

# FINANCING MEDICAL SCHOOL



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**Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth Financial Aid Office**

# FINANCING YOUR MEDICAL EDUCATION AT DARTMOUTH GEISEL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

If you plan to apply for financial aid for the 2018-2019 academic year, the necessary application and instructions are also located on our website and may be completed after October 1, 2018.

Required materials include:

- Geisel School of Medicine application at [http://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/admin/fin\\_aid/apply.shtml](http://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/admin/fin_aid/apply.shtml),
- FAFSA application at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), code 002573
- the CSS PROFILE <https://student.collegeboard.org/profile> code 2314

## FINANCIAL AID POLICY

The Geisel School of Medicine Financial Aid Office is ready to assist you in whatever way we can. So if, after reading the following information and application instructions, you have questions or concerns regarding policy, procedure, or programs, we encourage you to contact us for clarification. Please see the booklet cover for addresses and phone/fax numbers.

The Geisel School of Medicine recognizes that medical education is becoming more costly each year and we are doing everything possible to keep cost increases to a minimum, to increase available financial aid and to provide assistance to as many students as possible who have demonstrated need. However, the available resources require that each aid recipient assume what is referred to as a “base loan”. A base loan is best described as the minimum loan amount the student is required to borrow before receiving additional aid. All financial aid recipients will be expected to borrow a base loan.

Please **apply as soon as possible after October 1 and before April 15** for financial aid. Geisel School of Medicine begins to make decisions about financial aid in early April.

Although all graduate level students are considered independent, the Geisel School of Medicine, as do most U.S. medical schools, requires parental income statements from all applicants. This requirement will not be waived regardless of age, marital status or family status if students wish to be considered for institutional need-based loans and scholarships. Financial aid is awarded, within the limit of Geisel School of Medicine's resources, to those students who would be unable to enroll without such aid.

## DETERMINING FINANCIAL NEED FOR INSTITUTIONAL AID

Financial need is defined as the difference between Geisel School of Medicine’s educational costs and the resources that are available from the student/spouse and his/her family to meet these expenses. Geisel School of Medicine encourages financial aid applicants to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the CSS Profile Form, and the Geisel School of Medicine application to be considered for institutional need-based aid. Based upon the information provided by the FAFSA, CSS Profile Form, and Geisel School of Medicine application and including, but not limited to, supporting documentation such as student and parent income tax returns and verification, the Financial Aid Office can inform you of your eligibility for need-based loans,

and, if your need is great enough, the amount of scholarship you can expect to receive from Geisel School of Medicine.

## **SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING FINANCIAL AID AWARD PACKAGES**

### **I. Geisel School of Medicine Financial Aid Awards**

Approximately 90% percent of all Geisel School of Medicine students receive aid through the Financial Aid Office. A financial aid award is based upon the Geisel School of Medicine student expense budget) and a student's financial need as determined by the FAFSA, CSS Profile Form analysis, Geisel School of Medicine Application, and supporting documentation, such as tax returns.

Financial aid packages consist of loans and, where financial need exists, Geisel School of Medicine scholarship. The first portion of financial need is met with a base loan (minimum required loan amount), which is typically composed of various loans with different interest rates and terms. The possible combinations of a base loan may include: Geisel School Loan or Dartmouth Education Association Loan. The remainder of the base loan is met with an Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan. ~~When students and applicants receive their award letter, they will receive information from our Office about the loan application process and signing of promissory notes.~~

During the 2018-2019 academic year, the **base loan was \$45,700**. A standard base loan is awarded to students with demonstrated need. If the financial need of the student is less than that of the base loan, he/she will receive only a partial base loan. If the student's financial need exceeds the base loan, Geisel School of Medicine scholarship is awarded. A sample base loan for the 2018-2019 academic year is:

\$ 3,000 Geisel Medical School Loan, 5.0% (fixed)

\$42,700 Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, 6.0% (fixed)

**\$45,700 Total Base Loan** (the minimum required loan before other aid is awarded)

Additional information about the loans that make up the base loan, as well as other types of aid is included in the Financial Aid Consumer Information section of this booklet. Justifiable need beyond the base loan is met, as much as possible, with institutional, private, and state scholarship funds.

