

## BUDGET INCREASE REQUEST FORM

The student budget is developed in accordance with federal guidelines to allow for standard education-related expenses that most students experience. The University does understand that some students may have expenses that are higher than the standard budget.

Students should consult with the Law Financial Aid Office to determine whether or not the expense can be included in their budget. When practical, students are encouraged to speak with our office prior to incurring the expense.

We will review your request to determine if you have expenses that are reasonable and qualify according to federal regulations and University policy, but are not included in the standard budget. The University is subject to the constraints imposed by the Department of Education in allowing expenses that meet the following criteria:

- Directly related to the student’s education
- Incurred during the academic year
- Properly documented (receipt, invoice, lease, etc.)

**THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS THE STANDARD FULL-TIME  
BUDGET FOR THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR:**

TUITION	\$66,670
FEES	\$1,466
HOUSING & FOOD	\$15,450
PERSONAL	\$3,292
TRANSPORTATION	\$1,120
BOOKS & SUPPLIES	\$1,462
DIRECT LOAN FEE	\$208
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$89,668 (3L's see below)</b>

**New:** for 3L's, we are required to include the bar exam fee for all students. For 2024-25, we are adding a bar exam fee of \$912. Your standard Cost of Attendance will be \$90,580.

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**NOTE:** The information provided on this worksheet will be used to review your request for a budget increase. This worksheet is not an official request for any type of financial aid. Should your request be approved, you may apply for a federal or private loan. Scholarships are not awarded for an increase in the student budget.

*I request to add the following expenses to my student budget for the current academic year:*

REASON FOR INCREASE	STUDENT COST	DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED
<b>Rent</b>	\$ _____ /month	✓ Copy of lease or rental agreement ( <i>cap is \$2,300 per month</i> )
<b>Boston University Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP)</b>	BASIC Plan \$ _____ PLUS Plan \$ _____	<i>Check the following if BU policy includes:</i> Spouse _____ Children _____ ✓ Documentation not required for BU medical insurance
<b>Computer Purchase</b> <i>(max. \$2,500 one-time )</i>	\$ _____	✓ Receipt
<b>Moving Expenses</b> <i>(1L's only)</i>	\$ _____	✓ Receipts for flight or rental ✓ Receipts for shipping personal belongings ✓ Comprehensive itemization of all expenses
<b>Interview Expenses</b> <i>(2L's only)</i>	\$ _____	✓ Receipts for flight or rental ✓ Receipts for professional clothing - 1L's or 2L's ✓ Comprehensive itemization of all expenses, per trip
<b>Child Care</b>	\$ _____	✓ Receipts from non-family sitter or day care center ✓ Receipt from service provider
<b>Other:</b> _____	\$ _____	✓ Include documentation/receipts of other expense. Must meet certain criteria to be included (see first page).

I certify that the information provided on this form is accurate. I have read page 1 of this form and understand that submitting a budget increase request does not guarantee an increase to the standard student budget.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BU ID:** \_\_\_\_\_  

*Last*
*First*
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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	<i>Original/Prior COA</i>	\$ _____
<i>Notes:</i>	<i>Total Budget Increase</i>	\$ _____
	<i>Total New/Revised COA</i>	\$ _____
<i>Initials / Date:</i>	<b>Add'l Loan Eligibility (w/o fees)</b>	\$ _____