

# FINANCIAL AID

## How to apply for a US Federal Loan (Direct Loan)

### Step 1 – The offer

Receive the offer on your course of choice at Oxford Brookes University.

### Step 2 – Are you male?

If you haven't already done so, you need to register for [Selective Service](#). If you are exempt, please provide us with proof of exemption, e.g. DD214, together with your Cost of Attendance (see step 7).

### Step 3 – Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Complete your [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) to determine your eligibility for US Federal Loans. The Oxford Brookes University school code is G20879.

### Step 4 – Do you want a PLUS loan?

If you want either a Parent PLUS or Graduate PLUS loan, you will need to complete a [PLUS loan request](#). The Oxford Brookes University school code is G20879.

Once you've received your credit check clearance, please email it to us together with your Cost of Attendance (see step 7 below).

*If you don't need a PLUS loan, you can skip this step.*

### Step 5 – Master Promissory Notes

[Complete your Master Promissory Notes](#) (MPNs).

Undergraduate = Stafford MPN (subsidized/unsubsidized) and Parent PLUS if appropriate.

Postgraduate = Stafford MPN (unsubsidized) and Graduate PLUS if appropriate.

### Step 6 – Entrance counselling

If you're a first time borrower and have never completed [entrance counselling](#), you need to do so now.

If you're a first time PLUS loan borrower and have never completed [entrance counselling](#), you need to do so now.

### Step 7 – Cost of Attendance

Complete your Oxford Brookes University [Cost of Attendance \(COA\) spreadsheet](#).

### Step 8 – Email us

Email your COA spreadsheet (Excel format only) to us at [us-federal-loan@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:us-federal-loan@brookes.ac.uk) together with your Selective Service proof of exemption (see step 2 above) and PLUS loan credit check clearance (see step 4 above), if appropriate.

### Step 9 – What next?

Please refer to the Oxford Brookes University [US Loans webpage](#).