### **II. Outside Awards**

No one should be discouraged about being able to attend medical school because of costs; they need to actively seek financing by applying for outside loans and scholarships, which can be used to reduce indebtedness and/or replace institutional aid. Outside loans and scholarships are available through a variety of sources and we encourage you to search out those resources.

## A. State Aid and Additional Resources

We encourage you to apply to the State Medical Society in the state in which you reside to see what options are available, as well as to contact local lending institutions to see if they have trust funds or educational funds for which medical students may apply.

Your employer or your family members' employers are sometimes good sources for inquiring about scholarships, grants, or low-interest or no-interest loan funds for medical school. Organizations, to which you or family members belong, including your church, are possible resources for you. Make it known locally that you will be attending medical school and see what your friends and neighbors know about financing options.

Searching various scholarship, grant, and loan options on the Web can be time-consuming; however, we encourage you to take the time to browse to see what is available. There is a listing of scholarships and alternative education loans, as well as a listing of state medical agencies with contact information which offers a place to begin at [http://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/admin/fin\\_aid/](http://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/admin/fin_aid/)

When a student receives a loan or scholarship from an outside source, an equivalent deduction is made from the loan portion of the Geisel School of Medicine aid package.

## B. Scholarship Programs

The following scholarships provide substantial financial support in return for a service commitment. Once such an award is accepted, all Geisel School of Medicine scholarship and loans to the student are rescinded. A Stafford loan may be obtained only for the difference between the award and the school budget, less the recipient's expected resources.

1. National Health Service Corps Scholarship (NHSC)
2. Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Programs (AFHPSP) Federal military scholarships include tuition, living expenses, books, and increased pay for 45 days of active duty (required) each year in exchange for a commitment to serve as a military physician; this is a year-for-year scholarship with a three-year minimum. For more information contact:

### **Air Force:**

TSgt Lorna L. Allen, USAF  
AF Health Professions Recruiter  
50 Burlington Mall Road, Suite G18-A  
Burlington, MA 01803  
Office: (781) 270-4134, ext. 6  
[stephanie.satinsky@us.af.mil](mailto:stephanie.satinsky@us.af.mil)

### **Army:**

Manchester Health Care Recruiting  
75 Gilcrest Road, Suite 304  
Londonderry, NH 03053  
Office: (603) 434-0670  
Cell: (877) 877-637-7520

**Navy:**

Navy Recruiting District, New England  
495 Summer Street  
Boston, MA 02210  
(800) 792-9099

3. Indian Health Service Program

This scholarship program offers scholarship grants through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Indian Health Service (IHS). The IHS grants consist of a monthly stipend, money for books, supplies, travel, and tuition.

If you are interested in applying for an IHS grant, contact: IHS Scholarship Program, 801 Thompson Avenue, Suite 120, Rockville, MD 20852; (301) 443-6197;  
[http://www.ihs.gov/JobCareerDevelop/DHPS/Scholarships/contact\\_us.cfm](http://www.ihs.gov/JobCareerDevelop/DHPS/Scholarships/contact_us.cfm)

4. Geisel School of Medicine, Office of Multicultural Affairs

If you are an applicant who would like to be considered for non-institutional minority funding, you may wish to visit the Office of Multicultural Affairs, 301 Remsen Building or call Shawn O’Leary at (603) 650-1553. This Office can advise you to see if you might qualify to apply for specific outside grants, scholarships, or loan programs and then point you in the direction to access them.

**C. Additional Loan Financing**

Listed below are additional financing options when family resources are not readily available to meet the expected family contribution. Please note that the terms are subject to change at any time. In some situations, a financial consultant may be helpful in planning strategies for financing the expense of a medical education.

