

# Funding Your MPP Degree

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## Fees and Non-Resident Tuition

- **California Residents: \$26,655.28 (\$8,885.09 per quarter)**
- **Non-California residents: \$39,521.28 (\$13,173.76 per quarter)**

The most current fees and tuition rates are always posted on the [Registrar's Office web site](#). The Registrar's Office Fees website is the authoritative UCLA source on fees and non-resident tuition. *The fees and tuition published on the Registrar's web site are subject to revision without notice.*

California students pay only fees, whereas out-of-state and international students pay fees and non-resident tuition which are listed in two formats, annual and quarterly. These are flat fees and not based on number or units, although a minimum of 12 units is required to maintain full-time graduate student status.

For [Annual Fees](#) check the School of Public Affairs MPP degree program link under the Annual Fee Charts section of the Registrar's Office Fees web page. For [Quarterly Fees](#) check the MPP link under the Term Fee Charts section.

**International students** pay non-resident fees and tuition but require additional documentation of financial resources to qualify for a student visa. For more information, [click here](#).

## Fees and Anticipated Living Expenses

To gauge a better sense of the total fees and living expenses typical for UCLA graduate students, check this link for [UCLA Fees and Living Expenses](#)

## California Residency Requirements

For information on who qualifies as a resident of California or for establishing residency for tuition purposes, please consult the Registrar's Office website on [Residence for Tuition Purposes Index](#).

## Nonresident Supplemental Tuition Exemptions (AB 540 and California Dream Act)

For more information about these and other programs, [click here](#).

## Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Office is responsible for administering financial support based on need to domestic, full-time students. To apply for financial aid, submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the FAFSA Renewal Application by March 2. Completion of the FAFSA



or the FAFSA Renewal Application is required for all financial aid programs. The UCLA code for your FAFSA is 001315.

Financial aid awards include long-term low interest loans and work study funds. Students may also apply for Federal Stafford Student Loans, which are long-term loans made by banks and other institutions.

**Undocumented/DACAmented** students should apply through the [California Dream Act](#).

For more information on applying for need-based support at UCLA, please refer to the website maintained by the [Financial Aid Office](#). The UCLA Financial Aid Office is located at A129-J Murphy Hall. You may also reach the office at (310) 206-0400.

### **About Professional Degree Fees and Financial Aid**

As with other students in professional schools at the University of California, MPP students pay an additional fee called the Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST). When this fee was instituted, the Regents mandated that one third of the fees are to be disbursed as financial aid grants to MPP students in order to mitigate the economic burden for students in financial need. Consequently, each year one third of the Professional Degree Fees are disbursed to MPP students in financial need as assessed by the FAFSA or Dream Act.

On an annual basis, the department receives data from the UCLA Financial Aid Office regarding the MPP students' financial need. After projecting the Professional Degree Fee revenues for the year, the Department then determines the percentage of "unmet need" that it can disburse to students. Because the projected revenue and financial need of students vary each year, the percentage of the "unmet need" financial aid grant awards also vary. So far, the range of financial aid grants has been from 5.5% to 10.5% of "unmet need" as assessed by the FAFSA or Dream Act. The grants are awarded uniformly to all MPP students receiving Financial Aid during each academic year. There is no separate application for the Professional Degree Financial Aid grants other than completing the FAFSA or Dream Act application.

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