



Beacon Student Success Fellowship (BSSF) Financial Aid and Bursar's Office Information About Your Award

- The Beacon Student Success Fellowship will be credited to your spring university account. According to Federal regulations, this fellowship award will be incorporated into your current academic year (i.e., not the upcoming fall's) financial aid package.
- The total amount of financial assistance (including BSSF funds) awarded to you for the fall, spring, and summer terms may not exceed your financial aid cost of attendance (COA) for the academic year. Your COA is based on tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation, and personal expenses. Additional costs you incur during the summer experience may be added to your financial aid COA and used to incorporate the fellowship award into your financial aid package.
- We **encourage you to respond promptly to communications** received from the Financial Aid Office to prevent or minimize adjustments to your current academic year financial aid eligibility and to avoid delays in the processing of BSSF funds.
- The full **BSSF award will be available only for students whose overall university account balance (including spring and summer semesters) is paid in full**. Otherwise, the award will be applied to your outstanding university charges before any money is available for a summer experience. This is university policy. If you have questions regarding your UMass Boston account, please contact the Bursar's Office at bursar@umb.edu or 617-287-5350. If you have questions about your eligibility for BSSF funds, contact the Financial Aid Office at finaid@umb.edu or at 617-287-6300.
- The Bursar's Office **encourages you to [set up direct deposit for refunds](#)** (which your BSSF award is considered) in WISER Student Self Service for quicker access to your money.
- If you need additional funds beyond your BSSF funding, you may inquire with the ONE STOP Student Service Center about additional financing options before the end of the spring semester in mid-May. The ONE STOP Student Service Center, located on the Upper Level of the Campus Center, is open for walk-ins Monday and Thursdays from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:00 AM -6:00 PM, and Fridays from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

They can be reached by an online chat, available Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM, accessed from their website at www.umb.edu/onestop.

Inquiries may also be made to the Financial Aid Office via email to finaid@umb.edu, with "Beacon Student Success Fellowship" in the subject line.