

Important 2018-19 Financial Aid Update

Dear DMD Students,

As you may know, UF is in the midst of a systems transition – from Student Self Service to [ONE.UF](#). As a result of this transition, there are major changes coming to financial aid in the 2018-19 academic year.

I understand that major changes like this can be intimidating and confusing. Please know, first of all, that we are all in this together. The transition to [ONE.UF](#) is a big change for staff as well as students. I'm learning this new system too and having to adjust my own processes accordingly.

Second, I am here for you as a guide through this transition. I am and will continue to be available to all of you to answer your questions along the way. Also, I will keep all of you informed of what to do and when to do it to secure financial aid for 2018-19.

I am providing this update document to prepare you for what you will see when your 2018-19 financial aid is posted in [ONE.UF](#). **Please read this entire document (all 3 sections) thoroughly.** I strongly encourage you to save it for your future reference.

This is just the first of many communications I will have with you regarding [ONE.UF](#). My goal is for this transition to be as smooth as possible for all of my students. Please feel free to reach out anytime if you have questions or concerns. I'm here to help.

Sincerely,
Angela

I. General Information on 2018-19 Financial Aid Processing

Student Financial Affairs will begin processing 2018-19 financial aid awards for DMD students **later this week (June 11-15, 2018)**. Award information will be posted in [ONE.UF](#) (not Student Self Service).

To prep for financial aid awarding, **all DMD students should log in to [ONE.UF](#) now and review their Action Items area**. Please click [here](#) for a screenshot of where the Action Items area is located in [ONE.UF](#).

Financial aid holds and requested documents will be posted in Action Items. Please resolve holds and complete requested documents *promptly* to ensure a timely disbursement in the fall.

You will receive an official email notification from Student Financial Affairs when your 2018-19 financial aid package has been posted. (Check your UF email for this notification).

Please click [here](#) for a tutorial on viewing and understanding your financial aid information in [ONE.UF](#). I encourage **all** DMD students to go through the tutorial since [ONE.UF](#) is a new system for the entire University.

- **IMPORTANT! *Changes to your 2018-19 financial aid can and will happen throughout the summer.*** The vast majority of students will see at least one change to their financial aid awards before fall 2018. You will receive an email notification from Student Financial Affairs **each and every time** a change is made to your 2018-19 financial aid.

II. What You Can Expect in Your Initial Financial Aid Package (“Initial” = package posted during the week of June 11-15, 2018)

What Types of Aid **Will** be Included

- Grants
 - Reminder: Priority in awarding to students with an on-time FAFSA and highest financial need
- Federal Direct Loans (Unsubsidized and Grad PLUS)
 - ***Please be sure to read Section III for important information about loan awarding***

What Types of Aid Will **Not** Be Included

- UFCD Scholarships
 - Scholarship decisions will be made over the summer prior to fall 2018
 - Recipients will get an email notification from me with further instructions

- This email from me will be in addition to the Student Financial Affairs email advising that a change was made to your financial aid
- Health Professions Loans & Loans for Disadvantaged Students (HPL & LDS)
 - Awarding decisions will be made over the summer prior to fall 2018
 - Recipients will get an email notification from me with further instructions
 - This email from me will be in addition to the Student Financial Affairs email advising that a change was made to your financial aid
- **Please note:** You will not see summer 2019 financial aid at all. Summer 2019 aid will be posted during the spring 2019 semester.

III. New Processes in ONE.UF for Federal Direct Loan Awarding

Unsubsidized Loans

- You may see multiple Unsubsidized Loans posted. This is a result of the new [ONE.UF](#) awarding processes; it is normal and expected.
- **Your Unsubsidized Loan(s) may not reflect the maximum amount for which you are eligible in 2018-19.**
 - Stay tuned for more information on how to obtain your maximum Unsubsidized Loan.
- Reducing an Unsubsidized Loan
 - You **must** reduce both fall and spring semesters at the same time.
 - Example: You want to reduce the loan by \$10,000. Fall will be reduced by \$5,000, and spring will be reduced by \$5,000.

Grad PLUS Loans

- **Every** DMD student will have an *estimated* Grad PLUS loan posted; the estimated loan only has the “Decline” option available.
- To accept your Grad PLUS loan, you **must** complete a 2018-19 Grad PLUS application on [StudentLoans.gov](#)
 - **Note:** The 2018-19 Grad PLUS application has the following loan period options (unlike previous applications):
 - Fall only (Aug. 2018-Dec. 2018)
 - Spring only (Jan. 2019-May 2019)
 - Fall and spring (Aug. 2018-May 2019)
 - *FYI, summer period will be available during spring 2019*
- **We are not yet processing 2018-19 Grad PLUS applications**
 - Processing will occur in the next 1-2 months
 - Complete your application early to ensure a timely fall disbursement