There are a variety of financial aid options you can consider to help fund your education. Below, please find steps related to paying for your online master’s program.

- **Applying for Financial Aid**
  
  If you wish to apply for federal student loans, please complete and sign the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at Studentaid.gov. Our school code is E00520. If you have never previously completed a FAFSA, you will need to create an FSA ID. Additionally, you will need to submit the Tufts Institutional Application located here. Typically, eligible students qualify for up to $20,500 annually from the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan program if enrolled at least half-time (4.5 credits per term). Eligible students may have the ability to borrow from the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan program. Additional information may be found at our FAQ page and our website located here.

- **Completing Loan Requirements**
  
  Once your eligibility has been determined, you will receive a financial aid award notice via e-mail that you will need to review, accept/decline aid, sign, date and return to the Office of Financial Aid. Keep in mind, your eligibility will always be based on your expected enrollment that was submitted on the institutional application. If your actual enrollment differs, your award will be modified.

  If you wish to accept loans, you must complete Graduate Entrance Counseling and the Loan Agreement Master Promissory Note (MPN) at Studentaid.gov. This is typically done one time during your studies, but we cannot request loan funds until both requirements have been completed (in addition to returning the financial aid award notice). Please note we will disburse the funds to your account after the add/drop period ends (a couple weeks into the semester).

- **Research Payment Options and Determine a Financial Plan**
  
  Students are notified via their Tufts e-mail address when their tuition eBill for the term is available. To ensure your account is in good standing, it is important that you have your payment in place by the bill due date.

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Below are the options available to pay your balance. You may use one option, or a combination of options to pay your balance due. If borrowing a loan, we recommend borrowing with the Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan first.

- **Savings/Checking Account:** Students can make an electronic payment through their eBill (preferred method) or by mailing a check to Tufts University School of Medicine, Office of the Bursar, 136 Harrison Ave. Boston, MA 02111.

- **Monthly Payment Plan:** The payment plan allows students to pay tuition in monthly installments instead of one lump sum by splitting each semester into five payments (Fall: May-September/Spring: October-February). Please note the payment plan is not available during the summer. To enroll, please go to the CashNet Payment Portal.

- **Federal Graduate PLUS Loan:** In addition to the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans, students may borrow a Federal Graduate PLUS Loan to cover remaining expenses; more information can be found here. Students can apply at Studentaid.gov.

- **Private Student Loans:** As an alternative to the federal loans, students may borrow from a private educational lender of their choice. Borrowers should work directly with the private loan lender to determine if they meet eligibility requirements.

- **Sign Up for Electronic Refunds**
  
  If your financial aid is in excess of your charges, you may be eligible for a refund from your student account when a credit balance exists. We issue refunds to students electronically through BankMobile. Please note we will not disburse federal loans to your account until after the add/drop period ends (couple of weeks after the start of the semester); your credit will not be available until an actual credit exists on your account.