

# University of Illinois COLLEGE OF MEDICINE NEWSLETTER

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Students are now able to submit a FAFSA® earlier.** Students have been able to file a 2017–18 FAFSA since Oct. 1, 2016, rather than beginning on Jan. 1, 2017. The earlier submission date is a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit a FAFSA as early as Oct. 1 every year. (There is NO CHANGE to the 2016–17 schedule. The FAFSA became available Jan. 1 as in previous years.)

**Students now report earlier income information.** Beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, students are required to report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017–18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) must report their 2015 income information, rather than their 2016 income information.

## Applying for Scholarships

UIC SNAP is a centralized scholarship application system that contains scholarships for UIC students in all colleges and at all levels. The goal with this resource is to provide all students with a single portal to view and apply for all available scholarships. UIC SnAP will allow you to be considered for all campus scholarships you are eligible for using one streamlined application process. You can login to UIC SnAP and browse all the scholarships that you qualify for and follow the steps to apply.

Start by logging in with your NETID. You may see recommended scholarships to which you are directly matched by the system. You may also see all other scholarship listings. External scholarships are also visible in the system and directions to other websites may be provided.

College of Medicine students should complete both the general application as well as the College of Medicine Additional application on SNAP to be considered for the most opportunities. We recommend completing both applications by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of class, or as soon as possible.

To access UIC SnAP, visit <https://uic.academicworks.com/>

Questions about UIC SnAP can be directed to Beth Powers at [bpowers@uic.edu](mailto:bpowers@uic.edu)

### CHANGES TO THE FAFSA PROCESS FOR 2017-18

**SUBMIT A FAFSA EARLIER:** Students will be able to submit a 2017-18 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2016, rather than beginning on Jan. 1, 2017. The earlier submission date will be a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit their FAFSAs as early as October 1 every year. (There is NO CHANGE to the 2016-17 schedule. The 2016-17 FAFSA became available Jan. 1, 2016.)

**USE EARLIER INCOME AND TAX INFORMATION:** Beginning with the 2017-18 FAFSA, students will report income and tax information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017-18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2015 income and tax information, rather than their 2016 income and tax information.

Here's a summary of key dates for submitting the FAFSA depending on when you plan to go to school:

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND COLLEGE FROM	YOU WILL SUBMIT THIS FAFSA	YOU CAN SUBMIT THE FAFSA FROM	USING INCOME AND TAX INFORMATION FROM
July 1, 2015–June 30, 2016	2015-16	January 1, 2015–June 30, 2016	2014
July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017	2016-17	January 1, 2016–June 30, 2017	2015
July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018	2017-18	October 1, 2016–June 30, 2018	2015
July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019	2018-19	October 1, 2017–June 30, 2019	2016

Federal Student Aid

[StudentAid.gov/afsa](http://StudentAid.gov/afsa)

## Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)

The Public Service *Loan Forgiveness* (PSLF) Program forgives the remaining balance on your Direct Loans after you have made 120 qualifying monthly payments under a qualifying repayment plan while working full-time for a qualifying employer. More information from <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>

The definition of "public service" includes 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, faculty in "high-needs areas (as determined by the Secretary of Education), and service at private organizations providing "public health" or "emergency management" services. HEAO clarifies the definition of public health to include "full-time professionals engaged in health care practitioner occupations and health care support occupations, as such terms are defined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics." The president's budget has proposed capping PSLF at the undergraduate loan limit of \$57,500. For non-legislative questions contact AAMC FIRST: Financial Information Resources Services and Tools, Email: [first@aamc.org](mailto:first@aamc.org)



**Trivia:** How much saliva does the average human produce daily?