WHAT TO DO NEXT

1. You must either accept or decline the offered Financial Aid at your WINGS Student Center, https://wings.uwlax.edu. If you wish to reduce the amount of loan, you should accept it and then reduce it in WINGS. The amount you accept in WINGS will be split equally between semesters unless you are only attending one semester. Contact the Financial Aid Office about an exception to even disbursements. Please note that you will not be able to accept “Your Other Loan Eligibility-G*.”

2. If you were awarded a Federal Direct Loan and it is your FIRST Direct Loan, complete the federally required Entrance Loan Counseling (ELC) available at www.studentloans.gov. If you have had a previous Federal Stafford or Direct Loan and still have an outstanding balance, you do not need to complete ELC again. If you are considering a PLUS loan, complete the combined graduate counseling.

3. If you were awarded a Federal Direct Loan and it is your FIRST Direct Loan, complete the federally required Federal Direct Loan Master Promissory Note (Direct Loan MPN) at www.studentloans.gov. If you have a previous Federal Direct Loan, you are not required to complete the MPN again.

4. Complete a Scholarship & Other Resources Notification Form if you are receiving any scholarships or any of the other resources listed on the form. This form is available at www.uwlax.edu/finaid/common-forms. Your award may need to be adjusted if we are notified of scholarships or resources received.

5. Choose your refund option. Go to your WINGS Student Center, find the Finances section and choose the “Student Choice Refund” link.

1. Your Financial Aid Award Letter will include Federal loans.
   A. Student Loans – Borrowed money which you will have to repay once you are no longer enrolled in school.
   Federal Direct Loans – Repayment begins 6 months after you are no longer enrolled half-time. A 1.069% Origination Fee will be deducted from each semester’s loan amount for all Direct Loans.
   Direct Unsubsidized Loan – Not based on financial need, with no federal interest subsidy. Fixed rate for graduates of 5.31% for the 2017-18 academic year. The rate for 2017-18 will be set by July 1. The student is responsible for the interest from the date of disbursement forward.

2. When will financial aid be disbursed?
   A. If all required paperwork has been completed, financial aid funds are disbursed on the traditional first day of classes each semester. All funds will be electronically credited to your University account.
   B. Any financial aid exceeding charges will result in a refund issued to you.
   C. You are responsible for paying your bill on time regardless of when your financial aid is disbursed.

3. Additional requirements that must be met:
   A. You must be admitted, enrolled at least half time (5 credits - Graduate) as a regular degree seeking student or working on an official, qualifying certificate, and maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress, as defined in the UWL General Catalog, to receive financial aid. More information is available at www.uwlax.edu/finaid/understanding-sap.
   B. Unless specifically indicated, or your program cohort attends part-time, aid has been offered based on full-time attendance. If you drop below this level, your loan may be reduced.

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You must report this immediately. If you drop to less than half-time, you will enter your student loan grace or repayment period and may have to begin repaying your loan immediately. If you withdraw, officially or unofficially, funds may need to be returned to the financial aid programs. You will be billed for any balance remaining due on your student account.

C. Federal law requires that the Financial Aid Office monitor repeated coursework. Students are able to repeat a course and receive federal financial aid only one time after previously receiving a passing grade for that course while receiving federal financial aid. The Repeat Credit Policy for Financial Aid can be found at www.uwlax.edu/finaid/repeat-credits-policy.

4. What will it cost a new graduate student to attend UW-La Crosse in the 2017-18 academic year?

**ESTIMATED** graduate costs for the 2017-18 Academic Year (Two Semesters) Full-time 9+ credits

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* Minnesota residents must file an “Application for Reciprocity Fee Status.” If starting in summer, complete the reciprocity application for both the 2016-17 and upcoming 2017-18 years.

On-line, see www.uwlax.edu/finaid, choose Graduate & professional students on the navigation bar and then choose Know your cost to attend.

Allied Health, see www.uwlax.edu/finaid/Graduate-health-programs

Learning Community, see www.uwlax.edu/finaid/Learning-Community

Student Affairs Administration, see www.uwlax.edu/finaid/Student-Affairs-Administration

Data Science, see www.uwlax.edu/finaid/Data-Science

5. What if the aid that is offered on the Award Letter isn’t enough to cover your costs?

Most graduate students choose one of two options for additional fund for education: a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan or an alternative education loan from a private lender.

**OTHER FINANCING OPTIONS**

Graduate Students can apply for a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan. For more information, go to www.uwlax.edu/finaid/Graduate-PLUS-Loans.

How much can be borrowed for a Graduate PLUS Loan or Alternative Loan?

See the amount listed as “Your Other Loan Eligibility-G*” on your Financial Aid Award. The Financial Aid Office strongly recommends that you only borrow what you need, thereby reducing the amount you will have to repay when you are no longer in school or enter repayment.

6. For information about your Student Rights and Responsibilities:

   go to www.uwlax.edu/finaid/student-rights-and-responsibilities.

   For more information on the Federal Student Aid Programs, visit www.studentaid.gov.

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse is an NCAA Division III member institution. As such, UWL and the UWL Foundation are bound by NCAA rules, which prohibit any Division III institution from considering athletics leadership, ability, participation, or performance in making financial aid award decisions to any student.

Be sure to visit our Scholarship Resource Center (SRC). The External Scholarship Database has hundreds of private scholarships that you can apply for. Visit the SRC webpage at www.uwlax.edu/scholarships.