



Graduate/Professional Student Financial Aid Testimonial

Financial aid is a critical to many UC students' ability to finance their college education. In order to expand the effectiveness of financial aid, this year UCSA students are working to get the UC Regents to pass a standardized financial policy that will 1) Ensure that all students have a choice to receive Federal Family Education Loans (FFEL) or Direct Loans and 2) Allow financial aid packages to be allocated over 9 months or 12 months. We believe that these expansions to the financial aid policy will ensure that each UC student gets the best possible financial aid package for their situation.

Help us urge the Regents to standardize the financial aid policy by giving your personal story.

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____
Campus: _____

- I am worried about how I am going to pay for school each year.
- Would it help you to have your financial aid package distributed over a full year, rather than just the 9 month academic year?
- I support a systemwide financial aid package that would be distributed over 12 months
- I was offered a choice between FFEL and Direct Loans to finance my graduate degree.
- I was not offered a choice and would like to be offered the option of both FFEL loans and Direct Loans so that I can make a decision about what type of loan is right for me.
- I have loan debt from my UNDERGRADUATE and GRADUATE programs (circle one or both)
I have \$_____ in debt from my undergrad. I will have \$_____ in debt from grad
I will graduate with a total of \$_____ in debt.

Please use the space below or attach a separate piece of paper to elaborate on how the rising cost of a graduate education has impacted your experience at the University of California.

- I am interested in telling my story at a UC Regents Meeting! Please give me more information on how to get involved in UCSA's fight for graduate financial aid!
The University of California Student Association is the official voice of over 200,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students from the eleven UC campuses. It is our mission to advocate on behalf of current and future students for the accessibility, affordability, and quality of the University of California system.

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