

SUGGESTED RETURNING STUDENT TIMELINE



UMass Chan
MEDICAL SCHOOL

1 JANUARY - MARCH

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

- Complete the FAFSA. UMass Chan FAFSA School Code is G09756.
 - This is for **everyone applying for financial aid** (loans - federal, institutional, private) and gift aid (grants, scholarships, tuition waivers). FAFSA is based on student financial information.
- Complete CSS Profile. UMass Chan CSS Profile Code is 3936.
 - This is **ONLY** for people applying for **institutional need-based grant and scholarship funding**.
 - If you only plan to apply for student loans (federal or private) you should not submit the CSS Profile.
 - CSS Profile is based on parent and student financial information.

SET UP NET PARTNER

- Once FAFSA has been completed and the school has received it (~1-3 business days) then you can log into Net Partner on the UMass Chan Financial Aid website using the same account for prior years.
- Complete financial aid application under "Applications" tab on Net Partner.
- Check "Documents" tab in Net Partner and upload the required documents (may include parents' signed federal tax return from two years prior and W2 forms). Additional documents may be listed.

2 JUNE

REVIEW AWARD

- Financial aid offer notifications sent by email and listed on the "Financial Aid Offer" tab of your Net Partner account.
- If this is your first time borrowing federal loans while at UMass Chan, this is a good time to complete Entrance Counseling and Direct Loan Master Promissory Note at studentaid.gov.
- Apply for Grad Plus loan (if eligible) or private alternative loan if additional financial aid is needed.
- More information can be found on the UMass Chan Financial Aid office website to [compare lenders](#).

3 JULY

- Fall disbursement begins for M3 and M4.

4 AUGUST

- Fall disbursement begins for M1 and M2.
- Students needing additional funding may contact the financial aid office for options. This can be done at any point in the semester.

5 OCTOBER

- FAFSA for next academic year opens. There is no rush, the ideal timeline is to complete it January-March. **Deadline is June 1.**

6 JANUARY

- Spring disbursement begins mid-January.
 - M1s need to be **mindful** of the budget for the summer. Fall disbursement lasts five months and spring disbursement lasts eight months since M2 fall disbursement occurs at the end of August.
 - M3 and M4 fall disbursement (July) lasts six months and spring disbursement (January) also lasts six months.

- **This is a suggested timeline.** It is **never** too late to apply to financial aid but keep in mind that by applying late you may not be in the running for need-based aid. More details on refund timeline [here](#).
- If you have questions send an email to financialaid@umassmed.edu to get the schedule and Zoom link for office hours.