

### Summer Bridge Financial Aid

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Welcome to UC Merced! Prepare now to receive summer financial aid on time. **[Be aware that the 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\) you probably already filed does not cover Summer 2012 enrollment.](#)**

**[You must file both the 2011-2012 FAFSA and UC Merced Summer Financial Aid application online for summer 2012 financial aid.](#)**

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

1. File the [2011-2012 Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) online as soon as possible. You will need your FAFSA PIN, 2010 W-2s and 2010 federal income tax returns (if required to file) for you and your parent(s). After FAFSA login page, "Get Started" page will appear. Click on "Start 2011-2012 FAFSA" box for attending college during the summer of 2012. List UC Merced school code 041271 on your FAFSA.
2. The Department of Education will notify you via the email address you listed 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 2012-2013 FAFSA for Fall 2012, 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 the 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.
4. Complete the [UC Merced Summer Financial Aid application online](#).

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 contact our office at (209) 228-4243 or stop by for assistance. We are here to help with your transition to UC Merced.