

Northwestern | MEDILL

COST OF ATTENDANCE 2017-2018 FULL-TIME MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTEGRATED MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS

Below is the cost of attendance for full-time Medill IMC students during the 2017-2018 academic year. This budget is used to determine financial aid need and to award federal loans to students who will use federal financial aid to fund their education. ***The tuition rate and costs for Fall Quarter 2018 will be set in May 2018.***

Fixed		Fall Qu '17	Winter Qu '18	Spring Qu '18	Summer Qu '18	Est Fall Qu '18	Total
All Medill IMC students are charged the same quarterly tuition and Activity Fee.	Tuition	\$17,413	\$17,413	\$17,413	\$17,413	\$18,820	\$88,472
	Activity Fee	\$52	\$52	\$52	\$52	\$52	\$260
All students are required to have health insurance. Those with qualifying insurance from a third party can apply for a waiver by the Office of Student Health.	Health Insurance ¹	\$3,856				\$3,916	\$7,772
Variable							
These costs are not billed to students. Students can spend up to these amounts each quarter on living and education-related expenses. Students might be able to reduce their borrowing of federal financial aid to meet these costs by using personal financial resources and with prudent budgeting.	Books ²	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$2,000
	Transportation ²	\$695	\$695	\$695	\$695	\$695	\$3,475
	Computer ³	\$2,200					\$2,200
	Room/ Board ⁴	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$25,500
	Discretionary Expenses ²	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$7,500
Loan fees are based upon the average borrowing by last year's graduate students at Medill. Fees might vary.	Loan Fees	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$2,250
Total	Cost of Attendance	\$31,666	\$25,610	\$25,610	\$25,610	\$30,933	\$139,429

Billing: Students' Northwestern University tuition accounts will only show the following fixed charges: Tuition, Activity Fee, Health Insurance (unless it is waived) and Residential Housing (if the student elects to reside in Graduate Housing). Variable costs are estimates of the cost of living while enrolled at Medill but are not billed to the student by Northwestern University. Living and education-related expenses could be reduced with careful budgeting.

Federal Loans: Medill awards need-based Federal Loans (Stafford and Graduate Plus) to eligible U.S. citizens and permanent residents. The Federal Graduate PLUS Loan is a credit history-based loan. As part of the loan approval process, the Department of Education will review students' credit reports. An adverse credit report could endanger a student's ability to secure sufficient federal aid to fund a Medill education. Please visit the Annual Credit Report website (<https://www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/index.jsp>) to learn how to receive a free copy of your credit report. Reviewing your credit report, and resolving any discrepancies, can help you avoid processing and loan approval delays.

Footnotes

1. Students who participate in Northwestern University's Health Insurance program will be billed Fall Quarter 2017 for a full year of health insurance (please visit Student Health Services at

<http://www.nuhs.northwestern.edu/evanston/insandfees.aspx>

regarding coverage and additional information.) While enrolled at NU, participation in the Northwestern University Health Insurance Program is mandatory if you are not covered by another insurance policy. **You will be billed again for a full year of health insurance Fall Quarter 2018. After you graduate from the IMC program at the end of Fall Quarter 2018, if you no longer require NU Student Health Insurance you may ask the Office of Student Health for a prorated refund.**

2. IMC students, on average, will enroll in three-four courses per quarter. Book and course related costs can vary depending on course selection and the budget includes estimated costs for books, photocopying, course packets and other expenses related to course materials. "Discretionary Expenses" may include laundry, dry cleaning, clothing, entertainment, haircuts, and miscellaneous costs related to room and board. Activity Fee is used to support student organizations at Medill.

3. Students using federal financial aid are able to borrow additional Federal Graduate PLUS Loan funds that can be used as reimbursement for computer-related costs. The computer cost is included on the budget in the first quarter of enrollment only: we do not anticipate you having to purchase this equipment more than once during your period of enrollment.

4. The Room/Board budget is based upon a student living in Engelhardt Hall (NU's graduate housing) or off-campus in Evanston or Chicago.