Financial aid comes in three different ways:

1. **Federal Aid**
   - Come in the form of unsubsidized loans
   - Three loan types for graduate/medical students:
     1. Stafford Loan
     2. Heal or health professional loan
     3. Graduate plus loan
   - What does unsubsidized mean?
     - Interest begins to accrue as soon as it is dispersed to you (accruing while you are a student)
   - How to apply for federal aid:
     - Complete a 2020-2021 FAFSA at studentaid.gov
     - This application opens every year in October
     - Recommended that you file this ASAP

2. **Institutional Aid Directly from the University**
   - Based on financial need
   - You may receive
     - A low interest rate subsidized student loan (university loan)
       - Interest does not accrue until after graduation. Interest rate is 5%
     - Tuition remission or grant
       - Applied directly to your tuition

3. **Private Aid from Outside Source** (other than federal loan system or university)
   - Sources include: bank, credit union or nationwide lender (e.g. Salle Mae or Discover)
   - Shop around to determine what will work best for you

**To apply for Institutional Aid:**
- FAFSA
- Additional documents will need to be submitted:
  - Student’s complete signed 2018 tax return and W2
  - Parents’ completed signed 2018 tax return and W2
- Send documents to secure upload uchfa@appmail.uconn.edu
- Questions about documentation can be sent to sfada@uchc.edu
- Once the Financial Aid office has received your documentation, your eligibility will be determined based on FAFSA and all documentation
  - Notification of financial aid packet before medical school decision day, April 30th
    - Returning students notified shortly thereafter

To check the status of your Financial Aid application and any outstanding documents, visit studentadmin.uconn.edu. Check often!