FAQs: Financial Aid & EIP Undergraduate Programs

Undergraduate Online Degree Completion Programs offered through Extension and International Programs (EIP):

- BA in Business Administration
- BA in Humanities and Social Sciences
- BA in Sociology

Q: How do I apply for financial aid as an EIP undergraduate student?
A: Students must first complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov/ to determine eligibility for all federal aid programs. Students may additionally be considered for the Cal Grant A or B program by completing the FAFSA by March 2 each year and completing all other application requirements as outlined by the California Student Aid Commission. Further details regarding Cal Grant programs may be found at the California Student Aid Commission website: http://www.csac.ca.gov/

Q: What types of aid am I eligible for as an EIP undergraduate student?
A: Applicants enrolled in an EIP online degree completion program may be eligible for Pell Grant, Cal Grant, Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loans. Eligibility is based upon their EFC (estimated family contribution) per their FAFSA data; along with academic program costs and standard allowances for room and board, transportation and personal expenses. Federal regulations require a minimum of half-time enrollment (6 units) per term to receive Federal Direct Loan aid. Pell Grant eligibility is also impacted by enrollment status. Full-time (12 unit minimum per term) enrollment is required to receive maximum eligibility. Students enrolled at three-quarter time (9 - 11 units per term) receive 75% of their Pell eligibility, while students enrolled at half-time (6 - 8 units per term) receive 50% of their eligibility per term. Students are not eligible for State University Grant funding, as they do not pay state tuition fees.

Q: How does my dependency status per FAFSA criteria impact my financial aid awards?
A: Students are subject to academic year maximums for Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Direct loans based on their FAFSA dependency status. Refer to http://www.fullerton.edu/financialaid/ugrd/loans.php for more details on Federal Direct Loan academic year and undergraduate career, aggregate maximums by dependency status.

Q: Does financial aid cover summer costs of attendance?
A: Students are awarded 2/3 of their academic year maximum in loan aid for fall and spring, reserving 1/3 for summer attendance. Pell Grant eligibility that has not been disbursed during the fall and spring terms based upon less than full-time (12 units per term) enrollment status is carried forward and applied to the following summer term. Summer is always considered a trailer term to the preceding fall and spring terms. If summer attendance is not mandatory, students are awarded the full academic year amount of their Pell Grant and/or loan eligibility in the preceding fall and spring terms. A minimum of half-time enrollment (6 units) is again required for loan eligibility within a summer term. Pell Grant eligibility will also be disbursed based upon enrollment status.

Q: Who can I contact if I would like to enroll in an EIP undergraduate program and have questions about financial aid?
A: Please email or phone Jill Brower (ext. 1653 or jbrower@fullerton.edu) if you have further questions.