



Student Budget Appeal

Student's Name (please print) UC ID# Award Year (Area Code) Telephone Number

The Graduate Financial Aid Office calculates your financial assistance eligibility based on a combination of tuition, room, board and living expenses. We encourage you to live frugally and to budget your expenses. However, if needed, we may be able to increase your annual budget in anticipation of certain expenses that are not a part of the standard student budget. Such an increase may only change your loan eligibility. Please itemize additional expenses below (attach separate sheet if needed) and attach required documentation.

Additional Expenses 1, 2

Required Documentation 3
(Please photocopy. Do not submit originals.)

Total Excess Annual Expense 1, 2

Table with 3 columns: Additional Expenses, Required Documentation, and Total Excess Annual Expense. Rows include Books & Supplies, Car Insurance Premium, Child Care Costs, Computer Purchase, Dental, Medical, and Vision Expenses, Health Insurance Premium, Rent, Mortgage, Condo Fees, Round-trip Ticket Home, and Other.

Loan Amount You're Requesting \$

Direct Unsubsidized GradPLUS Alternative

- 1) If eligible, loans are awarded in the order indicated.
2) Complete an online GradPLUS Application (only need to complete once) or an application for the Alternative loan, if you've already received the annual maximum Unsubsidized Federal Stafford loan totaling \$20,500.

1 Graduate Financial Aid reserves the right to not allow an expense without proper documentation or that exceeds the standard allowance by greater than 15% (unless indicated above); and to request documentation, in addition to that listed on this form, to support your appeal. There are limits on the amount we can allow for certain expenses. Unless indicated, only expenses incurred by the student are covered.

2 Expenses we cannot cover include (but are not limited to) credit card bills, car payments, job search costs, moving & relocation costs, elective cosmetic medical & dental, and optional expenses unrelated to your course of study. Please refer to https://financialaid.uchicago.edu/graduate-students for more detailed information.

3 Required documentation must be official and must include your name. Quotes are not acceptable documentation. Please speak with a counselor in our office regarding appropriate documentation or items not listed above and their admissibility.

4 Provide a copy of the course syllabus or book list for each of your courses, along with ALL receipts totaling at least \$596, \$394, and \$197 plus the excess costs.

5 We can only consider the student's portion of the rent for single students or those with roommates. If you are not the sole lease holder, in addition to your lease, we require copies of cancelled checks to confirm your monthly rent payment and may require additional documentation, once reviewed.

6 A PhD student, performing research during an officially enrolled quarter (in eligible status), whose grant does not cover all of their costs, may apply for travel and up to \$1,366 lodging reimbursement. Attach a copy of paid airline ticket/itinerary and/or paid hotel bill. Also provide documentation of all research grant receipts and a letter directly from the committee chair (preferred) or his/her department, which substantiates your request. Students studying abroad must provide country of study, conversion rate used, currency type and the source and amount of grants/scholarships/other assistance you expect to receive to offset these costs.

I certify that I agree with the terms set forth in this document and that all information I have supplied is accurate.

Signature: Date: