



Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan 2011-12

Information and Instructions

Program Description:

The Federal Direct PLUS Loan for Graduate and Professional Students is a non-need based federal loan program provided by the William D. Ford Direct Loan Program and administered by the University of Rhode Island. The lender is the U.S. Department of Education rather than a bank or credit union. If you are a Graduate student, a Direct PLUS Loan can help you pay for your education. For a more detailed explanation from the Department of Education, refer to their website at:

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/PlusLoansGradProfstudents.jsp>

Borrower: Graduate or Professional Student.

Determining How Much to Borrow:

Annual Loan Limits:

You may borrow any amount up to the Cost of Attendance (includes tuition, fees, room, board, books and misc. expenses), minus any other financial aid you may receive.

PLUS Eligibility Worksheet:

Use this worksheet and Cost of Attendance figures below, along with information from your Financial Aid Award Letter (if applicable), to assist you in determining the amount of PLUS Loan you may borrow in order to complete question 6 on the **Supplemental Application for Graduate Students**.

Estimated Cost of Attendance:

\$ _____

In-state students -	\$31,039
Out-of-state students -	\$44,419
Regional students -	\$35,833

Minus all financial aid received (include any grant, scholarship and/or loan you may receive from any outside source)

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You may borrow up to:

= \$ _____

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Eligibility Criteria:

Generally, to be eligible for a Direct PLUS Loan, must fill out a 2011-12 FAFSA and meet the following criteria:

- You are enrolled at least half-time and making satisfactory progress
- You are a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or permanent resident of the U.S.
- You are not in default on a federal education loan, and you do not owe an overpayment on a federal education grant

Creditworthiness:

An applicant cannot be:

- 90 days or more delinquent on the repayment of any debt; or
- The subject of a default determination, bankruptcy discharge, foreclosure, repossession, tax lien, wage garnishment or write-off of a Title IV debt during the last five years. If you have an adverse credit history, you are eligible if someone with no adverse credit history agrees to endorse your loan, or if you can document to the Department's satisfaction that you have extenuating circumstances. If you are in default on a loan or owe an overpayment on a grant, you may still be eligible if you've made satisfactory repayment arrangements.

Fees:

- 4% origination fee

Interest Rate:

- Direct PLUS Loans have a fixed rate of 7.9% This interest rate will not change throughout the life of your loan.

Repayment Terms:

Your Direct PLUS Loan will go into repayment 60 days after the full amount borrowed for the school year has been disbursed. However, while you are enrolled in school at least half time, you are eligible for an in school deferment that allows you to postpone payments on your Direct PLUS Loan until you graduate or fall below half time status. In most cases, the Direct PLUS Servicing Center will automatically grant an in-school deferment on your Direct PLUS Loan based on the information reported by University of Rhode Island to the U.S. Department of Education showing that you are enrolled at least half time. The Direct Loan Servicing center will notify you of your deferment and of your option to cancel the deferment and begin making payments on your loan.

There is no grace period after you complete your program of study as there is in other subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford Loan programs. Several repayment plan options are available. The Standard Repayment Plan requires a fixed monthly payment (at least \$50) paid over a fixed period of time, up to 10 years. This plan usually results in the lowest total interest paid. However, other plans may extend the repayment period up to 30 years.



Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Supplemental Application for Graduate and Professional Students 2011-12

To apply for the PLUS Loan, this form **must be completed and signed by the student borrower**. Please submit completed forms by fax, mail or in- person to the Office of Enrollment Services. ***This form must be completed each time you borrow funds through the PLUS Loan program.***

- You must fill out a **FAFSA** for 2011-12: www.fafsa.ed.gov (URI school code is: **003414**)
- 9. If this is your first time applying for the PLUS Loan at URI, you must also sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN) available at: studentloans.gov
- In order to sign a MPN, you must have a PIN number. If you do not have a PIN number or have forgotten your pin number, visit: www.pin.ed.gov
- If you applied for the PLUS Loan previously, you do not need to complete another MPN unless a financial endorser was required when you applied for the previous loan. If you did require an endorser, you must complete the MPN again at: <https://dlenote.ed.gov/>
- The rules for multi-year use and expiration of the PLUS MPN are the same for both parent PLUS and graduate or professional student PLUS borrowers. If a graduate or professional student PLUS borrower is also a parent who is borrowing a Federal PLUS Loan for one or more dependent students, the borrower must sign one PLUS MPN to borrow for himself/herself and a separate PLUS MPN to borrow for each dependent student.
- A graduate or professional student attending an eligible foreign institution will only be able to use the multi-year feature of the PLUS MPN if the school has been expressly approved by the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) to have its student and parent borrowers do so. No eligible foreign institution is approved for this purpose at the current time. As a result, a graduate or professional student PLUS borrower attending an eligible foreign institution will need to sign a new PLUS MPN for each new loan.

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Supplemental Application for Graduate PLUS Loan

1. Student's Name

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Last First

2. Student's SS# _____

3. Student's URI ID# _____

4. Student's Date of Birth _____

5. Student's URI e-mail address: _____

6. How much PLUS Loan would you like to borrow? _____

7. For which term(s) would you like to borrow this amount? Fall and Spring 2011-12 Fall 2011 Only
 Spring 2012 Only Summer 2012

8. I completed the PLUS Master Promissory Note (MPN):

.....when I applied for the PLUS Loan previously (I am not required to complete it again).

.....online at: **studentloans.gov**

9. Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Note: All loan proceeds in excess of the student's bill will be refunded to the student.

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