

Financial Aid Presentation

Grad School Orientation 2021

There is only one type of federal financial aid that is available to graduate-level students. The Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan is available to \$20,500 for the academic year and interest accrues while the student is enrolled. In addition to the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, HSU offers the State University Grant which covers the tuition portion of the tuition & fees (it is not applied to campus-based fees). To be eligible for the SUG, you must be classified as a California Resident (or an AB540 eligible student), have a low Expected Family Contribution (EFC), and have an early FAFSA submission date. You must be enrolled in at least 5 units to be eligible for the State University Grant and the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan.

Typically, when you are awarded financial aid it is based on an expected enrollment of 9+ units. If you are enrolling in less than 9+ units, then you must notify the financial aid office by completing a Change Form on our Financial Aid Form website. Please note: there is a chance your financial aid may be adjusted if you are enrolling in less than 9 units.

The FAFSA for the 2021-2022 academic year is based on 2019 income, which does not always reflect the current situation. If you experienced a loss of income, we can certainly reanalyze your award package based on your 020 income or your projected 2021 income - whichever is the lowest. What this reanalysis process can do is potentially lower your **EFC** making you eligible for additional financial aid, including grants (free money). If this applies to you, then please consider completing the Special Circumstances - Independent Student on our Financial Aid Forms website.

The FAFSA for the 2022-2023 academic year is available starting October 1st. I highly recommend submitting your FAFSA on October 1st, regardless of your enrollment intentions for the 2022-2023 academic year.

If you have any questions regarding your account, feel free to reach out to Sulaina Banks, financial aid counselor, at ssb221@humboldt.edu or give her a call at (707)826-5379.