

REPAYMENT OPTIONS MAKE MONTHLY LOAN PAYMENTS AFFORDABLE

- **Standard Repayment** - pay all principal and interest due each month - your lowest cost option.
- **Graduated Repayment** - provide reduced payments for specified periods followed by standard payments of principal and interest.
- **Income-Sensitive Repayment** - lets you choose a payment that is based on a percentage of your income.
- **Extended Repayment** - available to certain high-indebted borrowers.

ESTIMATE YOUR MONTHLY PAYMENTS

Refer to the table below to estimate your monthly loan payments, under a standard repayment account, when it's time to repay. Or, go to www.amsa.com to use one of the online calculators to estimate your monthly payments using your actual loan amounts.

Balance at Repayment	Monthly Payment	Term (months)	Total Payments	Interest*
\$5,000	\$57.54	120	\$6,904.80	\$1,904.80
\$10,000	\$115.08	120	\$13,809.60	\$3,809.60
\$15,000	\$172.62	120	\$20,714.40	\$5,714.40
\$20,000	\$230.16	120	\$27,619.20	\$7,619.20
\$25,000	\$287.70	120	\$34,524.00	\$9,524.00

**Total interest over the life of the loan. Example above assumes Stafford loans, a 10-year repayment term (standard repayment). Chart for purposes of estimation only; exact amounts are dependent upon specific loan data and repayment habits. The chart a) does not include capitalization of interest b) assumes a 30-day month and 360-day calendar year and c) assumes no prepayments have been made.*

TIPS FOR MANAGING YOUR LOANS

- Keep a file specifically for your education loan information.
- Retain copies of all your loan documents, related correspondence and records of any payments you might make.
- Include your loan account number in all correspondence to your lender and all payment checks.
- Keep notes of your loan-related phone conversations and keep them in your file, too.
- Open and read all mail about your education loans. It is quite possible that your loans will be sold to a secondary market servicer, and you'll need to stay up-to-date on any changes in the administration of your loans.

NEED ADDITIONAL EDUCATION FUNDS? CONSIDER SALLIE MAE AND THE ISLP

Apply for a Sallie Mae Signature loan or consider the International Student Loan Program (ISLP) if you need additional money to pay for school or if you are not eligible for a Stafford loan. By combining a private Sallie Mae or ISLP loan with a Federal Stafford or PLUS loan, you can cover the entire cost of your higher education. Sallie Mae and ISLP feature a number of attractive repayment options and low cost interest rates for student borrowers and no required payment while in school.

Apply online at www.salliemae.com or www.internationalstudentloan.com.



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APPLYING FOR U.S. FEDERAL LOAN PROGRAMS

Dear Student:

You are eligible to apply for a subsidized or unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan and/or Federal Parent PLUS Loan under the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) for the upcoming academic year.

Richmond, The American International University in London recommends www.amsa.com, a specialist federal student loan guarantor familiar with international students. They represent a number of lenders for you to choose from. This brochure gives you information about federal loan programs and money-saving borrower benefits that are available from American Student Assistance.

Borrowing for college is a significant responsibility. If you have any questions about your student loan, please feel free to contact our Office of Financial Assistance at finaid@richmond.ac.uk.

We wish you every success at Richmond, The American International University in London

FEDERAL EDUCATION LOANS

Education loans are part of many financial aid awards. Read on to learn important facts about where and how to get an education loan, and ways you can save money.

STAFFORD LOANS

Stafford loans are low-interest loans made to undergraduate and graduate students attending accredited colleges and universities. There are two types of Stafford loans, subsidized and unsubsidized. Students qualify for subsidized Stafford loans if they demonstrate financial need. The federal government pays interest on subsidized Stafford loans while the student is in school and other specified periods. The borrower is responsible for interest that accrues on unsubsidized Stafford loans. The interest rate on Stafford loans while you're in school, during grace, deferment periods and repayments is fixed at 6.8%. Stafford loans may have an Origination Fee of 1.5% but some lenders may waive this fee. Visit www.amsa.com for details on borrower savings that may be available.

Academic Level	MAXIMUM ANNUAL LOAN LIMITS		
	Dependent Student	Independent Student	
	Annual Federal Stafford Loan Limit (combined subsidized and unsubsidized)	Annual Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan Limit	Annual Federal Stafford Loan Limit (combined subsidized and unsubsidized)
1st year	\$5,500	\$3,500	\$9,500
2nd year	\$6,500	\$4,500	\$10,500
3rd and beyond	\$7,500	\$5,500	\$12,500
Graduate/Professional	N/A	\$8,500	\$20,500

Actual loan amount is based on individual eligibility and is for loans disbursed on or after July 1, 2008.

PARENT PLUS LOANS

Parent PLUS is a loan to pay for the annual education of a dependent child enrolled in school at least half time. The interest rate is fixed at a maximum of 8.5%, although many lenders offer borrower benefits which may reduce this rate. PLUS loans also have an origination fee of up to 3%. Parents who do not have adverse credit histories may borrow up to the annual cost of education, less other financial aid received. Repayments on PLUS Loans normally begin 60 days after disbursement.



HOW TO EVALUATE YOUR AWARD LETTER

Where do the amounts on my award letter come from?

On your award letter, the university has calculated the maximum eligible loan amounts based on your family's information from the FAFSA, your grade level and any other aid you have received.

How much should I borrow?

