

UMSL Optometry Cost Sheet

Tuition Academic Year 2023-2024

	Resident	Non-resident
Fall Semester (4 semesters)	\$14,080.00	\$23,240.00
Spring Semester (4 semesters)	\$14,080.00	\$23,240.00
Summer Semester (2 semesters)	\$7,040.00	\$11,624.00
Patient Care Center Fee (each semester)	\$900.00	\$900.00
Estimated 4 Year Total	\$135,720.00	\$218,168.00

- Tuition rates are determined each year in May by the Board of Curators at the University of Missouri. This rate can change from year to year.
- This document provides the current rate for 2023-2024 Academic year (Fall, Spring, Summer)

Additional Costs*

Equipment	\$7,600.00
Books	\$700.00 per year
Boards Review KMK OptiPrep	\$3,200.00 \$1,000.00
NBEO Test Part I \$1,380 Part II \$1,380 Part III \$1,380	\$4,140.00 https://optometry.org/registration/exam_fees#
Background Check	\$200.00
Cost of Living per semester	\$13,000.00
Incidentals	\$1,500.00
Health Insurance	Varies by plan

* The additional costs are estimates and used for budgeting purposes only.

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Getting Financially Ready

Federal Financial Aid

To apply for federal student aid you must complete the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). You will need your federal student PIN number and a copy of last year's federal taxes. The federal government has established a new website where federal financial aid information is located including: FAFSA, loan counseling, financial aid history, interest rates, PIN site, and where you can apply for Grad PLUS loans at: <https://studentaid.gov>

Scholarships

The College of Optometry offers various scholarships to students. These scholarships vary in amount and criteria. Visit the below link and search optometry for available scholarships:
umsl.academicworks.com

Graduate Plus Loan

Grad PLUS loans are credit-based loans with variable interest rates. Grad PLUS loans are used to supplement funding for education and living expenses or used by students who have maxed out on unsubsidized loans. To learn more about graduate plus loans visit:
<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/plus/grad>

Private Loans

Loans that are able to be taken out by a student from a third-party vendor. These are credit-based and have variable interest rates.

Federal Work Study

Federal Work study is available to optometry students each semester. This includes students working as tutors, in student services or in the clinic.

Military

There are scholarships available through the Army, Navy, and Air Force. They are competitive; in the past, UMSL students have been successful at securing the scholarships.

Health Profession Student Loan Program

The Health Profession Student Loan program (HPSL) is administered by the Department of Health and Human Services. All students who apply for this loan must have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The amount awarded will be determined by the number of applications and fund availability. The interest rate on the HPSL is 5%. The borrower will not be responsible for any interest until the start of the repayment period. A one year grace period follows completion or termination of full time status.

Other

529C
Self-Pay
Employer
Trust Funds