Frequently Asked Questions

**Funding and Tuition**

**Q.** When do I receive my ACCESS financial award?

**A.** Your first check, in the amount of $1,500, will be distributed on the first day of the ACCESS summer course (June 16). You will be asked to sign a receipt. Your second check, for $1,000, will be available the final week of the ACCESS summer course. Your final check for $1,000 will be given at the end of spring semester 2015. We cannot mail checks to ACCESS students.

**Q.** How do I register for the ACCESS Summer Course?

**A.** At the ACCESS Orientation (May 10) you will complete and submit your registration card for the Integrated Science Course (UGS 1430). The College of Science will submit the completed forms to the University of Utah registration office.

**Q.** Am I responsible for tuition for the ACCESS Summer Course?

**A.** Yes, you are responsible for tuition for the ACCESS Summer Course. The tuition for the summer course is $550. The course is considered one of the most important benefits of the program. Your first ACCESS stipend will cover the cost of the course tuition (see below).

**Q.** When is tuition due?

**A.** Tuition for the ACCESS Summer Course is due no later than Wednesday, June 25, 2014. Because you are responsible for your class tuition, but the College of Science enrolls you in the class, ACCESS students may wait until they receive their first ACCESS check before paying their tuition without penalty. You can pay your tuition either in person at the Income Accounting Office located in the Student Service Building or online through the Campus Information System.

**NOTE:** Tuition must be paid by June 25 or your class is subject to cancelation for non-payment. Students who have their enrollment cancelled for non-payment of tuition are not allowed to reinstate their classes.

**Summer Course and New Student Orientation**

**Q.** What is the location of the ACCESS Summer Course?

**A.** The first day of class, June 16, will be held in the South Physics Building (SP) Room 402. SP is located near President’s Circle, off University Street, where University Street meets 200 South. The course schedule is Monday – Friday with the AM session meeting from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm and the PM session meeting from 1:00 – 4:30 pm. A map of the building can be found on the U of U home page or here:

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Q. Am I required to attend a First Year New Student Orientation? If so, how do I register?
A. Yes, the U of U New Student Orientation Program on June 11-12 is required! (If you are graduating from high school on June 11 or 12, you can register to attend the June 9-10 program). The ACCESS Program Orientation on May 10 is only meant to acquaint you with the ACCESS Program, and does not replace the University’s required New Student Orientation Program.

To register, please visit orientation.utah.edu/orientation/first-year.php

Student Housing

Q. How much will it cost to live on campus for the summer?
A. The College will provide a $1,000 housing waiver paid directly to the housing office. Living on campus for the summer term will make it easier for students to study together and to socialize. Housing & Residential Education (H&RE) pro-rates the cost of residential living for the summer for the ACCESS students, instead of charging the full term rate.

Apartment style rooms in the Marriott Honors Residential Scholars Community building have been reserved for the ACCESS cohort. Each apartment has a kitchen area including refrigerator, stove and oven. Meal plans are optional in this building. If you choose to purchase a meal plan prices vary, depending on your choice. If you select a two-person room with no meal plan your cost for living on campus during the summer term will be approximately $129. If you select a single room with no meal plan your cost for living on campus during the summer term will be approximately $243.

This balance will be due to the Housing Office in July. You may increase or decrease the number of days that you stay, paying extra or less. All rates are subject to change. (See enclosed Housing & Residential Education Summer ACCESS Rates)

Q. How do I apply to live on campus for the summer?
A. To apply for student residence, begin a summer housing application, which is available on the Housing website, http://www.housing.utah.edu/. There is an application fee of $125. If you have paid on a previous application click “Save & Continue” on the Application Fee Paid page.

Housing will complete your room reservation and meal plan preference on your application after the ACCESS Orientation on May 10, and you will receive an email from Housing after your reservation is complete. You will then log back into your Housing U application to confirm your room and electronically agree to the housing contract. If you have additional questions contact Kacie Pecor of Housing & Residential Education, (801) 587-2002 or kpecor@housing.utah.edu. Be sure to say that you are an ACCESS student!

Q. Where do I check in for housing?
A. You will check in on June 10 at the Marriott Honors Community front desk anytime throughout the day. The New Student Overnight Orientation Program begins at 9:00 am on June 11 in the Student Union Building. A map and driving directions to the Marriott Honors Community is available on this website: http://housing.utah.edu/about/driving-directions.php

Q. When is my first payment due to Housing & Residential Education?
A. Your first payment to Housing & Residential Education will be due on July 1, 2014.

Student IDs, Transportation, and Parking

Q. When will I get my U Card (student ID)?
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**Q.** During the New Student Overnight Orientation program you will have your picture taken for your U Card. Please be prepared!! You need to bring some form of photo I.D. (driver’s license). On the first day of the ACCESS summer class you can pick up your student ID in the U Card Office, located in the Student Union. The U Card is VERY important, as this gives you access to campus meals, computer labs (which you’ll be needing for your first week of class), and many other benefits.

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**Q.** How do I get my UTA Ed Pass (Utah Transit Authority Bus, Trax and Frontrunner)?

**A.** Your U Card also functions as your UTA Ed Pass. It will be activated to work on UTA within 2 days of receiving your card.

**Q.** How can I purchase a parking pass?

**A.** You can purchase a parking pass for the summer term from the Commuter Services Office at [http://www.commuterservices.utah.edu/](http://www.commuterservices.utah.edu/). The passes are prorated for the summer and you can choose either a “U” pass for $55.00 or an “E” pass for $35.00. Permits will be available to purchase after April 21, 2014.

**Q.** Do I need a special parking pass to park in the housing lots?

**A.** After you purchase a U or E parking permit from Commuter Services you will be able to pick up a zone permit from the HRE main office (Benchmark 822), which allows you to park in the designated lots in the Marriott Honors Community and the Heritage Commons area.

**Q.** Are there any other expenses I will need to plan for?

**A.** There are no books to purchase for the ACCESS Summer Course, all class materials are handouts provided by the instructors of the class.

**Scholarship Details**

**Q.** Is the financial award that comes with my participation in the ACCESS Program in the form of a tuition waiver?

**A.** A tuition waiver is an award that waives your debt of tuition for a determined amount. Waivers are applied directly to your tuition statement and the processing is all done in-house at the University—in other words, no money passes through the student’s hands.

The $3,500 financial award, which is one of the benefits of ACCESS, is not a tuition waiver award. The ACCESS financial award is a stipend, and all $3,500 is given directly to the student. The student is responsible to manage her money as she deems best. Your ACCESS stipend is taxable income.

**Q.** Does my ACCESS Scholarship conflict with any other scholarship/fellowship?

**A.** With the exception of the College of Engineering’s Engineering Scholars Program, your ACCESS scholarship is compatible with all other scholarships and fellowships, as far as the College of Science is concerned. In other words, the College of Science will not withhold your scholarship or deem you ineligible for ACCESS because you received any other scholarship, with the above exception.

However, this does not mean that other University of Utah program offices have the same policy. It is the student’s responsibility to check with the program office, from which other scholarships are received, to determine whether or not that program has any restrictions.