1. Direct Unsubsidized Federal Loan

The Direct Unsubsidized Federal Loan is available to United States Citizens and Permanent Residents who have applied for financial aid to Geisel School of Medicine and it is currently the best option for additional financing, other than family or personal assistance. The maximum Unsubsidized Stafford loan is \$42,700 per year, and the interest rate is fixed at 6.6% while the student is in school and during repayment for loans borrowed during the 2018-19 year. Payments on this loan may be deferred while the student is enrolled in school, but interest will accrue, and the standard repayment period is 10 years.

2. Graduate PLUS Loans

U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents may be eligible for a Federal Grad PLUS loan which is credit based and has a 7.6% fixed interest rate for loans borrowed during the 2018-19 year. Payments may be deferred while in school, but interest

will accrue on this loan. The standard repayment period is 10 years. Cost of Attendance minus aid is the maximum amount which can be borrowed. Students with poor credit reports will most likely be required by the lender to have a co-signer who has resided and worked in the United States for at least two years.

### III. Married Students

The financial aid packages of married students are arranged in such a way that the net earnings of the spouse may help to reduce the loan obligation of the student. The spouse's income, less taxes and child care allowance, where applicable, is considered a resource in determining the overall size of the loan portion of the financial aid package.

### IV. International Students

For funding for foreign students who are not permanent residents of the United States, Geisel School of Medicine will consider only its limited institutional need-based resources and the private loans from outside sources for which students may apply. We suggest you search the web for alternative loan options and a site you might begin with is: [www.iefaf.org](http://www.iefaf.org)

### V. MD/PhD Program

For financial aid and other information regarding this joint program, please contact: Alex Thorngren, MD/PhD Program (603) 653-9958.

#### GEISEL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT DARTMOUTH STUDENT EXPENSE BUDGET 2018-2019

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>
	(10 mos.)	(10 mos.)	(12 mos.)	(12 mos.)
Tuition	\$63,080	\$63,080	\$63,080	\$3,0080
Rent (inc. utilities)	8,500	8,500	10,200	10,500
Food	2,750	2,750	3,600	3,900
Books and Equipment	1,500	800	800	700
National Board/USMLE				
Exam	0	610	2,410	0
Local/Elective/USMLE/On Doc.				
Travel	750	750	1,500	1,500
Student Activity				
Fee	125	125	125	125
Health Access Fee	273	182	182	182
Document Fee	110	0	0	0
Health Insurance	3,073	3,073	3,073	3,073
Disability				
Insurance	55	55	55	55
Student Services Fee	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750
Miscellaneous	<u>3,330</u>	<u>3,030</u>	<u>4,280</u>	<u>4,680</u>
TOTAL	\$85,296	\$84,705	91,055	\$89,545



**PLEASE NOTE:** Dartmouth will, on a case-by-case basis, make adjustments to the student budget when appropriate in certain circumstances with required documentation. If a student incurs additional educational expenses, which exceed the amount allocated in the budget, he/she should discuss this with the Financial Aid Officer.

**Summer Earning Expectation:** Students entering the Year 1 class are expected to contribute \$5,000 of income (in addition to relocation expenses) earned during the summer preceding Year 1. Please note the Year 1 budget is 10 months and students should plan to bring their summer earnings for living expenses at Geisel when they matriculate in August. Students entering Year 2, 3, and 4 are expected to contribute \$1,000.

**Year 1 & 2 Students:** The rent figure of \$8,500 includes utilities based upon a 10-month budget, September through June.

**Travel Home:** Travel allowance will be made for one round trip home at standard air fares, assuming use of supersaver fares when possible. Please note that federal regulations do not permit us to include travel expenses for spouses.

**Books:** Budget figures reflect average book purchases in each class. Students whose necessary book purchases go beyond this level may seek a budget adjustment through the Financial Aid Office and borrow additional DELC/Unsub Direct/Grad PLUS within reasonable limits.

