University of California
Berkeley
Financial Aid and Scholarships Office

SUMMER CONSORTIUM PROGRAMS FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION 2012

What types of financial aid are available for a summer Consortium program?

Only Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loans are available for summer Consortium programs. If you are not eligible for these types of awards, we may recommend private loans to you. UC summer fee grants **are not** available for Consortium programs.

How can I determine what kind of loan funding might be available to me for my summer Consortium program?

If you did not accept or receive the annual maximum amount of your student loan eligibility during the academic year, the remaining balance of these loans are available to you to use for your summer Consortium program. To get an idea of your summer loan eligibility before receiving your summer financial aid offer, you can compare the amount of loans you accepted and received against the total amount available to you as shown on the following tables. Simply subtract the total amount of loans you accepted and received during the academic year from the total amount available for your appropriate grade level to calculate your remaining summer loan eligibility. You can check the Award Payment Status screen on MyFinAid for your 2011-12 loan information.

ANNUAL LIMITS FOR FEDERAL DIRECT LOANS

Year in College	Dependent Students		Independent Students	
	Annual Limits for Federal Direct Loans	May include subsidized amounts up to	Annual Limits for Federal Direct Loans	May include subsidized amounts up to
Freshman	$5,500	$3,500	$9,500	$3,500
Sophmore	$6,500	$4,500	$10,500	$4,500
Junior	$7,500	$5,500	$12,500	$5,500
Senior	$7,500	$5,500	$12,500	$5,500

EXAMPLE Joe Cal is a dependent sophomore who accepted and received $3,450 of his loan eligibility during the academic year. This leaves him with $3,050 remaining student loan eligibility for the summer term. ($6,500 - $3,450 = $3,050)

EXAMPLE Katie Cal is an independent freshman who accepted and received $9,500 of her loan eligibility during the academic year. This leaves her with no remaining student loan eligibility for the summer term. ($9,500 - $9,500 = $0)

Can I attend UC Berkeley and a different college, or two different colleges and universities, and still receive financial aid?

No. This is called "concurrent enrollment," and you will not qualify for financial aid for both programs. While you can certainly attend both programs, you can only apply for and receive aid for one program, and that program must meet basic eligibility requirements.

What are the basic eligibility requirements for summer Consortium financial aid?

- You must **enroll** in a minimum of 9 quarter, or 6 semester units, and your program must be no less than 4 weeks in length, to qualify for summer financial aid.
- You must ensure that **your Campus Accounts Receivable System (CARS) account has a $0 balance.** If any balance remains in your CARS account, your aid will be withheld until it has been cleared.
- You must **not be on the spring 2012 degree list.** Your aid will be withheld until your name is removed from the degree list. Speak with your college to remove yourself from the spring 2012 degree list.
- You must have an **active Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)** account. Sign up: https://eftstudent.berkeley.edu/
- You must **pay any registration fees or deposits** owed to the host campus before that host campus's deadline. These expenses are not covered by financial aid.
- You must **purchase a plane ticket, and any passport and visas well in advance of your departure date**. Financial aid will disburse to you only 10 days before the start date of your program, and any refund to you via EFT happens approximately 3 or 4 days later, which is not enough time to get a good deal on airfare, or to arrange for a passport and visa. Planning in advance for your trip is very important.
- You must **pay the host college, university, or program** once you receive your financial aid. UC Berkeley does not make payments on your behalf; we pay you, and then you must pay the host campus you're attending.
- You must **request that a transcript of your summer coursework** be sent to UC Berkeley within 30 days of the completion of your summer program. All coursework must be posted to your UC Berkeley transcript within 6 months of the completion of your program, or you will be billed for your financial aid.

How do I apply for financial aid to attend a summer program under a Consortium Agreement?

1. Determine where you will be studying:

- If you will be studying at a California Community College, you may visit the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office at 211 Sproul Hall during normal business hours and request a referral pass to see the financial aid counselor to receive the Consortium Application for Financial Aid. **When you request the pass, you must inform the staff that you wish to attend a California Community College under a Consortium Agreement.** Once you receive the pass, you may visit the financial aid counselor and receive the Consortium Application for Financial Aid.
- If you will not be studying at a California Community College, you must first schedule an appointment with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions in 103 Sproul Hall before receiving the Consortium Application for Financial Aid. Proceed to Step 2.

2. Schedule an appointment with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions:

- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions in 103 Sproul Hall, and request an appointment for an evaluation of your Consortium program. The usual wait time for an appointment is two weeks, and it is your responsibility to plan ahead so that you have enough time to meet with an advisor before your program begins. Providing you come prepared with all the information necessary for an evaluation, the appointment itself usually takes no longer than 10 minutes to complete.
- When scheduling your appointment, you must make sure to do both of the following:
  - Identify yourself as a **Consortium student**.
  - Request a **purple referral pass** to see a financial aid counselor.
- The pass is required to see a financial aid counselor, so be careful not to lose it. If you fail to identify yourself as Consortium student or fail to request the pass—or lose the pass—you will not be able to meet with a financial aid counselor to receive the application for financial aid.
- The Office of Undergraduate Admissions schedules appointments for Consortium programs year-round, and the appointments are available only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You may visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at anytime during normal business hours to schedule an appointment for Consortium programs.

3. Visit the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office with your purple referral pass:

- No appointment is necessary, and the location, hours, and days of availability are noted on the pass. During your visit to the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office, you will be given a four-page application for financial aid and counseled on the eligibility requirements, types and amounts of aid, and your responsibilities in securing financial aid for your program.
- You must complete and return all four pages of the Consortium Application for Financial Aid to the financial aid counselor no later than 60 days before the start of your anticipated program.
- Once all four pages of the Consortium Application for Financial Aid are received, the financial aid counselor will create a budget based on your host school's reported information.
- Once the budget is created, you will receive an email directing you to MyFinAid, where you will find your financial aid offer. You may then accept the awards you would like to accept.
- Ten (10) days before the start of your program, the financial aid counselor will confirm your eligibility. Once your eligibility is confirmed, your financial aid will be released and sent to your Campus Accounts Receivable System (CARS) account. It will then be refunded to you, via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), at which time you may pay the host college or university for your program.

STILL **HAVE QUESTIONS?**

See the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office website *financialaid.berkeley.edu*

Check MyFinAid for your *latest* financial aid award updates! *myfinaid.berkeley.edu*

Talk to an advisor Financial Aid and Scholarships Office, 211 Sproul Hall

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