

FINANCIAL AID FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS STARTING **SPRING 2027**

Step 1: File/Update FAFSAs

The 26-27 FAFSA is used for the Spring 2027 and Summer 2027 semesters, whereas the 27-28 FAFSA is used for the upcoming fall and following spring and summer semesters. Log on to fafsa.gov to file.

You may file the 27-28 FAFSA beginning in October 2026.

If you have already filed the 26-27 FAFSA as an undergraduate student, update the question listed below and submit the updated FAFSA on November 1, 2026.

FAFSA Question	FAFSA Answer
When the student begins the 2026-27 school year, what will their college grade level be?	Master's, doctorate, or graduate certificate program (MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, etc.)

Step 2: Register for summer courses

Summer course registration begins in February 2027. Financial Aid will notify you via AU email regarding your summer financial aid eligibility after you register.

Step 3: Complete Financial Aid Checklists

Review your Financial Aid Checklists on your [Self-Service](#) account for items marked as "Action Needed" and complete these steps. Make sure to complete requests for ALL fall/spring and summer semesters attending.

Financial Aid Eligibility

- No grants available
- Annual Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan Limit is \$20,500
 - If you borrowed \$5,000 as an undergraduate student during the fall semester, you could have up to \$15,500 left for the following spring and summer semesters (\$20,500 - \$5,000 = \$15,500) depending on your Cost of Attendance
- If additional aid is needed, inquire with the Office of Financial Aid for other options

Questions?

Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 630-844-6190 or finaid@aurora.edu.