CWRU Graduate Student Loan Checklist

School Name: Case Western Reserve University
School Code / Branch: G03024

General steps needed for aid to pay to your university account:
Aid pays on July 1 for the summer and the first day of classes for the fall and spring semesters

☐ Decide which loans listed in your My Financial Aid site you will accept or decline
  o https://case.edu/financialaid/myfinancialaid/
☐ Complete any missing documents from the Documents & Messages section of your portal

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans:
Please allow 2 weeks for processing
If the unsubsidized loan is not listed on your aid, please contact External Loans at faloans@case.edu

☐ Log into https://studentaid.gov/ using your FSA ID
  o Students must log in as themselves
☐ In the “My Checklists” section, click on “I’m in School”
☐ Go to “Complete Your Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement”
☐ Go to “Complete Entrance Counseling”
  o Complete as a “graduate or professional” student
☐ Go to “Complete MPN (i.e., Loan Agreement)”
  o Complete as a “graduate or professional” student
  o Completed “MPN for Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans”

Federal Direct PLUS: Credit-based and the application must be completed each academic year
Please allow 2 weeks for processing

☐ Log into https://studentaid.gov/ using your FSA ID
  o Students must log in as themselves
☐ In the “My Checklists” section, click on “I’m in School”
☐ Go to “Complete Your Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement” – if not already done in above section
☐ Go to “Apply for a PLUS Loan for Graduate School”
  o The Dept of Ed will immediately provide a credit decision and send an email with next steps
  o Credit criteria can be found here: https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/plus-adverse-credit.pdf
☐ Go to “Complete Entrance Counseling” – can be skipped if already completed for CWRU
  o Complete as a “graduate or professional” student
☐ Go to “Complete MPN (i.e., Loan Agreement)”
  o Complete the “MPN for Direct PLUS Loans”
☐ If your PLUS application was denied, for any reason, you must also complete additional counseling
  o Click on “Apply for Aid” at the top of the page
  o Go to “Complete PLUS Credit Counseling”

Private Loans: Credit-based and must be completed each academic year
Please allow about 1 month for processing
Information is not sent to CWRU by the lender until all aspects of the application have been completed

☐ Visit CWRU Preferred Lender List, FASTChoice, to find a lender and complete an application
  o https://choice.fastproducts.org/FastChoice/home/302400/
☐ If the preferred lender list is not used, email External Loans at faloans@case.edu once the application has been completed to help limit delays