

Gap Financing Options for Graduate Students

PA Forward Graduate Student Loan & Federal Graduate PLUS Loan Programs

Helping you afford your college education is our mission. Before you take out a graduate student loan, be sure you explore all of your options. Use this chart to help compare the new PA Forward Graduate Loan with the Federal Graduate PLUS Loan.

	PA Forward Graduate Student Loan	Federal Graduate PLUS Loan
Origination Fee	None	4.236% <small>10/1/19 – 9/30/20</small>
Interest Rates	10 YEAR TERM 4.47-6.42% (4.03-6.04% APR ¹) <small>Effective as of 3/19/20</small>	10 YEAR TERM 7.08% (APRs not available) <small>7/1/19 – 6/30/20</small>
	15 YEAR TERM 4.97-6.92% (4.46-6.56% APR ²) <small>Effective as of 3/19/20</small>	15 YEAR TERM Not Available
Borrow up to Cost of Attendance ³	✓	✓
Loans Disbursed to School	✓	✓
Repayment Options	Multiple	Multiple
Standard Repayment Terms	Your Choice 10 or 15 Years ⁴	10 Years
No Pre-payment Penalty	✓	✓

Additional information about Federal Graduate PLUS Loans is available at studentaid.gov.

Visit PHEAA.org/PAForward to learn more.

Remember... Borrow only what you need and exhaust all other FREE or subsidized types of aid before using private loans. Because student loans must be paid back, we always encourage students and families to borrow only what is needed to cover costs. If you need additional funds after obtaining financial aid through grants, scholarships, and federal loan programs, consider private loans as a last resort.

1) **Annual Percentage Rate (APR) Calculations** - The lowest APR is based on the following assumptions: a loan of \$10,000 made in a single disbursement, a borrower who selected an Immediate Repayment Plan and a repayment term of 120 months, monthly payments of \$100.78 and a final payment \$78.64, a fixed periodic interest rate of 4.47% and a total amount financed of \$12,149.33. The borrower in this sample qualified for a 0.25% *Direct Debit* benefit for the entirety of the repayment period and a 0.50% graduation benefit was applied 47 months into repayment.

The highest APR is based on the following assumptions: a loan of \$10,000 made in a single disbursement, a borrower who selected a Fully Deferred Repayment Plan and a repayment term of 120 months, monthly payments of \$144.62, a fixed periodic interest rate of 6.42% and a total amount financed of \$17,354.07. The borrower received an in-school deferment of 46 months and a grace period of 6 months. The borrower in this sample did not qualify for any interest rate discounts.

These APRs are estimates and may differ from the actual rates received.

2) **Annual Percentage Rate (APR) Calculations** - The lowest APR is based on the following assumptions: a loan of \$10,000 made in a single disbursement, a borrower who selected an Immediate Repayment Plan and a repayment term of 180 months, monthly payments of \$75.66 and a final payment of \$53.45, a fixed periodic interest rate of 4.97%, and a total amount financed of \$13,638.43. The borrower in this sample qualified for a 0.25% *Direct Debit* benefit for the entirety of the repayment period and a 0.50% graduation benefit was applied 47 months into repayment.

The highest APR is based on the following assumptions: a loan of \$10,000 made in a single disbursement, a borrower who selected a Fully Deferred Repayment Plan and a repayment term of 180 months, monthly payments of \$116.26, a fixed periodic interest rate of 6.92%, and a total amount financed of \$20,925.92. The borrower received an in-school deferment of 46 months and a grace period of 6 months. The borrower in this sample did not qualify for any interest rate discounts.

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3) Subject to aggregate loan limits.

4) **Repayment Terms** - A borrower of a \$10,000 loan who selects a 10-year (120 months) repayment term may receive an APR between 4.46% and 6.04%, monthly principal and interest payments between \$103.49 and \$144.62, and a total amount repaid between \$12,419.26 and \$17,354.07. A borrower of a \$10,000 loan who selects a 15-year (180 months) repayment term may receive an APR between 4.96% and 6.56%, monthly principal and interest payments between \$78.92 and \$116.26, and a total amount repaid between \$14,206.17 and \$20,925.92. No interest rate discounts were applied to these examples.

Applicants, including co-signers, are subject to credit qualifications, completion of an application and credit agreement, and verification of application information.

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