Funding Your Education

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Federal Pell Grants & Direct Loans

Pell Grants and Direct Loans, subsidized and unsubsidized, are available for eligible students in some programs.

The Pell Grant is need-based, does not have to be repaid, and is available to those in a qualifying undergraduate program who do not have a bachelor’s degree.

The Direct Loan must be repaid. The subsidized loan is need-based; the unsubsidized loan is not. The interest on the subsidized loan is paid by the federal government while you are in school. The unsubsidized loan is not need based. Borrowers are responsible for the interest accrued on the loan while they are in school.

The following programs qualify:

Undergraduate Status — Pell Grant and Direct Loan, subsidized and unsubsidized:
- Pre-Medical and General Science Program

Graduate Status — Direct Loan, unsubsidized:
- Landscape Architecture Program
- Paralegal Training Program
- UCLA Post-Baccalaureate Program in Classics

To ensure the availability of funds by the time your program begins, you must initiate the application process four months prior to the start date of the quarter in which you plan to enroll. A Federal Aid Guide and Application Packet is available online at uclaextension.edu/financialaid.

UCLA Extension does not defer course fees. Students must pay enrollment fees at the time of registration. Students are responsible for adhering to registration, enrollment, drop class, and refund policies, as published.

About UCLA Extension

UCLA Extension is the continuing education division of the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). We offer courses evenings and weekends in Westwood Hills, and Downtown LA, plus online classes available around the globe. Courses range from business, arts, engineering, and IT to entertainment studies, public policy, public health, the humanities and more. Explore UCLA Extension at: uclaextension.edu

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Private Alternative Education Loans

Many lending institutions offer private alternative loans to help finance the cost of a student's education. Some of the loans offer great flexibility and a fast pre-approval process, two attractive benefits to students in adult continuing education. Most UCLA Extension courses and programs qualify.

To ensure the availability of funds by the time your course begins, you must initiate the application process two months prior to the start date of the quarter in which you plan to enroll.

California residents are eligible to apply for private alternative loans for online courses. Recipients are required to pick up loan checks in person at the UCLA Student Loan Services Office.

Check with your own bank or go online to compare the loans of different lenders.

Apply online today!

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Endowed Scholarships

There are a limited number of these scholarships available once you have begun a program. Refer to the General Information Section of the UCLA Extension catalog or visit uclaextension.edu/financialaid.

Extension Grants

A very limited number of Extension Grants are available each quarter for students who establish a financial need. Up to $400 in enrollment fees can be waived under this program in no more than one limited-enrollment course and no more than two courses per quarter total. Extension Grants are not available for 700-900 series courses, XLC courses, online courses, or programs eligible for federal financial aid.

Application Filing Period

Note: Applications are only accepted during the filing period.

Summer 2017: May 1-16, 2017
Fall 2017: July 31 – Aug 15, 2017
Winter 2018: November 6-21, 2017
Spring 2018: February 5 – 20, 2017

UCLA Extension Quarter Start & End Dates

Summer 2017: June 25 – Sep 11, 2017
Fall 2017: September 25 – Dec 17, 2016
Winter 2018: January 8 – April 1, 2018
Spring 2018: April 2 – June 24, 2018

Application packets are available online at uclaextension.edu/financialaid.

Veterans Educational Benefits

Certain UCLA Extension certificates are approved under the Veterans Educational Benefits program. See the General Information Section of the UCLA Extension catalog or visit uclaextension.edu/financialaid. Students who are eligible for Veterans Educational Benefits programs should determine the benefits and obtain authorization from the appropriate Veterans Administration Office prior to enrolling.

AmeriCorps Awards

Each year, Americans of diverse ages and backgrounds engage in intensive volunteer service to the country via AmeriCorps, a network of national service programs developed to meet critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment.

AmeriCorps members serve through nonprofits, public agencies, and faith-based organizations. They tutor and mentor youth, build affordable housing, teach computer skills, clean parks and streams, run after-school programs, and help communities respond to disasters.

On completion of successful service, AmeriCorps alumni can elect to be provided with an education award. Former members are eligible to use their educational award payments to pay for UCLA Extension certificates, course sequences, or individual classes. For further information on AmeriCorps visit AmeriCorps.org.