

U.S. Financial Aid Application Form

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Section 1: Personal Details

Murdoch University Student Number:

Title: **Given Name/s:**

Surname:

Social Security Number:

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy):

Home (USA) Address:

Email Address:

Contact Number:

Section 2: Enrolment and Estimated Financial Assistance Information

This is my first Federal Student Aid application at Murdoch University: YES NO
If yes, you will need to complete Entrance Counselling on your FAFSA application

I have previously received US Federal Student Aid at another institution: YES NO
If no, we must wait 30 days after the first day of your first semester/trimester to disburse your loan.

I understand I must enrol in units on an internal (face to face) basis and cannot study externally (online): YES NO
Enrolling in a unit externally (online) means you are not eligible for financial aid



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I expect to complete my course and graduate at the end of semester/trimester in 20 (year)
Please add teaching period (semester/trimester) and year

Please indicate your country (countries) of citizenship:

Have you applied for/received other sources of funding for this loan period? YES NO
E.g. a scholarship, private loans (Sallie Mae), Australian Government funding, grants etc.

Murdoch University Course Applied for:

Section 3: US Financial Aid Application Checklist

Please review the checklist below and tick to confirm you have completed all required actions:

Murdoch University Application form (this form)

Completed in full, signed, dated and returned to financialaid@murdoch.edu.au

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – Student Aid Report (SAR)

Complete at FAFSA <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> Murdoch University's School Code: **G25796**

Entrance Counselling (if applicable)

Required for **first time** borrowers at Murdoch at each level, for example new students or graduates going from an undergraduate to postgraduate course. Complete at <https://studentloans.gov>

Master Promissory Note (MPN)

Complete online at <https://studentloans.gov/>. Note graduate/professional student please also sign a PLUS MPN if you are applying for the Graduate PLUS Loan.



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Section 4: Authorisation to Hold Credit Balance

I hereby authorise Murdoch University to retain on my student account any credit of Federal Student Aid created by changes to my enrolment, changes to the student services and amenities fee or any situation where a credit arises and that credit can be tied to a previous payment of Federal Student Aid from the US Government.

The credit will be used to pay future tuition fees, the student services and amenities fees, and/or any other fee I nominate in writing to financialaid@murdoch.edu.au for the duration of the current loan period only. The current loan period is the period of study this application applies to, the maximum being 2 semesters or 3 trimesters.

I understand that I may refuse to provide this authorisation by checking 'no' below. If I select 'no' below, this means I elect to opt-out of this authorisation and I understand any credit of Federal Student Aid created by changes to my enrolment, changes to the student services and amenities fee, or any situation where a credit arises and that credit can be tied to a previous payment of Federal Student Aid from the US Government will be automatically refunded to the bank account where I received the last refund for living expenses.

This authorisation can be cancelled at any time by sending an email advising of the cancellation to the International Relations and Programs Office at financialaid@murdoch.edu.au. Cancellations are not retroactive.

Yes **No**

I understand that any credit of Federal Student Aid cannot be held by the University past the end date of my loan period even if I have provided authorisation above to do so. At the end of the current loan period, any credit on my student account that can be tied to a previous payment of Federal Student Aid from the US Government will be refunded to the bank account where I received the last refund for living expenses.

Yes

Section 5: Disclaimer

This authorisation does not relate to a refund of living expenses where Federal Student Aid has been disbursed from the US Government following a student's request for funding, for example, when Federal Student Aid is disbursed at the commencement of a semester/trimester period to pay tuition and living expenses or when a top-up is requested, in these situations, where a refund is owed to the student it will be automatically transferred to the student's nominated bank account within 14 days of the disbursement date as per US Federal Regulations.

This authorisation does not relate to sources of funding other than US Federal Student Aid.

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Section 6: Declaration and Acceptance

I confirm that I have read, understood and agree to abide by the specified Satisfactory Academic Progression policy for US Financial Aid recipients.

I agree to provide information to the International Relations and Programs Officer about other financial aid or scholarships I am receiving at the time of applying for a loan and after I have received a loan.

I agree and acknowledge that I may be required to repay funds to Murdoch University, if Murdoch University has received an overpayment on my behalf and are required to return these funds to the US Department of Education, its approved lenders or guarantors.

I confirm that the funds awarded under the Direct Loans program for this award year will be used to support my (or if applicable, my child's) educational expenses.

I acknowledge and give my consent, in accordance with the Privacy Act (1988), that Murdoch University may give any information, in relation to my financial aid, to entities, including the Principal Participants and Service Providers, where it is required or allowed by law or where I have otherwise consented.

I am aware that it is my obligation to notify the International Relations and Programs Office of Murdoch university of any change to my circumstances that may affect my eligibility, e.g. change to part-time study, a discontinuation or suspension of my studies, within 5 business days of the change.

We required notification of your intent to take leave of absence (LOA) in advance. If you intend to take an approved LOA, it is important that you note the following US Department of Education regulations:

A Leave of Absence (LOA) may not exceed 180 days in a 12 month period. If you fail to return from your approved LOA you will be reported to the US Department of Education as withdrawn with an effective date being the first date of your LOA. This may exhaust your grace period on your student loan repayment terms. Loan repayments are not required whilst on an approved LOA.

I acknowledge that US Federal Regulations require me to complete my educational program within 150% of the minimum full-time duration of my degree. At the point in my studies where the International Relations and Programs Office can identify that I cannot complete within 150% of the minimum full-time duration of my degree, I will no longer be eligible for Federal Student Aid, not when I reach the 150% mark.

I understand that loan funds will be disbursed once per semester/trimester period and outstanding tuition fees will be deducted from the disbursement prior to the refund of any credit.

I have read and understood the student consumer information provided by Murdoch university in accordance with US Federal Regulations.

Full name

Parent Name

(Dependant Student Only)

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