**Computer & PDA:** Students who need additional funds for a computer should discuss the expense with their Financial Aid Officer. Each request will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

**Sources to Consider and Utility Plans:** When searching for housing, students should consider the source of heat. Electricity bills will increase substantially during the Winter months when you heat with electricity, whereas oil and gas prices remain more constant throughout the year. Students making arrangements for delivery from local oil, gas, electric companies are urged to request a budget plan in order to spread heating costs over the number of months in the academic year. Failure to do so may cause financial difficulty during the winter term. Some companies will allow customers to pre-purchase fuel for the entire year during the Summer months when it is least expensive.

**Clinical Clerkships, Electives, USMLE, On Doctoring and Local Transportation:** Supplementary DELC/Unsub Direct/Grad PLUS loans will be approved for students who live at a distance from the Medical School and find this assistance necessary and/or for students who incur travel expenses in excess of the amount already included in the travel budget for reaching clinical clerkships and electives. The amount approved will be based on mileage at a rate of 54.5 cents per mile.

**Child Care:** Students with children may incur additional expenses beyond the limits of the student budget. As a starting point for discussion purposes, \$3,000 per child per semester may be added to the budget. Because of the variability of expenses in this area, dictated both by age of the child and the type of day care available and/or preferred by the parent, students are encouraged to speak with the Financial Aid Director.

**GEISEL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT DARTMOUTH**  
**FINANCIAL AID CONSUMER INFORMATION**

- I. **The Geisel School of Medicine Financial Aid Year** corresponds to the fiscal year and the billing calendar (i.e. July 1 through June 30). First and second year students are on a 10-month budget, September through June. Third and fourth year students are on a 12-month budget, July through June.
- II. **Scholarships** are credited to student accounts in equal installments to correspond with tuition billing.
- III. **Loans** are credited as follows:
- A. Dartmouth campus-based loans, including **DEA** and **Geisel** loans are credited to student accounts 3 business days after promissory notes are signed.
  - B. **Federal Direct Unsubsidized Student Loans** are disbursed electronically directly to student accounts and are disbursed in halves.
  - C. **DELIC** loans are credited to student accounts on specified disbursement dates after the promissory notes are signed on line. One application must be completed for the entire amount of the DELIC loan during each academic year.
- IV. **Forms:**
- A. After your initial application for financial aid, the forms listed below are required before we are able to disburse aid to you.
  - B. **Master Promissory Note (MPN) for Federal Direct Unsub Loan:** This application is completed on-line and signed electronically by the borrower at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov). At this same website, you must also complete the **Unsub Loan Entrance Interview**.
  - C. **Verification Form:** Some students are randomly selected for verification from the Federal government. If you have been selected, this form will either appear in your financial aid award packet or be email to you. This form must be completed and returned to the Financial Aid Office.
  - D. **Master Promissory Note (MPN) for GradPLUS Loan:** If applicable, this application is completed on-line and signed electronically by the borrower at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov). At this same website, you must also complete the **GradPLUS Loan Entrance Interview**.

## STUDENT LOAN TERMS 2018-2019\*

<u>Loan Type</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Repayment</u>
<b>FEDERAL DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED LOAN</b>	Loan rates are fixed each July 1. Current rates for 18/19 are: 6.6%	1.06%	\$42,700/yr.	Payments can be deferred during period of enrollment; however, student is responsible for interest which accrues throughout life of the loan.

### NOTES:

1. Deferment forms are required on an annual basis during all in-school and post-graduate deferment periods. Failure to process the required deferment forms on time will automatically enter you into repayment. You may potentially forfeit your deferment privilege and you may be responsible for any additional costs of collection and attorney's fees.
2. The above loans have a 10-year repayment period.
3. No prepayment penalty.
4. Loans are automatically paid in the event of the borrower's death or total and permanent disability.
5. Defaulted loans are reported to a national credit reporting agency and may prevent a borrower from receiving additional credit.
6. Lifetime maximum of \$65,500 subsidized. Total lifetime maximum subsidized and unsubsidized combined \$224,000.

