BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
2018-2019 Academic Year Incoming Student
FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

OCTOBER - MARCH

____ 1. Learn the application steps and deadlines:
   Review the Health Sciences Financial Aid Office web site:
   http://tulane.edu/financialaid/hsc/, for important financial aid information,
   especially the link entitled “Application & Forms” to learn how to apply.

____ 2. Apply for federal student aid resources:
   If you wish to be considered for federal student aid programs, then you must
   complete a 2018-2019 FAFSA, which became available on 10/01/2017 at
   Be sure to list Tulane’s federal school code of 002029. (NOTE: You will be an
   independent student for U.S. Department of Education aid consideration, so you do
   not need to provide parental information.). Please note that before Tulane
   Financial Aid starts the processing of your financial aid application, you must have
   been accepted for admission by your department in the School of Medicine. You
   may complete a FAFSA prior to being admitted, but we wait until you’re admitted
   before we will review.

____ 3. Complete the 2018-19 Graduate Addendum:
   Which is found on the “Application & Forms” page of our web site.

____ 4. Be on the lookout for the e-mail receipt of your Tulane Login and Password to
   access Gibson Online:
   Gibson Online is a secure portal to online services at Tulane University. After you
   have been accepted by the Admission Office, they will e-mail your Gibson Online
   login and password (PIN) to you. From this site, you will be able to navigate to
   the Financial Aid section to review the status of your aid application and determine
   if any requirements are needed (outstanding) to finalize your award.

____ 5. Review your financial aid award online and accept, decline, or reduce it: Once
   Tulane completes the review of your financial aid application materials, you will
   receive an e-mail notification inviting you to log-in to the Tulane Gibson portal to
   view the details and messages concerning your award. You will be able to accept,
   decline, or reduce specific components of your award offer. It may be in your

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best interest to NOT accept all the loan funds that have been offered. You should establish a budget of your anticipated academic year expenses prior to determining the amount of student loans you intend to borrow (accept). Always reduce your highest cost loans first (such as the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS loan).

**APRIL – JULY**

_____6. Complete necessary federal loan “entrance” requirements:
FIRST TIME GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL BORROWERS in the Federal Direct Unsubsidized loan program AND/OR in the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS loan program are required to complete Graduate and Professional loan entrance counseling. Complete this requirement online at the following U.S. Department of Education’s web site: https://studentloans.gov/.

_____7. Complete necessary loan promissory note(s):
FIRST TIME BORROWERS in the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan OR in the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS loan program, then for EACH type of loan, the Department of Education must have a completed Master Promissory Note (MPN) on file. First time borrowers in the Federal Direct loan program must complete Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan and Federal Graduate PLUS MPNs at the following web site: https://studentloans.gov/.

_____8. Sign-up for direct deposit via the Tulane Billing section of Gibson Online:
In July, to assure efficient delivery of financial aid funds for personal expenses, sign up for Tulane’s direct deposit processing via the Billing (Accounts Receivable) section of Gibson Online.

**AUGUST**

_____9. Re-visit the Tulane Billing section of Gibson Online:
In early August, if you anticipate that your level of aid being disbursed for the 2018 fall term will exceed your billed charges, creating excess for you to use towards your living expenses, then return to the Billing (Accounts Receivable) section of Gibson Online to request your refund of the excess amount.

If you have any questions along the way, please do not hesitate to contact the Tulane University Financial Aid Office. Each Tulane student is assigned a dedicated professional financial aid counselor who can work with you concerning the aid application process and the types of aid available. We look forward to assisting you in financing your Tulane degree through excellent customer service and professional teamwork.

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