

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Disbursement Schedule
- FAFSA Filing Changes
- Debt Management Session
- Right to Vote
- Perkins Updates



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Fall/Spring Disbursement Schedule

School	Fall	Spring
UTMDA	8/17/2015	12/28/2015
Dental Hygiene	8/03/2015	12/28/2015
Post Grad Dental	8/10/2015	12/28/2015
Dental I-IV	8/03/2015	12/28/2015
Medical I	7/27/2015	12/28/2015
Medical II	8/10/2015	12/28/2015
Medical III	6/22/2015	12/28/2015
Medical IV	6/24/2015	12/28/2015
Nursing	8/24/2015	1/04/2016
GSBS	8/24/2015	1/04/2016
SPH	8/24/2015	1/04/2016
SBMI	8/24/2015	1/04/2016
UTHealth Northeast	8/17/2015	1/11/2016

Notes:

-Once disbursed, Pell Grant disbursements will be re-evaluated on the census date of each term to adjust for changes in enrollment.

The census dates for Pell eligible programs are as follows:	Fall	Spring
Undergraduate Nursing:	9/16/15	1/27/16
Dental Hygiene:	8/25/15	1/20/16
UTMDA:	9/09/15	1/20/16

-All grades from the prior term must be posted for funds to be disbursed

-All HOLDs must be removed from your account for funds to disburse

-Refunds, if applicable, are generally processed 3-5 business days after funds have been disbursed to your tuition account

FAFSA Filing Changes

Beginning with the 2017-2018 award year, students and families may begin applying for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as early as October 1st of the year prior to the upcoming award year.

For example, 2017-2018 FAFSA filing will begin on October 1, 2016 rather than January 1, 2017.

Legislature has also announced students and families may apply for the 2017-2018 FAFSA using tax income data from the prior tax year. Thus, income information from the 2015 tax year will be collected for the 2017-2018 FAFSA in lieu of income from tax year 2016.

This change allows more students and families to apply using tax income that is readily available. Consequently, allowing greater utilization of the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.

Loan Origination Fee Decrease

Federal Direct Subsidized, Unsubsidized and PLUS loans carry loan origination fees that are a percentage of the total loan amount. Loan fees are withheld proportionately from each loan disbursement.

Therefore, the funds applied to your tuition account will be less than the amount you actually borrow.

During repayment, you are responsible for not only the sum you received towards

your account, but the entire amount you borrowed.

Refer to the chart below for loan fees:

Loan Type	First Disbursement Date	Loan Fee
Direct Subsidized Loans & Direct Unsubsidized Loans	On or after 10/1/14 and before 10/1/15	1.073%
	On or after 10/1/15 and before 10/1/16	1.068%
Direct PLUS Loans	On or after 10/1/14 and before 10/1/15	4.292%
	On or after 10/1/15 and before 10/1/16	4.272%

FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

Complete FAFSA online

www.FAFSA.Ed.gov

UT: 013956 UTMDA: 017249

UTNortheast: 042439

Clear "To Do List" items on myUTH

Complete online MPN & Loan Entrance Counseling on studentloans.gov

(federal loan borrowers only)

Enroll in Direct Deposit

View/Accept award on myUTH

Submit Institutional Loan paperwork (if applicable)

View disbursement(s) on myUTH

Receive student refund from Bursar (if applicable)

Pell Grants

Created by the Higher Education Act of 1965, the Federal Pell Grant program was designed to offer grants to low-income students/families who qualify.

Students need only to complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for the Federal Pell Grant.



Pell Grant Facts:

- 1) Free aid
- 2) Awarded to undergraduate students not having earned a Bachelor's or professional degree
- 3) Federal law limits lifetime Pell eligibility to 600% or 6 years
- 4) Hours enrolled at time of school census date may affect disbursement

Debt Management Session

Available to **ALL** UTHHealth and UTMDACC students

Date: November 10, 2015
Time: 12-1 pm
Address: School of Public Health
 1200 Pressler Street
 Houston, TX 77030
Room: Auditorium (RAS E-305)

Pre-registration is not required



Perkins Loan Update

The Federal Perkins Loan Program is a low-interest (5%) Federal student loan for undergraduate and graduate/professional students displaying exceptional financial need.

Federal Perkins Loan awards are made from a revolving loan fund. Therefore, funds are limited. As a result, funds are awarded to students based on financial need and

fund availability. Currently, this loan is only offered to UTHealth students as no allocation is available for UTMDACC and UTHealth Northeast.

As of midnight September 30, 2015, the Federal Perkins Loan program expired, failing to meet the “unanimous consent” procedure

required by Senate members to extend the program.

Consequently, schools can no longer make awards to new borrowers, though some current provisions are in place for persons having received at least one Perkins disbursement on or before June 30, 2015.

Exercise Your Right to Vote

Election season is upon us. If you are not currently a registered voter, you may fill out a [voter registration application](#) online, print it and mail it to the voter registrar in your county of residence. You are not registered until you have filled out the online application, printed it and mailed it to your local County Voter Registrar.

The last day to [register to vote](#) for the upcoming election is October 5, 2015.



According to [Section 13.001 of the Texas Election Code](#), to be eligible for registration as a voter in Texas, a person must:

- Be 18 years of age or older;
- Be a United States citizen;
- Be a resident of the county in which application for registration is made;
- Not have been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court; and

- Not have been finally convicted of a felony or, if so convicted, must have:
 - a. Fully discharged the person's sentence, including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered by any court; or
 - b. Been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote

For more information about registering to vote in Texas, including additional ways to register, where to vote and other frequently asked questions, visit votetexas.gov

“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.”

Veterans Shopping Sheet

The Financial Aid Shopping Sheet (Shopping Sheet) is a resource to help consumers understand educational costs and easily compare financial aid packages offered by different institutions. Offering this information to prospective students allows them to make an informed decision on where to invest in their higher education.

The Shopping Sheet is not intended to replace the financial aid Award Notification that UTHealth or any other school provides. Nor is it meant to replace your understanding of awarded aid, eligibility requirements and overall costs you will encounter.

The Shopping Sheet is a tool whereby consumers are provided

financial transparency between institutions as they make a college choice.

All veterans who self-identify when applying for financial aid are provided access to this tool.



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The mission of Student Financial Services is to provide our customers the financial resources necessary to attend The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) and its component schools: The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center School of Health Professions (UTMDACC) and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler (UTHealth Northeast) in a prompt and professional manner.

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Resources

Bursar's Office

713-500-3088

Direct Deposit
Installment Plan
Student Accounts
Student Refunds

Registrar's Office

713-500-3388

Enrollment Certification
(after census date)
Registration
Residency
Veterans Benefits

Auxiliary Enterprises

713-500-8400

Bookstores
Insurance
Shuttle Services
University Housing



School of Nursing

713-500-2100

Medical School

713-500-5160

School of Dentistry

713-486-4151

School of Biomedical Informatics

713-500-3591

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

713-500-9850

School of Public Health

713-500-9032

UT MD Anderson

713-745-1205

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