

INDIANA UNIVERSITY | Jacobs School of Music GRADUATE FINANCIAL AID

IU Jacobs School of Music financial aid is merit-based and offered to qualified applicants through the Office of Music Admissions and Financial Aid. Applicants are automatically considered for merit-based aid at the time of admission. The Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, in consultation with individual departments, determines music merit-based financial aid based on institutional need and recommendations from the faculty.

POLICIES

Enrollment

Recipients of music merit-based financial aid must be enrolled full-time at the Jacobs School of Music according to the following minimums:

- Students in a master's program must enroll in at least 8 credit hours, including ensemble (ensemble is free).
- Students in a diploma program must enroll in at least 10 credit hours, including ensemble (ensemble is free).
- Students in a doctoral program must enroll in at least 8 credit hours. Enrollment in MUS-G 901 does not constitute full-time enrollment for the purpose of receiving a scholarship.

Students approved by the Music Graduate Office to enroll part-time are not eligible for financial aid.

Change of Program

Current recipients of music merit-based financial aid who are admitted to a new degree or diploma program will be reconsidered for aid in the context of the applicant pool for that year.

Residency

All financial aid awards are subject to adjustment upon a change in residency status. For example, a non-Indiana resident who becomes an Indiana resident will have their award adjusted proportionally to reflect the reduced cost of attendance charged to Indiana residents.

Time Limit

Students are eligible to receive music merit-based financial aid for a limited number of semesters. Summer sessions and Dissertation Year Fellowships are not included in this limit. All AI/GA appointments are considered as music merit-based financial aid. The graduate financial aid time limits are as follows:

- a) 4 semesters for a master's degree
- b) 4 semesters for a performer diploma or artist diploma
- c) 6 semesters for a combination of two diplomas if one diploma is completed before continuing to the other (including AD)
- d) 6 semesters for a combination of two master's degrees or a master's degree with a double major
- e) 6 semesters for a combination of master's and diploma. A 2-semester extension, for a total of 8 semesters, may be granted for PDOS or PDCH following a master's. An appeal must be filed before March 1 for extension starting in Fall, before October 1 for extension starting in Spring. The appeal, submitted to the Office of Music Admissions and Financial Aid, must include written support from the department.
- f) 8 semesters for a combination of master's and two diplomas
- g) 6 semesters maximum for all doctoral degree work
- h) 10 semesters maximum for any combination of graduate music financial aid over multiple programs, including graduate assistantships (for students admitted to the doctorate prior to Fall 2012).
- i) Individual departments may have shorter time limits. (see dept. chair)
- j) Time limit extension appeals will be reviewed by the Jacobs School of Music Financial Aid Appeals Committee. Special consideration is given to students with master's degree programs whose major field requirements warrant an extension, provided the department supports the request and the Director of Graduate Studies verifies satisfactory degree progress. Awards given as a result of an extension do not count towards the financial aid time limits.

Grade Point Average

To receive Jacobs School of Music financial aid, recipients must earn a minimum cumulative IU GPA of 3.0 at the end of the second semester of study, and maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA each semester thereafter.

Fellowships

The financial aid time limits are not applicable to the Jacobs School of Music Doctoral Fellowship. Recipients must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.75. If the cumulative GPA falls below 3.75, failure to raise the GPA to the required level in the next semester of enrollment may lead to discontinuation of the fellowship. Jacobs School of Music Doctoral Fellowship students must enroll fulltime according to the requirements outlined above during their first three years; during the fourth year, they must register in at least one credit hour.

Academic Standing and Satisfactory Progress

Recipients must make satisfactory degree progress, as determined by the Director of Graduate Studies. Probation in any semester will lead to discontinuation of music merit-based financial aid beginning in the next semester of enrollment.

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