

## Summer Bridge Financial Aid

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Welcome to UC Merced! Prepare now to receive summer financial aid on time. **Please be aware that the 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) you probably already filed does not cover Summer 2017 enrollment.**

**You must file the 2016-2017 FAFSA online for summer 2017 financial aid.**

Undocumented students may be eligible for non-federal financial aid by completing a different application than the FAFSA. If you are an undocumented student, please email our office for assistance at [finaid@ucmerced.edu](mailto:finaid@ucmerced.edu) or call the Students First Center at (209) 228-7178.

Here's a handy checklist with steps to follow and helpful hints for financial aid to pay on time:

1. File the [2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) online as soon as possible. You will need your FSA ID, 2015 W-2s and 2015 federal income tax returns (if required to file) for you and your parent(s). After FAFSA login page, "My FAFSA" page will appear. Click on 2016-2017 tab for attending college during the summer of 2017. List UC Merced school code 041271 on your FAFSA.
2. The Department of Education will notify you via the email address on your FAFSA when your Student Aid Report (SAR) summary is ready for you to thoroughly review. About one-third of students who apply for financial aid are selected for verification. If selected for verification, financial aid funds will not pay until all verification documents are completed and the file has been fully verified. Notification about being selected for verification is provided first via messages on the Student Aid Report (SAR).
3. Our office will notify you about being selected for verification and/or any other outstanding financial aid items via email and "[My Checklist](#)" requirements. Financial aid funds will not pay if you have outstanding "My Checklist" requirements with our office. If you've also filed the 2017-2018 FAFSA for Fall 2017, you will have two separate financial aid applications being processed at the same time and "My Checklist" requirements for two different academic years. Don't forget to check your requirements for both academic years! Regularly check your email and "My Checklist" requirements for important information and updates. We will contact you via the email address you listed on your FAFSA only until you are registered for classes. After you are registered for classes, your UC Merced email address will be used for all future email communications.

Helpful links and further information about the financial aid process can be found online at [financialaid.ucmerced.edu](http://financialaid.ucmerced.edu). If you can't find the answers to your questions on our website, please do not hesitate to email the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office at [finaid@ucmerced.edu](mailto:finaid@ucmerced.edu) or call the Students First Center at (209) 228-7178 or stop by for assistance. We are here to help with your transition to UC Merced.