

## **COST OF ATTENDANCE – Computer Purchase / Lease**

Federal regulations allow financial aid administrators to add to the cost of attendance a reasonable allowance for the purchase or lease of a personal computer.

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth policy is:

- A reasonable maximum allowance of \$2,000 has been established for the purchase or lease of a personal computer, printer, and associated hardware and software. Students wishing to purchase or lease a personal computer should indicate their request in writing to the Financial Aid Services Office, including any purchase documentation available (invoice, vendor cost estimate).
- A student may receive only one computer purchase / lease allowance during their entire career at UMass Dartmouth.
- Student eligibility is limited to loan funding only. If eligible, a student may be considered for Stafford Direct Loan (subsidized or unsubsidized depending on eligibility). If no remaining eligibility, the student may be considered for other educational loans, or alternative loans. Students who wish to purchase or lease a computer whose cost is in excess of \$2,000 should be encouraged to investigate bank loans, personal loans, or other funding for costs in excess of the \$2,000 allowance.
- Students must meet all Federal and institutional financial aid eligibility requirements, including matriculation into a degree program, enrollment at least-half time, and filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Students who receive a revised financial aid award will receive a new award letter.