

## FTMBA Financial Aid Calendar & Checklist

When	What To Do
Now	Begin reviewing the Outside Scholarships Database on the Financial Aid section of the Haas School of Business website, at <a href="http://mba.haas.berkeley.edu/scholarship">http://mba.haas.berkeley.edu/scholarship</a>
Beginning January 1, 2010	Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">http://www.fafsa.ed.gov</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List Berkeley's school code: 001312</li> </ul>
January – February	If thinking of applying for supplemental funding (Grad PLUS or Private Loan) review a copy of your credit report to ensure that there are no errors ( <a href="http://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> ). If corrections need to be made, contact the appropriate creditor/credit bureau.
April	After receiving a UC CalNet ID and passphrase logon to BearFacts at <a href="https://sis.berkeley.edu/bearfacts">https://sis.berkeley.edu/bearfacts</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See if any additional documentation is being requested by Berkeley (documents need to be received prior to award offer)</li> <li>• If additional documents are being requested, forward them to the Haas Financial Aid Office (not Sproul Hall)</li> <li>• View/Accept your financial aid awards</li> </ul>
May – June	Complete the following online: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct Loan Master Promissory Note at <a href="http://dlenote.ed.gov">http://dlenote.ed.gov</a></li> <li>• Entrance Counseling for Borrowers at <a href="https://www.dl.ed.gov/borrower/CounselingSessions.do?cmd=initializeContent">https://www.dl.ed.gov/borrower/CounselingSessions.do?cmd=initializeContent</a></li> </ul>
June – July	Sign up for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) at <a href="http://eftstudent.berkeley.edu">http://eftstudent.berkeley.edu</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This will enable the university to send any refunds to your bank account electronically.</li> <li>• The activation process can take up to 30 days, so do this early.</li> </ul>
June – July	If supplemental funding is needed, review the private loan comparison table and application instructions at: <a href="http://haas.berkeley.edu/MBA/finaid/prvtmba.html">http://haas.berkeley.edu/MBA/finaid/prvtmba.html</a>
August	Budget appeal form available. The form will be posted on our website, and is also available via email. Return the form and all supporting documentation to the Haas Financial Aid Office.

August <i>10 days prior to the start of Fall semester</i>		The first day Supplemental Loans can be disbursed to the University. Loans will disburse to the Campus Accounts Receivables System (CARS) and will be applied towards any outstanding fees/tuition; a refund will then be processed for any remaining amount from the disbursement (Refunds can take up to two weeks to be processed and received by the student).
August 15 <sup>th</sup>		Fall fees are due. Any financial aid will be credited within the Campus Accounts Receivables System (CARS) automatically (Supplemental Loans will credit CARS once the funds are received by the University).
1 <sup>st</sup> week of September		1 <sup>st</sup> batch of refunds issued.
September		Decisions on budget appeals emailed to students.

If borrowing money for living expenses through one of the Supplemental Loan Programs, it's possible that you will not have access to those funds until the first or second week of September. **Please be sure to budget accordingly, and ensure that you have enough funds to get you through the first month of the fall semester---without needing to rely on the money from the loan disbursement.**

Loan disbursements are made once per semester. If you are borrowing funds for living expenses, we recommend opening a separate savings account to place these funds into. One suggestion is to open an online savings account. Most of the online accounts have higher interest rates than standard "brick & mortar" banks, and some allow you to set up specific dates to have funds transferred from the savings account into your standard checking account. Three of the available options are listed below (none of which have been endorsed by UC Berkeley):

[www.ingdirect.com](http://www.ingdirect.com)  
[www.hsbcdirect.com](http://www.hsbcdirect.com)  
<http://emigrantdirect.com>

We hope this information will assist you in your planning.

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