# Graduate PLUS Loan Instructions

To apply for the Graduate PLUS Loan, please follow the instructions provided below.

Before starting, please note that you will need to use your [FSA ID](https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm) to log in. The FSA ID is the **same** login you used to log into the FAFSA.

If you need to create or retrieve your FSA ID, please go to <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>.

## Step-by-Step Instructions for Applying

1. You would need to navigate to <https://studentaid.gov/> to access the application.

Click on **APPLY FOR AID** on the top off the page and click on **Apply for a Grad PLUS Loan**



Proceed to the next screen and click **Log In To Start** under the “I am a Graduate or Professional Student” section:



1. You will then be directed to the Direct PLUS Loan Application and will need to complete Steps 1 to 4.



* For the **School Information Section** – Please select **California** as a state, and search for “**California State Univ. Long Beach**”. School ID 001139
1. After Completing Steps 1 to 4, you will be provided with credit result of either **Accepted**, **Declined**, or **Pending**.
* Accepted
* Declined
* Pending

## Next Steps After Obtaining Credit Results

If the credit check is **accepted** and this is the first PLUS loan you are applying for at our institution, you will be instructed to complete the Federal Direct **Graduate** PLUS Master Promissory Note.

1. You will need to navigate to the top of the home page and click on **COMPLETE AID PROCESS**



1. Under Complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN)
* Select **MPN for Graduate/Professional Students**



1. Select **Start** in the “MPN for Direct PLUS Loans” section. You will need to complete Steps 1 to 5.



If the credit check is **not accepted**, you will be asked to indicate how you would like to proceed:

* If you want to obtain an endorser – you will be working directly with the U.S. Department of Education, and CSU, Long Beach will be notified once the loan is approved. Please navigate to [**Credit Endorser**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fstudentaid.gov%2Fendorser-addendum%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cdavidj2%40cpp.edu%7Ccc9bf33af0e543a668e108d940ecb4fc%7C164ba61e39ec4f5d89ffaa1f00a521b4%7C0%7C0%7C637612207786784534%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=jeAwPfiu%2BWe63697IjYTikCy9JRkFmGzkSOaux5ECog%3D&reserved=0) to complete the loan application.
	+ Please remember that you must also complete the [**PLUS Credit Counseling**](https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/counselingInstructions.action?counselingType=plus) and the [**PLUS MPN for Graduate/Professional Students**](https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/launchMpn.action?mpnType=gradPlusMpn).
* If you want to appeal credit and provide documentation of extenuating circumstance - you will be working directly with the U.S. Department of Education, and CSU, Long Beach will be notified once the loan is approved. Please navigate to [**Credit Decision Appeal**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fstudentaid.gov%2Fappeal-credit%2Fdemo&data=04%7C01%7Cdavidj2%40cpp.edu%7Ccc9bf33af0e543a668e108d940ecb4fc%7C164ba61e39ec4f5d89ffaa1f00a521b4%7C0%7C0%7C637612207786784534%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=bbqCMWlx1WJiaiIAu9oNnAaCxzsxnC%2F6hk14j1o8S8I%3D&reserved=0)to have the U.S. Department of Education review your application.
	+ Please remember that you must also complete the [**PLUS Credit Counseling**](https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/counselingInstructions.action?counselingType=plus) and the [**PLUS MPN for Graduate/Professional Students**](https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/launchMpn.action?mpnType=gradPlusMpn).
* If you are undecided – CSU, Long Beach will receive the denial notice and will communicate with you via email asking to notify us of a decision if you are going to attempt to resolve the denial.

If the credit check is **pending**, you will need to contact Student Loan Support Center at 800-557-7394 or StudentLoanSupport@ed.gov .

When ready to apply, please navigate to <https://studentaid.gov/>