

Student Loan Tips for International Students

Choosing a Student Loan Program

This resource provides information primarily for international Wharton students on how to select the best student loan program to meet your financial needs. The three steps below, and the financial aid information on the Wharton Welcome website should give you enough information so you can make a decision prior to submitting a loan application.

1. How much do you need? Establish a budget and determine the amount you need to borrow.
2. Research all sources of funding within your home country, including government and private scholarships and loans.
3. Prior to submitting an application, ask these questions to evaluate which program best suits your needs.
 - What is the interest rate and origination/insurance fee costs to you?
 - When does interest begin to accrue?
 - How does the credit evaluation view student/co-signer credit worthiness? Does the loan require a cosigner?
 - When does repayment begin? How long is the grace period?
 - Is interest capitalized (added to the principal) during the in-school period? How often?
 - What are the acceptable payment methods and fees for international wires?

LISTED BELOW ARE THE CURRENT LOAN OFFERINGS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.

You may borrow student loans up to the cost-of-attendance budget less any financial aid, e.g., fellowship or scholarship for both years of the MBA program.

If you are married and/or have dependents, you may face higher costs. Students with extenuating circumstances can request a budget reevaluation to borrow additional loan funds above the set student budget once the Fall semester has started. Budget increases are not guaranteed and are only supported by Prodigy Finance and

SouthEast Bank Global Select MBA Program. Please contact the Wharton MBA Financial Aid Office at 215-898-8728 or by email at financialaid@wharton.upenn.edu if you have any questions.

You may borrow a student loan through one or several of the lenders below at any time in the first or year second at Wharton. All student loan applications will take 4 to 6 weeks to process and if funds are required to cover the tuition and fees for year, please submit all loan applications by the recommended deadline.

QUORUM FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Quorum Federal Credit Union provides student loans to international Wharton MBA students that do not require a U.S. co-signer. Quorum Federal Credit Union offers an interest rate of Prime plus 4.50% (with the opportunity to reduce the interest rate by up to .75bp if a U.S. co-signer is acquired and graduates arrange for automatic repayments) and no origination fee.

PRODIGY FINANCE

Prodigy Finance provides loans to talented international students at top business schools, funded by a community of alumni and other investors. Prodigy Finance will allow students to borrow the cost of tuition and living expenses up to 90% of the student budget for both years of the program.

SOUTHEAST BANK GLOBAL SELECT MBA LOAN PROGRAM

Southeast Bank Global Select MBA Loan Program provides private student loans for international students attending the Wharton School. This loan program allows students to borrow up to \$100,000 per year and does not require a U.S. co-signer. The interest rate is calculated on a variable rate equal to the 3-month Libor plus 7.25% and a 2.00% origination fee will be charged to the borrowers and added to the loan balance.

| | Quorum Federal Credit Union | Prodigy Finance | SouthEast Bank Global Select MBA Program |
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| Origination Fee | 1% | 0% | 2% |
| Rate* | 4.5% + Prime (8%, 7.25% including all discounts) | 3 month libor + 6% (6.91%) | 3 month libor + 7.25% (8.16%) |
| Discounts | .25% recurring payment; .50% (6) on time payments | n/a | n/a |
| Student Choice | Guaranteed to all MBAs | Not Guaranteed, full credit and background check | No cosigner or prior credit required |
| Repayment | 20-25 years | 10 year | 15 year |
| Repayment Methods | U.S. Bank Account, Western Union International Wire, Credit Card | International Wire | U.S. Bank Account, Paypal, Flywire, VinMeo, and others |
| Borrowing Limits | Up to 80% of Standard Budget | Up to 90% of budget (including approved increases) | \$100k per year, \$150k total in this program (\$200k overall debt) |
| Website | Quorum Federal Credit Union | Prodigy Finance | SouthEast Bank Global Select MBA Program |

*As of 11/18/16 3 month libor = .91% and the Prime Rate is 3.5%.

Private Alternative loans are also available to international students with an eligible U.S. citizen or permanent resident co-signer. Please visit the Wharton Welcome website for additional information at [Student Loan Instructions for International Students](#).

As you review the financial aid materials, we encourage you to share and discuss them with your family or those who may provide additional support during your two years. If you have any questions or concerns, please be in touch via the following:

- Contact us at 215-898-8728 or financialaid@wharton.upenn.edu, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday
- Connect with us on Facebook via the Class of 2019 Financial Aid Facebook Group
- Meet one-on-one with a member of our team on the phone or in-person during Welcome Weekend

Sincerely,

Wharton MBA Financial Aid Team