



Boston University College of Health
& Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College

2016-2017 DIRECT STAFFORD LOAN FACT SHEET FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan is a loan available to students for post secondary educational expenses. Most matriculated students are eligible for a Direct Loan for 2016-2017. The current interest rate is a fixed rate of 5.31% for the life of the loan. Upon completion of your loan application, you will be sent a disclosure statement which confirms your interest rate and your loan amount. Interest accrues and must be paid by the borrower or is capitalized during periods of in-school enrollment, grace and/or deferment. Repayment begins six months after the borrower ceases to be enrolled at least half-time.

Unsubsidized Direct Loans may not exceed the annual and aggregate limits for loans under the Direct Loan Program. Provisions of the unsubsidized are the same with the exception of those noted below.

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Students are eligible to participate in the Stafford Loan Program if they: (1) are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, (2) are enrolled in a degree program, (3) are registered for at least 6 credit hours which are accepted towards the degree program and are not repeat classes, (4) demonstrate financial eligibility as determined by federal regulations, (5) do not have an outstanding balance from a prior period of enrollment at Boston University, and (6) are making satisfactory academic progress.

HOW MUCH MAY I BORROW?

The maximum annual loan amount for graduate and professional students is \$20,500. The maximum cumulative Federal Direct Stafford Loan amount is \$138,500. Graduate aggregate limits include amounts received for undergraduate study.

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION EARLY

Loan eligibility cannot be determined until you are registered for Fall '16 or Spring '17. It is important that your request be submitted as soon as possible **after registering** for your Fall or Spring classes. Your application will take approximately seven to ten business days to review.

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. You will need to submit a **2016/2017 FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID** (FAFSA). The FAFSA can be completed on-line at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. The Boston University code is 002130

2. First time borrowers will need to complete a **DIRECT LOAN MASTER PROMISSORY NOTE**. You can complete the promissory note on-line at <https://studentloans.gov/> and click on "Sign Promissory Note". You will need your federal FSA ID. If you do not have an FSA ID click [here](#). If you need assistance, call 1-800-557-7394. Boston University will be notified within 3-5 business days that you have completed your promissory note on-line.

Failure to complete the promissory note requirement before the end of the loan period will result in cancellation of the loan.

3. **If you are a first time borrower at B.U. you must fulfill an Entrance Counseling session**, which is required by the Federal Government prior to the crediting of your loan funds. You may complete this requirement on-line at <https://studentloans.gov/>. Click on "Complete Counseling".

WHEN WILL THE LOAN FUNDS BE AVAILABLE?

Once your loan has been approved by the Direct Loan Center, funds will be credited to your account electronically within three to five business days. A loan fee will be deducted from the Unsubsidized Direct Loan prior to disbursement. For the 2016/2017 academic year, the loan fee was established at 1.068%. The specific loan fee that you are charged will be included in a disclosure statement you will receive after the first disbursement of your loan. Your loan will be disbursed in 2 installments. The first installment will occur no earlier than 10 days before the start of your loan period (August/September). The second installment will occur midway through the loan period (December) for Spring semester. ***For first time borrowers, funds cannot be disbursed until the Entrance Counseling requirement has been fulfilled. You must also be registered for the appropriate number of credits for disbursement to take place.***

2016-2017 Direct Loan Request for Graduate Students

Maximum Direct Stafford Loan eligibility for Fall'16 and Spring'17 Term

Direct Stafford Unsubsidized Loan \$20,500

Please complete the Loan Request form below and submit it to the Sargent Graduate Financial Aid Office:

Fax: 617-358-5620

Mail: Boston University /Sargent College

Attn: Janet Turner

Graduate Financial Aid

635 Commonwealth Avenue

Boston, MA 02215

2016-2017 DIRECT LOAN REQUEST (PLEASE PRINT)

Student Name: Last

First

Phone Number

BU Identification Number

Expected Graduation Date

E-mail Address

Date of Birth

Program of Study

I wish to apply for a TOTAL Direct Loan in the amount of \$_____.

I understand my responsibility to provide the Sargent Office of Graduate Financial Aid with the following:

- Number of credits: Fall 2016 _____ Spring 2017 _____
- Any funds anticipated for 2016-2017 from a source other than Boston University: (i.e. Tuition Reimbursement, Scholarship etc.)
Source _____ Amount \$ _____
Source _____ Amount \$ _____

By my signature below I acknowledge that the above information is true and correct. I understand that I must notify the Sargent College Office of Graduate Financial Aid regarding any and all changes to the above information. I understand that **changing my enrollment** may reduce or eliminate my eligibility for a Direct Loan.

Signature

Date