The FAFSA: Applying for Federal Financial Aid or Other Need-Based Financial Aid for Graduate Study
A FAFSA is required to be considered for graduate-level federal financial aid or for other types of need-based financial aid. You should complete the FAFSA as soon as possible, prior to the term in which you plan to enroll. Admission is not required to complete the FAFSA, but it is required before your federal student aid eligibility can be reviewed. Please note that you must be admitted to a graduate degree program or a financial aid-eligible graduate certificate in order to qualify for federal student aid.

Please visit [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) to submit the FAFSA. Remember to enter DePaul’s school code when you complete your FAFSA to ensure that we get the results: 001671.

Types of Federal Student Aid for Eligible Graduate Students Enrolled in a Degree Program or Financial Aid-Eligible Non-degree Graduate Certificate Program (FAFSA required)

- **Federal Student Loans for Graduate Study**
  By completing the FAFSA, you will be considered for the Federal Direct Student Loan Programs. In these programs, the federal government education loans available to eligible borrowers through DePaul University. There are two types available for graduate study — the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan and the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan. Additional information regarding federal student loans can be found at [studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov) and at the DePaul Office of Financial Aid website, under Types of Aid, Federal Loans (“Graduate/Law Students” tab).

  After the Office of Financial Aid receives your FAFSA results, you will be sent a financial aid award notification detailing your eligibility under these programs. You must meet all federal eligibility requirements to qualify for federal student loans.

- **Federal TEACH Grant**
  School of Education graduate students enrolled in one of the approved TEACH Grant-eligible programs may be eligible for the Federal TEACH Grant. A list of approved programs, as well as other TEACH Grant eligibility requirements are available at the De Paul Office of Financial Aid website, under Types of Aid, Federal Grants (“Graduate Students” tab.)

Non-Federal Sources of Assistance for Graduate Study

- **University Scholarships, Assistantships, and Fellowships for Graduate Study**
  DePaul offers numerous program-specific scholarships, awards and assistantships. You may be considered for some at the time you are admitted; others may require an application process. For more information, you should speak to Admissions and contact the graduate program in which you plan to enroll.

- **DePaul Alumni Scholarships**
  The Double Demon scholarship is available to DePaul alumni who are enrolled in master’s level graduate study at DePaul. Most types of graduate study are eligible, but some program restrictions apply. For more information, contact your graduate college or visit the [admission scholarship webpage](http://admission scholarship webpage).
• **Veterans Educational Benefits**
  DePaul is honored to serve veterans and active-duty members of the United States military and their dependents. We invite you to explore your federal Veterans Affairs (VA) Educational Benefits options to help fund your educational pursuits at DePaul. More information about using VA Educational Benefits at DePaul is available at the DePaul's website, under [VA Educational Benefits](#).

• **Private Educational Loans**
  Private loans are non-federal educational loans. These loans are offered by private lenders (educational financing institutions, banks) to help with graduate school tuition and living expenses not covered by other aid. Private education loan terms and rates vary by lender. A FAFSA is not required for private educational loans. More information can be found at DePaul’s website, under [Private Loans](#).

• **Financing Options Available Through DePaul**
  DePaul also offers interest-free payment plans, available on an annual or term basis. There are no pre-approval requirements or credit checks, and plans can be used with or without financial aid. Plans include an In-Term Payment Plan (ITP), an Employer Tuition Deferral, Third Party Tuition Assistance, and the DePaul Annual Payment Plan. There is a participation fee. For more information on university payment plans, visit payment plans at the [Student Accounts](#) website.

**Questions? We are here to help:**

Please contact the Office of Financial Aid at DePaul Central if you have questions about financing your graduate study at DePaul. We will be glad to be assistance. Here is our financial aid contact information:

- **Financial Aid Inquiries:** finaid1@depaul.edu
- **Financial Aid Counseling Line:** (312) 362-8091

We also have counselors available from 9-5pm, Monday through Friday, at both locations below, should you prefer to walk in and meet with someone in person:

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