Additional Considerations to Increase the Cost of Attendance

Students must request these additional considerations in writing.

Federal Student Loan Programs (i.e. Graduate PLUS Loan) may be used for the following increases:

- One-Time Computer Increase - Students must submit an invoice or quote for the price of the computer in order to receive this increase up to the $2,000.
- Summer Math Review Course - This fee ($650) can be added to the cost of attendance only after registration has been confirmed with the Admissions Office.
- Global Academic Travel Experience (GATE) Expenses - Students can apply for this increase once they have been approved for the GATE trip. The student will need to submit a financial aid application and apply for the additional funding with their lender based on the budget of the trip.
- Increase for Family Expense - Requests for budget adjustments are considered on a case-by-case basis.
  - Dependent/Childcare Expense for Students who are:
    1) Single Parents - Up to a $12,123 allowance may be factored for certified Dependent/Childcare expenses per child. 
    2) Married and Spouse is working or in school - Up to a $12,123 allowance may be factored for certified Dependent/Childcare expenses per child
- Non-Allowable Cost of Attendance Adjustments
  - One-time travel expense (i.e. airfare): During the academic year, usually during the winter break, students may return home. For the student's written request, we will consider a one-time cost of attendance increase for travel expense (for the student only), which increases the eligible borrowing amount.
  - Airfare Expense: Students must submit a copy of their itinerary from any reputable online site (i.e. Expedia, Travelocity, Orbitz, etc.) showing the departure/arrival dates, destination in your home state (domestic students) or home country (international students) as indicated in DukeHub, and the estimated airfare. We will only consider coach/economy class (not business economy or first class).
  - Duke Student Health Insurance Family Coverage: This increase may be made to the cost of attendance when proof of coverage is presented to the Financial Aid Office.

Please contact our Financial Aid Office for further information.

Private Student Loan Programs ONLY may be used for the following increases:

Please note that the loan funds for additional considerations will disburse to your student Bursar account and satisfy any outstanding balance before the University Bursar's Office (bursar office) will issue a refund to you.

Non-Allowable Cost of Attendance Adjustments: Expenses incurred for interview activities coordinated by Fuqua (i.e. Weekend-In-Cities) and general interview trips are not considered for financial aid purposes because they are not standard requirements within the curriculum.