

CWRU Graduate Student Loan Checklist

School Name: Case Western Reserve University

School Code / Branch: G03024

General steps needed for aid to pay to your tuition 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 portal you will accept or decline
 - <https://case.edu/financialaid/myfinancialaid/>
- Complete any missing documents from the Documents & Messages section of your portal

Federal Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans: To be completed once during CWRU program career

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
- In the "My Checklists" section, click on "I'm in School"
- Go to "Complete Loan Agreement"
 - Complete the "MPN for Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans"
- Go to "Complete Entrance Counseling"
 - Complete as a "graduate or professional" student

Federal Direct PLUS: Credit-based and the application must be completed each academic year

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- Log into <https://studentaid.gov/> using your FSA ID
- In the "My Checklists" section, click on "I'm in School"
- Go to "Complete Loan Agreement"
 - Complete the "PLUS MPN for Graduate/Professional Students"
- Go to "Apply for a PLUS Loan for Graduate School"
 - The Dept of Ed will immediately provide a credit decision and send an email with next steps
 - 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
 - Complete as a "graduate or professional" student
- If your PLUS application was denied, for any reason, you must also complete additional counseling
 - Click on "Apply for Aid" at the top of the page
 - Go to "Complete PLUS Credit Counseling"
 - Only required for parents who whose credit was not initially approved

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
 - <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