are not eligible for State University Grant funding, as they do not pay state tuition fees.

Q: What if my financial aid does not cover my entire cost of attendance?

A: If your accepted financial aid award is not sufficient to cover the costs of your program and you are unable to pay with personal funds, you may consider borrowing a private alternative student loan. You may apply for an alternative private loan through the lending institution/bank of your choice. You may also consider applying for a federal Grad PLUS loan. For additional information, please refer to our website:

<http://www.fullerton.edu/financialaid/graduate/plus.php>

Q: Does financial aid cover summer costs of attendance?

A: Students are awarded 2/3 of their academic year maximum eligibility in unsubsidized loan aid for the fall and spring. The remaining 1/3 is reserved and awarded for the following summer term of attendance. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units, in order to be awarded for the summer term. If students will not enroll in at least 6 units for summer, as their academic program may only require 3 units of summer enrollment (e.g. FEMBA, AMSE and TAXO) students are awarded up to the full academic year loan maximum of \$20,500 for the fall and spring terms and must budget accordingly for summer attendance. Please note that the summer term is considered a trailer term to the previous fall and spring terms.

Q: Who can I contact if I would like to enroll in an EIP graduate program and have questions about financial aid?

A: Please email or phone Jill Brower (ext. 1653 or jbrower@fullerton.edu) if you have further questions.