<u>Loan Type</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Repayment</u>
<b>FEDERAL DIRECT Grad PLUS LOAN</b>	For loans disbursed on or after 7/1/18 and before 7/1/19, the interest rate is fixed at 7.6%.	4.23%	up to budget after other aid, if or as needed.	Payments can be deferred during period of enrollment; however, student is responsible for interest which accrues throughout life of the loan.

### NOTES:

1. Please refer to Notes 1 through 5 under Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan above.

<b>Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth Loan (Braley or Odlin)</b>	5.0 % fixed	n/a	\$5,000/yr.	3 mo grace, 2 yr deferment for internship/residency(see individual loan notes for specifics).
<b>DEA Dartmouth Education Association Loan</b>	5.0 % fixed	n/a	\$5,000/yr.	9month grace, 2-year deferment for internship/residency.

### NOTES

1. Interest subsidized until repayment begins.
2. No prepayment penalty.
3. Maximum 10-year repayment period.
4. Cancellation upon death or total and permanent disability of borrower.

<u>Loan Type</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Repayment</u>
<b>DELC Dartmouth Educational Loan Corporation Loan</b>	**6.8% variable (effective 7/1/18)	n/a	\$55,000/yr.	***Begins 9months after student ceases to be on at least a half-time basis or this loan may be deferred for up to 4 years due to internship/residency followed by the 9 month grace period.

**NOTES:**

- \*\* 1. Interest is set by a vote of DELC's members with past practice being to set the rate annually effective 7/1.
- \*\*\*2. Interest accrues immediately and compounds monthly during medical school.
- 3. Cumulative maximum of \$200,000.
- 4. Annual maximum of \$55,000.
- 5. No prepayment penalty.
- 6. Maximum of 15 years to repay loan based upon loan balance.
- 7. Cancellation upon death or total and permanent disability of borrower.

**Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth/DEA /DELC LOANS**

These are institutional loans and are serviced by Dartmouth College using ECSI software. The lender address to which correspondence and payments are to be sent is as follows:  
Dartmouth College, Student Financial Services, 6132 McNutt Hall, Room 103, Hanover, NH 03755  
(603) 646-3230.

**\*TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LOAN PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME DUE TO BOTH FEDERAL AND INSTITUTIONAL REGULATIONS.**

## **CREDIT INFORMATION**

### **GEISEL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT DARTMOUTH LOANS**

#### **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

Approximately 90% percent of the student body at Geisel School of Medicine borrow loans in order to help meet their educational expenses. Graduates of the Geisel School of Medicine Class of 2018 incurred an average of \$184,000 in total educational indebtedness.

**\*Please Note:**

The vast majority of our students who borrow, do so from a combination of the following loan programs:

- Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan
- Federal Graduate PLUS Loan
- Geisel School of Medicine Loans
- Dartmouth Educational Loan Corporation Loan (DELCO)

These loan funds actually come from the Federal government, Geisel School of Medicine and Dartmouth Educational Loan Corporation. *Students submit applications for these loans electronically*; we determine student *eligibility* for these loans based on established guidelines and certify the loan electronically for approval.

Dartmouth Educational Loan Corporation approves or denies loan applications based in part on credit. Some credit listings which may cause a lender to deny a loan are: evidence of slow payment history, over-extension of credit card debt, evidence of bankruptcy, current default on an educational or other type of loan, profit/loss write-offs, or lack of any credit history.

