

## **\*Loans for Graduate Students\***

Please note: As of Fall 2012, Subsidized Loans are no longer available for graduate students.

Graduate students are eligible to receive Unsubsidized Loans and/or Graduate PLUS loans.

You must complete a FAFSA for the appropriate academic year in order to receive a loan. Once your FAFSA is complete in the CUNYfirst system, you will be "packaged" for the maximum Unsubsidized FDL you are eligible for. You will then have the ability to view and accept, decline, or reduce your Fall/Spring Direct Unsubsidized Loan directly on CUNYfirst.

**STEP 1:** Click the "Accept/Decline Awards" link located on the Finances section of your Student Center.

**STEP 2:** Click on the aid year you wish to view (click '2021' for the Fall 2020-Spring 2021 aid year).

**STEP 3:** If you want a smaller loan than what has been offered, you can click on the award and reduce it to the amount you would like to accept. (\*Be aware this is the TOTAL requested for Fall AND Spring).

You will be offered your maximum eligible amount for the Fall and Spring. Note that this is a Fall/Spring loan. The total dollar amount of the loan will be disbursed half in the Fall, and half in the Spring.

Any changes that you wish to make, other than the dollar amount, must be made in writing in the Financial Aid Office.

**STEP 4:** Check the appropriate box to either accept or decline your loan.

Please note: If this is your first loan at Lehman College, be sure to complete your Loan Entrance Counseling online at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).

If this is your first Federal Direct Loan in the past 10 years, or if your previous Master Promissory Note has expired, be sure to complete a new Master Promissory Note online at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).

- Additional loan requests require a paper application. Click [here](#) for application.
- Graduate PLUS loan requests require a paper application. Click [here](#) for application.
- Once completed, please upload via CUNY First Document Upload. Click [here](#) for instructions.