

How does an LOA affect Student Aid

Federal Aid recipients who have requested and been approved for a Leave of Absence during the Basic Science portion of their program will be reported as withdrawn to the National Student Loan Data System.

- The withdrawal date will be the first date of the Leave of Absence.
- