

Tuition and Financial Aid

Student Financial Aid

Office of Financial Aid

The Office of Financial Aid is available to assist students in obtaining funds to attend The University of Texas at Dallas. Aid is available in the form of loans, grants, and part-time employment or any combination of those programs. The total amount of aid the student receives depends on the level of financial need, submission of appropriate financial information and applications, academic records, and the availability of funds.

Students are encouraged to contact the Office of Financial Aid to obtain appropriate application materials and to determine eligibility for the various forms of aid available. Students are also strongly encouraged to view the [Office of Financial Aid website](#) for up-to-date information. The Office of Financial Aid is located in the Student Services Building, 972-883-2941.

Changes in regulations or policy on a federal, state, university, private lending, or donor level could affect the types of programs, amounts available, and/or program requirements. A complete overview of the estimated cost of attending the university is available on our website at http://www.utdallas.edu/student/finaid/Estimated_Costs.htm.

Eligibility

Most of the aid listed in this catalog is awarded on the basis of financial need. Students are encouraged to determine the amount of resources they can provide toward their education and to compare it with the average cost of attending the university. UT Dallas' estimated cost of attendance budgets are reviewed annually in accordance with federal and state guidelines. Federal guidelines outline what can be included in student budgets. The costs of tuition and fees, books and supplies, an average room and board cost, transportation, and a limited amount for other personal expenses are the basic components of student budgets. Unusual expenses, such as childcare costs or educational costs related to the student's medical disability, may be considered when they have been properly documented.

Financial need is the difference between the cost of attending the university and the amount a student and family can reasonably provide. The amount of the expected family contribution is based on a federal formula reflecting total family income, assets, household size and number of family members currently attending post-secondary educational institutions.

In determining whether a student is considered independent or self-supporting, the Office of

Financial Aid adheres to the standards set by the U.S. Department of Education to establish an applicant's dependency status. Graduate students are considered by these standards to be independent of their parents for the purpose of calculating a family contribution.

Applying for Financial Aid

Students must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form in order that a determination can be made of the expected resources available to the applicants. The FAFSA is available January 1st of each year for the subsequent academic year. The awarding of need based financial aid is based on the results of each year's FAFSA.

Required Course Load

To be considered for federal financial aid a graduate student has to be enrolled for a minimum of five semester credit hours of graduate coursework during each long term and a minimum of three semester credit hours of graduate study during any summer session.

Renewal of Financial Aid

For a student to be considered for a renewal of financial aid, a new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and supporting documents must be submitted for each academic year. If you do not meet federal eligibility requirements to be considered a citizen or eligible non-citizen, but have been classified as a Texas resident and are therefore eligible to pay the Texas in-state tuition rate, you must complete a paper version of the Texas Application for Student Financial Aid (TASFA) available to be downloaded and printed at www.collegeforalltexas.com. This must be submitted directly to the Office of Financial Aid.

Revocation of Aid

The university reserves the right to adjust or cancel awarded financial aid when the information used to make the award changes. Partial or full repayment of awards may be required.

Any change in a recipient's financial situation, such as additional grants, scholarships, or private student loans, must be reported to the Office of Financial Aid. Federal law governing the administration of financial aid requires UT Dallas to consider most forms of grants, scholarships, and private loans as a resource, without regard to the source or how the aid is disbursed, when awarding federal student financial aid.

Information concerning student financial aid is accurate at the time of printing. Changes in regulations or policy on a federal, state, university, private lending, or donor level could affect the type and amount of programs available and/or program requirements. The Office of Financial Aid has detailed information available upon request.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy for Federal Financial Aid

The University of Texas at Dallas has a "Satisfactory Academic Progress" policy for a student receiving student financial aid.

Generally, the student is expected to remain in good standing by the satisfactory completion of a minimum number of semester credit hours, based on a percentage of the semester credit hours attempted and completed. This completion rate may vary depending on the student's academic level and semester credit hour load. In addition, graduate students must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above on coursework completed at the university.

For more detailed information the student should contact the Office of Financial Aid. This information is also available online at the Office of Financial Aid website at <http://www.utdallas.edu/student/finaid/SAP.htm>. A link to the website is provided on award notifications.

Selective Service

Male students between the ages of 18 and 26 must register with Selective Service to qualify for federal and Texas student loans or grant programs. Students may register with Selective Service by visiting their local post office or online; they can also verify their registration at www.sss.gov.

Effective January 1, 1998, the selective service requirement is also applicable to students applying for financial assistance funded by State revenue.

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