

2013–2014 ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENT DATA FORM

All applicants **MUST** complete and return to:

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AND FINANCIAL PLANNING
Ten Metacom Avenue – Suite 23
Bristol, RI 02809

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street Apt./Unit

City Zip Country

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Phone: Cell _____ Home _____ Work _____

Email: ☐ Cell _____ ☐ Home _____ ☐ Work _____

☐ Check here if you do not want Financial Aid at this time.

Housing Choice:

☐ On-Campus Housing

☐ Off-Campus Housing

☐ Commuter

For the 2013/2014 academic year I will be in my

☐ 1st Year of Graduate School

☐ 2nd Year of Graduate School

☐ 3rd Year of Graduate School

Anticipated graduation date: (Month / year): _____

Financial aid will be based on your expected course load (Full-time or part-time). Full-time enrollment is based on 9 or more credits. You must be at least half-time (5-8 credits) to be eligible for Federal Loans. This amount will be used for Spring also and adjusted at time of add/drop. All awards are based on a per credit amount. Please try to be as accurate as possible.

Number of credits expected each semester _____

☐ Check here if you wish to have your loan fees added to the amount you are eligible to borrow.

☐ I/we further certify that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge. I/we understand information provided on this form requiring correction may result in changes to my final awards.

Student's Signature

Date

"The Roger Williams University Annual Security Report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by Roger Williams University; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from, the campus. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, and other matters. You can obtain a copy of this report by contacting the Admissions Office or by accessing the following website <http://www.rwuonline.cc/>" • Roger Williams University does not discriminate in admission to, access to, employment in, and treatment in its programs and activities. Roger Williams University does not discriminate on the basis of sex, handicap, race, religion, national or ethnic origin. Such discrimination is prohibited by Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972 and 34 C.F.R. part 106(sex); Section 504 of the rehabilitation Act of 1973 and 34 C.F.R. part 104(handicap); Age Discrimination Act of 1975(age); and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; religious discrimination in admission or in denial of continued attendance by the Title IV of the same act. The Coordinator of the Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972 for Roger Williams University is The Department of Human Resources, Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI 02809, (401)-254-3102. The Coordinator of Section 504, of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 for Roger Williams University is Kenneth Osborne, Dean of Instructional System Development & Special Projects, Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI 02809, (401) 254-3154. • Inquires regarding the application of the non-discrimination policy may be referred to the Coordinators of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, J.W. McCormack Post Office and Court House, Room 222, Boston, MA 02109.

Graduate Student Financial Aid Information

What are my student loan options?

Student loan programs provide the majority of funding for graduate students. Students must submit a FAFSA to determine eligibility (www.fafsa.gov), and must be enrolled in at least five credits per semester to qualify for these loans. There are two types of Federal Student loans that allow you to borrow up to your cost attendance:

- The **FEDERAL DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED STAFFORD LOAN** is a federal student loan with a fixed interest rate of 6.8% per annum and a 1.05% origination fee. Interest begins to accrue at the time of disbursement. Graduate students may borrow up to \$20,500 per year in an Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. Students are advised to exhaust their Stafford Loan eligibility before borrowing in the Federal Graduate PLUS Loan program. You may borrow any amount up to the maximum amount listed on your financial aid award letter.
- The **FEDERAL DIRECT GRADUATE PLUS LOAN** is a federal student loan with a fixed interest rate of 7.9% per annum and a 4.2% origination fee. Interest begins to accrue at the time of disbursement. Students are eligible to borrow up to their cost of attendance less other financial aid such as a Federal Direct Stafford Loan. Please refer to your financial aid award letter for the amount you are eligible to borrow, keeping in mind that you will want to borrow only what you need. To be eligible to receive a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS loan, you must not have an adverse credit history.

How do I apply for federal financial aid?

Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the Federal Processor **after January 1st** through the online application at www.fafsa.gov. The suggested deadline is March 15th and the Roger Williams University **Title IV** code is 003410.

You are required to complete a FAFSA form each year you want to apply for financial aid. You may also need to provide the Financial Aid Office with a copy of your previous year's tax transcript including W2's if requested to do so. All graduate students are considered to be of independent status, therefore, parents' financial information is not considered when determining eligibility for federal student aid. Students must have completed and submitted both the online FAFSA and the **RWU Data Form** to be considered for financial aid. *Students who are taking less than five credits per semester and students who are not fully matriculated are not eligible for student loans.*

What happens after I submit all my documents?

The Financial Aid Office will send you an award letter outlining the loans and amounts that you are eligible to apply for, as well as directions on how to apply. Students are encouraged to read all the directions very carefully and to contact Financial Aid with questions.

Who can I contact with questions about financial aid?

Please contact the Office of Financial Aid at (401) 254-4510, or **Rachelle Abbruzzi**, Financial Aid Assistant, at rabbruzzi@rwu.edu.