

Financial Aid for the Discovery Year (Dual Degree Program)
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The [DGSOM FAO](#) administers financial aid for the 4 years of the **approved dual degree MDMBA, MDMPH and MDMPP programs**. Dual degree students apply for aid using the DGSOM Financial Aid Application *all* years, including when they are participating in their Masters program during the discovery year. The main benefit is that our dual degree students can receive (if eligible) gift aid from both the DGSOM and the Masters program.

During the discovery year, financial aid for the dual degree student is processed with careful attention. Financial aid budgets are adjusted to include the tuition and fees, course fees, books and supplies required for both medical school and their specific Masters program. DGSOM FAO works closely with the FAO, Grad Division and Student Affairs of the Business, Public Health and Public policy schools to ensure the best possible aid package is awarded – ***always reducing higher cost loan first to accommodate scholarships, fellowships, and grants from both schools.***

Key points for dual degree students regarding the Discovery Year:

1. Dual degree students apply for financial aid using the DGSOM Financial Aid Application for the Masters year. For financial aid counseling, students will start with the DGSOM FAO, but should have both FAOs available.
2. Although the coursework in the Masters Program is set up on the quarter system, tuition and fees are charged (a combined degree assessment) and financial aid is disbursed *per semester* (fall and spring), keeping with the same medical school semester system.
 - Fall tuition assessment and aid disbursement occur early in July to *cover summer med coursework plus Masters Program coursework starting in September.*
 - Spring tuition assessment and aid disbursement occur first week of January and covers dual coursework through June.
 - For those choosing *not* to take medical coursework during the summer before starting their Masters, fall financial aid will *not* disburse until the end of September or no earlier than 10 days prior to the start of the Masters Program.
3. Dual degree students will be charged one set of tuition and fees which will always be the higher of the two-degree programs.
 - MDMPH and MDMPP students will pay the DGSOM tuition and fees rate.
 - MDMBA students will pay the Anderson tuition and fees rate.

4. If the student receives a scholarship, fellowship, grant or tuition assistance from the Masters program, he/she must notify the DGSOM FAO so that the financial aid package is adjusted (if needed); always reducing loans first to accommodate this gift aid.
5. The annual loan limit for the Federal Direct Loan (DL) Unsubsidized for one of the **approved dual degree programs** is up to the Health professional annual aggregate of \$44,944.
 - After exhausting the DL Unsubsidized Loan annual aggregate of \$44,944, the student can borrow DL Graduate PLUS up to their Cost of Attendance.
6. Health & Human Service Title VII funding can be awarded for an approved dual degree program.
 - HHS Scholarships and Loans for Disadvantaged Students (LDS) are available for eligible students.
7. A student receiving a 4-year merit scholarship (Geffen, LA CARE, LOT, Dean's Merit) can receive their scholarship if enrolled in an approved dual degree program at UCLA.
 - Students must be enrolled in one of the approved dual degree programs (MDMBA, MDMPH, and MDMPP) and the longitudinal clinical experience.
8. Students on a leave of absence from DGSOM to pursue their dual degree program at another institution are NOT eligible to receive the following aid until their return to DGSOM:
 - DGSOM 4-year merit scholarship awards
 - HHS Scholarships or Loans for Disadvantaged Students
 - Federal student loans (Direct Loans)