

Financial Aid for the Discovery Year (Dual Degree Program)
June 2023

DGSOM Financial Aid and Scholarship Office (DGSOM FAS) administers financial aid for the 4 years of the **approved dual degrees: MD/MLS, MD/MS(MSCR), MD/MA (Education), MDMBA, MDMPH and MDMPP programs**. Dual degree students apply for aid in accordance with the [DGSOM One and Done Policy](#) including when they are participating in their Master's 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 Master's 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 FAS works closely with the FAO, Grad Division and Student Affairs of the various graduate/professional 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 by completing DGSOM financial aid paperwork in accordance with the [DGSOM One and Done Policy](#). For financial aid counseling, students will start with the DGSOM FAS Office, 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.
 - Summer tuition assessment and aid disbursement occur early in July to *cover summer medical coursework prior to the starting of master's coursework.*
 - Fall tuition assessment and aid disbursement occur in September *around the same time as when master's coursework begins.*
 - Spring tuition assessment and aid disbursement occur first week of January and covers dual coursework through June.
3. Dual degree students will be charged one set of tuition and fees which will always be the higher of the two-degree programs.
 - MDMA, MDMS, MDMPH and MDMPP students will pay the DGSOM tuition and fees rate
 - MDMLS will pay the UCLA School of LAW 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 FAS Office 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 \$47,167.
 - After exhausting the DL Unsubsidized Loan annual aggregate of \$47,167, 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, DGSOM Impact and Distinction, DGSOM Scholarship for Excellence, 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, MDMPP, MDMLS, MDMS, MDMA 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
 - DGSOM institutional scholarships or loans
 - HHS Scholarships or Loans for Disadvantaged Students
 - Federal student loans (Direct Loans)