

COST OF ATTENDANCE 2017-2018 MASTER OF SCIENCE IN JOURNALISM

Below is the cost of attendance for Medill journalism students during the 2017-18 academic year. This budget is also used to determine financial aid need and to award federal loans to students who will use federal financial aid to fund their Medill education.

Fixed		Summer '17	Fall '17	Winter '18	Spring '18	Total
	Tuition	\$14,777	\$15,309	\$15,309	\$15,309	\$60,704
All Medill journalism students are charged the same quarterly tuition and Activity Fee.	Activity Fee	\$125	\$130	\$130	\$130	\$515
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	\$771	\$3,856	\$0	\$0	\$4,627
<i>These costs will not be reflected on your student account in CAESAR. Students can use federal financial aid to cover these costs. Federal financial funds are available to students a few days prior to the start of each academic quarter.</i>						
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	\$1,600
	Transportation ²	\$695	\$695	\$695	\$695	\$2,780
	Computer ³	\$2,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,200
	Room / Board ⁴ (Chgo/Ev/DC/SF/ Grad Housing)	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$20,400
	Discretionary Expenses ²	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$6,000
Loan fees are based upon the average borrowing by last year's graduate students at Medill. Fees might vary.	Loan Fees ⁵	\$390	\$390	\$390	\$390	\$1,560
Total	Cost of Attendance	\$25,958	\$27,380	\$23,524	\$23,524	\$100,386

Billing: Students' Northwestern University tuition accounts will only show the following fixed charges: Tuition, Activity Fee, Student 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, Perkins and Graduate Plus) to eligible U.S. citizens and permanent residents. The Federal Graduate PLUS Loan requires a loan application from the student to the lender (the Department of Education). 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 approval delays. Medill awards merit scholarships based on the content of the application file and the applicable scholarship criteria.

Footnotes

1. Students who participate in Northwestern University's Health Insurance program will pay a prorated charge for health insurance for one quarter (Summer Quarter 2017). This charge will appear on the Summer Quarter invoice. Students will be billed again in 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.
2. Journalism students, on average, enroll in three-four courses per quarter. Book costs can vary depending on course selection, and the budget includes estimated costs for books, lab fees, photocopying, and other expenses related to course materials. Journalism students are required to commute within the city on a regular basis, and students will incur extra travel expenses such as taxi and train fares; "Transportation" includes estimated costs for this as well as for two round-trip airfares but does not include auto-related expenses. "Discretionary Expenses" may include laundry, dry cleaning, clothing, entertainment, haircuts, and miscellaneous costs related to room and board. Activity Fee includes the cost of the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) pass that Journalism students receive when attending classes in Evanston and Chicago or the Metro Pass if enrolled in Washington, D.C.
3. Students using federal financial aid are able to borrow additional Federal Graduate PLUS Loan funds in their first quarter of enrollment 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, Chicago, San Francisco and/or Washington D.C. The cost of housing and transportation in Washington D.C. and San Francisco may be higher than the stated estimated costs. Students can submit a financial aid appeal to receive additional federal loans to cover reasonable housing costs.
5. The U.S. Department of Education charges origination fees on the Federal Stafford and Graduate PLUS Loan.