Please note the following:

1. We urge you to request a copy of your credit history/rating prior to entering Geisel School of Medicine (see instructions below). You will find out if there are any credit difficulties which might prevent your access to educational loans and will allow you the opportunity to correct any inaccurate information. **Should you discover any difficulties with your credit history, please resolve the problem as soon as possible with your creditors and have them update your credit report.**
2. It is the responsibility of the student (not that of Geisel School of Medicine) to find replacement funding for education loans for which you have been denied.
3. Students are not allowed to receive financial aid in excess of the cost of attendance budget. You will need to live within your budget while in medical school; therefore, it is imperative that you reduce or eliminate any consumer debt you have prior to entering medical school. Consumer debt cannot be considered part of the student's financial aid budget.

## HOW TO OBTAIN A COPY OF YOUR CREDIT REPORT

Effective September 1, 2005, the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) has completed a program by State to allow consumers to get one free comprehensive disclosure of all of the information in their credit file from each of the three major credit bureaus once every 12 months through a central source. You may access more information about this program at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)

You may also obtain a copy of your credit report from the three credit bureau websites below. You are entitled to one free report from each for the calendar year.

### **TRANS UNION**

Trans Union Corporation  
Consumer Disclosure Center  
PO Box 1000  
Chester, PA 19022  
(800) 888-4213  
[www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

### **EQUIFAX**

Credit Information Services  
PO Box 740241  
Atlanta, GA 30374  
(800) 685-1111  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

### **EXPERIAN**

Experian National Consumer  
Assistance Center  
PO Box 2002  
Allen, TX 75013  
(888) 397-3742  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

## Important Web Resources

[http://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/admin/fin\\_aid/](http://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/admin/fin_aid/)  
(Geisel School of Medicine Financial Aid Website)

\*Click on the Outside Sources Excel Spreadsheet for a List of Outside Scholarships

## Financial Aid Application Checklist for 2018-2019

If you plan to apply for financial aid for the 2018-2019 year, the necessary application information is listed below and can also be found at our web site: [http://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/admin/fin\\_aid/policy.shtml](http://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/admin/fin_aid/policy.shtml)

The Financial Aid Office requests that you complete the forms and submit them as soon as possible after October 1, 2017, and **before April 15, 2018**.

### 1. **Geisel School of Medicine Financial Aid Application**

- Completed each year by all students applying for financial aid.
- Available on our web site: [http://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/admin/fin\\_aid/apply.shtml](http://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/admin/fin_aid/apply.shtml).
- A copy is available in the Geisel School of Medicine Financial Aid Office or on the last page of the Financing Medical School brochure on line at: [http://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/admin/fin\\_aid/](http://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/admin/fin_aid/).
- Submit to the Geisel School of Medicine Financial Aid Office.

### 2. **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**

- Completed by students applying for federal aid (Stafford/Perkins Loans).
- Applications can be completed online (without downloading) at FAFSA's web site: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
Click on "Fill out a FAFSA" (available for Mac or personal computers).
- School code 002573, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH.
- You may complete a Renewal FAFSA online if you completed a FAFSA for the 2017-2018 year. First time applicants will receive a Personal Identification Number (P.I.N.) from the U.S. Department of Education. Please keep this P.I.N. accessible for next year's application.

### 3. **Copy of student signed 2016 Tax Return\***

- Submitted to the Geisel School of Medicine Financial Aid Office by all students applying for aid. If you did not file, please let us know. *\*The Federal Processor has moved to a "prior-prior year" tax form system. This means you should submit tax information from two tax years prior to your application year. So, filing a 18-19 FAFSA means you should submit 2016 tax forms.*

### 4. **Copy of parental signed 2016 Tax Return**

- Submitted to the Geisel School of Medicine Financial Aid Office by students applying for institutional aid (scholarship, Geisel/Perkins/DELC loans).

### 5. **CSS PROFILE Form**

- Completed by students applying for institutional aid.
- Application can be completed at <https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile> You will want to select Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth (CSS Code: 2314)
- A fee may be required.

### 6. **Stafford Application and entrance counseling (to be completed electronically at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) ).**