

Alternate Funding Options

Because Federal aid amounts are limited (Independent borrowers may be eligible for up to \$7,716 in loans while Dependent borrows may be eligible for \$4,467), students can apply for private student loans through many outside sources to help alleviate some of their balance.

Questions to ask when exploring a private loan lender:

- What is my FICO score and/or the FICO of my co-signer?
 - Check for Free: https://www.creditscorecard.com/
- Are there loan fees or repayment fees?
- What is the interest rate range?
 - o Is the rate fixed or variable?
 - o If variable, how high can the rate go?
- When does repayment begin?
 - o Are in-school payments required?
 - o What will the monthly payment be?
 - o What will the total cost of the loan be?
- Will I need a Co-Signer?
 - o How do they evaluate the Co-Signer (credit score, history, debt-to-income ratio)?
 - Can they be released after a certain number of payments?
- Are there interest rate reductions for automatic withdrawal payments for having an existing account?
- Are there deferment or forbearance options available?
- Is the loan forgivable in the case of death or disability?

These funds can be applied to any of the 3 phases.

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Wells Fargo Education Loan:

- No application or origination fee, and no penalty for early payoff
- No payments due until 6-months after you leave school
- Cosigner Release after 24 months of on time payments
- Competitive annual percentage rate:
 - Variable interest rates range from 5.46% APR (with discount) to 11.24% APR (without discount).
 - Fixed interest rates range from 7.46% APR (with discount) to 12.65% APR (without discount).
- Two great ways to lower your interest rate³
 - Customer Discount- 0.25% interest rate reduction for a previous Wells Fargo student loan or other qualifying account.
 - Automatic Payment Discount- 0.25% interest rate reduction for enrolling in automatic payments.
- Borrow a little as \$1,000, and up to \$15,000
- For information on how to apply, go to:

https://www.wellsfargo.com/jump/student-loans/students/

Below is the information that you will enter on the initial Application to Find your Loan:

Find a loan for

Technical/ Trade/ Continuing education

I am a

Student

School's state

Colorado

School name

Rolf Institute of Structural Integration (The)

Grade level

Career Training

Field of study

Other

Provide your field of study

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Citizenship

US Citizen

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AmeriCorps:

- Use your AmeriCorps funds to help pay for school
- To designate the Rolf Institute, go to: https://my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do
- Once RISI receives your request, the Director of Financial Aid will approve it

<u>Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education Loan:</u>

You must:

- Be a resident of Alaska
- Have a FICO credit score of at least 680, or apply with an eligible cosigner
- Be enrolled at least half-time
- Meet all other requirements under AS 14.43.172 and 20 AAC 15.705
- Borrow up to \$10,000
- For more information, go to: http://acpe.alaska.gov/FINANCIAL_AID/Loans/Alaska_Supplemental_Education_Loan
- Apply online at: https://acpe.alaska.gov/MY ACCOUNT/My Loan Application/Find a Loan

<u>Canada (**may need to copy and paste links into browser**)</u>:

Alberta Student Aid

- Eligibility Requirements: http://studentaid.alberta.ca/before-you-apply/eligibility.aspx
- Check Loan Limits:
 http://studentaid.alberta.ca/before-you-apply/loan-limits/annual-loanlimits/
- Scholarships: http://studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships.aspx
- Ready to Apply?: http://studentaid.alberta.ca/

Government of Canada

- RISI's El Code: MQAY
- Ready to Apply?: https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education.html