

Federal Financial Aid and Graduate Students

Graduate students may be eligible for federal student loans (direct subsidized and/or unsubsidized and Grad PLUS) and federal work study. Your eligibility is determined by your admissions status, program of study, course load, and academic progress.

Admissions Status and Program of Study - when are you eligible for federal financial aid?

Status	Eligibility
Submitted application	No
Submitted some, but not all, required admissions documents	No
Allowed by program to register with unofficial transcripts or test confirmation number	No
Admitted into a degree-seeking program	Yes
Admitted into an alternative teacher certification program¹	Yes
Admitted into any other certification-only program	No
Not seeking a degree	No

Course Load

To be eligible for federal student loans, graduate students must be enrolled in at least five semester hours of coursework. Teacher certification students must be enrolled in a minimum of six semester hours of coursework. Federal financial aid is awarded only for classes listed on a student's degree plan.

Academic Progress

To retain eligibility, students must make satisfactory academic progress. For graduate students, this means maintaining a 3.0 grade point average in their graduate coursework and earning 75% of all hours attempted from the beginning of the graduate program.

To apply for federal financial aid, please complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#).

For more information about applying for graduate studies, please contact the Graduate School at 806-651-2730 or graduateschool@wtamu.edu.

For more information about financial aid, please contact Student Financial Aid at 806-651-2055 or financial@wtamu.edu.

¹ Those seeking teaching certification are eligible for loan amounts at the undergraduate level.