

Financial Aid Application Checklist:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** available after January 1, 2009, this form may be completed on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The Dartmouth College Federal Code is 002573. *Priority date - April 1, 2009*

- Dartmouth Financial Aid Application.** *Priority date -- April 1, 2009. (Can be printed from the Dartmouth Graduate student website. <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~gradstdy/finaid/apply.html>)*

Useful Websites:

Dartmouth College Graduate Website:
www.dartmouth.edu/~gradstdy/finaid/

General federal financial aid information:
www.students.gov

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA): www.fafsa.ed.gov

Federal Personal Identification Number (PIN) application: www.pin.ed.gov

Free Scholarship Search:
www.fastweb.com

www.collegenet.com

www.iie.org/fulbright

Dartmouth College Financial Aid
Office

Financing Dartmouth Graduate Programs in the Arts & Sciences

2009 - 2010

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- ☐ *Arts and Sciences Graduate Degree Programs
(Ph.D. and Master's Degree Programs)*

- ☐ *Master of Arts and Liberal Studies
(M.A.L.S.)*

- ☐ *The Dartmouth Institute
(formerly CECS – M.S. /M.P.H.)*

- ☐ *Thayer School of Engineering (B.E, MS,
PhD and M.E.M programs)*

Graduate students enrolled in Dartmouth Arts and Sciences programs, the Center for the Evaluative Clinical Sciences (CECS) academic programs, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) and Thayer School of Engineering should review this information regarding available federal loan funds to help finance educational expenses. Dartmouth graduate departments offer tuition scholarships and stipends, if applicable, prior to federal loan eligibility determination.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To receive financial aid from federal programs a student must:

- Be a citizen or eligible non-citizen of the United States;
- Be enrolled at least half-time in an eligible program;
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined in the Student Handbook provided by the graduate program;
- Not owe a refund or repayment to any institution on a Title IV grant (Federal Pell, SEOG, SSIG), and not be in default on a Title IV loan (Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford or PLUS);
- Be registered with the Selective Service System, if required.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov after January 1, 2009. The Dartmouth College Federal Code is 002573.

The Dartmouth Graduate Financial Aid Application can be downloaded from the Dartmouth web page.

<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~gradstdy/finaid/apply.html> The completed form should be mailed to the Financial Aid Office.

DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

While students have the primary responsibility for financing their education, need-based financial aid programs are designed to assist students in meeting costs above the expected family or student contribution (EFC).

The federal processor will calculate the EFC using the Federal Needs Analysis Methodology from the information submitted on the FAFSA. The EFC is the amount the family can be expected to contribute towards college costs. The EFC measures financial strength, based on the income and assets of the student, and if married, the student's spouse.

Students will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) directly from the federal processor listing their EFC. The information listed on the SAR should be checked for accuracy and changes should be made with the federal processor, if necessary.

The Cost of Attendance (COA) is an estimate compiled by Dartmouth of a student's educational expenses for the period of enrollment. COA components include institutional charges (tuition and fees) plus non-institutional charges (room, board, books, supplies, and miscellaneous personal expenses). Adjustments may be made to the standard COA for the required computer purchase, dependent child care costs, medical or disability expenses, and other related educational expenses.

Financial need is defined as the cost of attendance minus the expected family contribution. Need-based aid (grants, loans, and employment) can be awarded up to the amount of financial need.

THE AWARD PROCESS

After careful review of financial aid application materials, the Financial Aid Office will send an award notice. The award notice will list the estimated cost of attendance, expected family contribution, and need-based financial aid available to finance the remaining need. Funding for graduate programs is limited; therefore, financial aid may not cover the entire financial need.

Graduate tuition grants, tuition remission, and stipends are awarded by most graduate departments. Whenever possible, this information is included on the award notice. A change in an award offered by the department can affect financial aid eligibility.

Information included with the award notice will outline how to finalize the financial aid award. This may include a request for missing documentation. Instructions outlining how to secure loans from lenders as well as unsubsidized and alternative loan options will also be included.

AWARD DISBURSEMENT

Disbursements are scheduled to coincide with enrollment terms. The funds are posted to student accounts after the official registration check-in period. Because the application can take up to eight weeks to process, please apply early to ensure timely disbursement of funds.