Your aid package is meant to assist you up to the Cost of Attendance for your program. This includes funds for tuition, room and board, travel and other miscellaneous expenses. Take a look at your budget, review the amounts on the award letter and borrow only what you need.

When does the money come?

Funds are generally disbursed in two installments, usually one disbursement near the start of each semester.

How are PLUS funds processed?

By federal law, Parent PLUS loan funds must be made co-payable to both the University and the Parent Borrower and would normally come to the university electronically by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Any checks would be sent to the parent by Richmond, and must be endorsed and returned to Richmond to be credited to the student's account. Any credit balance will be refunded to the Parent Borrower unless written confirmation is received to return funds directly to the student.

Have some money just in case!

It's important to have some funds set aside during your first four to six weeks of each semester in case there are any unexpected delays.

What happens next year?

The FAFSA must be submitted every year to verify your continued eligibility. You will then receive a new Award Letter from the Office of Financial Assistance. PLEASE NOTE: Borrowers receiving loans at a foreign school are required to complete a new Master Promissory Note (MPN) each year.



CHOOSING A LENDER

In considering a loan, Richmond recommends you look at the following aspects before selecting a lender:

- Does the guarantor, lender and servicer work well with institutions located outside of the United States?
- Are they able to help you with all of your loan needs?
- What are the specific terms of their loans? Although federal loan programs are very similar, some lenders do offer better terms, origination fees or discounts.
- Does the lender participate in Richmond's online loan application process?
- Customer Service: Can you reach a live person to discuss your queries?

Throughout our application process you may select from a diverse list of lending institutions. It is up to the borrower to decide which lender they would like to use.

Richmond is pleased to feature American Student Assistance which offers a range of borrower benefits designed to support students studying outside the United States. American Student Assistance offers a list of lenders who embrace international education. Note: Students can choose other lenders as well.

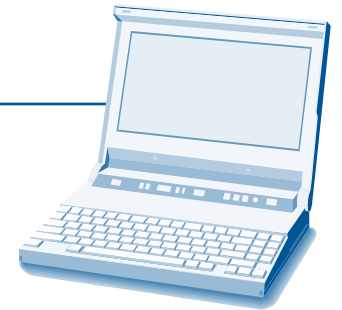
Some of American Student Assistance's Borrower Benefits* are listed below. For full terms and conditions please visit www.amsa.com:

- Zero origination fee for all Stafford borrowers.
- Repayment interest rates on Stafford as low as 4.8% vs. 6.8%
- Parent PLUS repayment interest rates as low as 6.5% vs. 8.5%
- World class support for international students.
- Lenders include: Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase, Wachovia

Please note: If you wish to choose a lender outside of our application process, you must contact the Office of Financial Assistance and give them your lender's details.

* Benefits are subject to change, for an up-to-date list, please visit www.amsa.com

HOW TO ACTION YOUR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



Once you have completed the FAFSA and been accepted to Richmond you will receive an Award Letter. The FAFSA may be completed at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Remember to list Richmond's School Code: **G10594**

1. Review the Award Letter and accept the amounts you need. You **must** then return the signed Award Letter to Richmond's Financial Assistance Office.
2. Go online and apply for the loan(s) you wish to borrow. Your parent must also apply for their loan (see below for directions).
3. Your loan(s) will be certified by Richmond after you confirm your place with us. The deposit deadline for Fall and Summer is May 1 and the deadline for Spring is December 1.
4. Use your copy of the Award Letter and your loan approval letter (from your lender) to assist you in the Entry Clearance process.
5. Go online and complete loan entrance counseling at www.mapping-your-future.org.
6. Funds will be sent to Richmond prior to the beginning of the term, but you should plan on having reserve funds for your first four to six weeks of every term in case of delays.

APPLYING FOR A STAFFORD LOAN ONLINE

The fastest way to apply for your loan is with ASA Direct. Borrowers can apply, submit and E-Sign a loan in one easy process. If you do not have internet access, contact American Student Assistance at 1-800-999-9080 for a paper application. Borrowers can follow these easy steps:

1. Go to www.amsa.com, read about the Stafford Loan options and click "Apply on Line." The first time you log in you will be required to setup a user account.
2. Complete the online application by entering your name, address and other demographic information. Information that is required will be indicated on the screen.
3. Once the application is complete, you may sign the MPN using an Electronic Signature pin.
4. The school will then certify your loan and your loan will be disbursed in two payments, one at the start of each semester.

If you have any problems with the online process, contact American Student Assistance at 1-800-999-9080 ext. 5015.

APPLYING FOR A PARENT LOAN (PLUS) ONLINE

American Student Assistance offers a fast, efficient way for parents to apply online for a PLUS loan (*parents without internet access can apply over the phone by calling 1-800-999-9080 ext. 5015*). To apply for a PLUS loan, parents can follow these easy steps:

1. Review your PLUS loan options at www.amsa.com and click on "Apply on Line". The first time you log in you will be required to set up a user account.
2. Complete the online application by entering the borrower's name, address and other demographic information. Information that is required will be indicated on the screen.
3. Once the application is complete, the borrower may sign the MPN using an Electronic Signature.
4. The school will then certify the loan and the loan will be disbursed in two payments, one at the start of each semester.
5. REMEMBER: Repayments on PLUS loans usually begin 60 days after the loan is fully disbursed, typically in the spring semester.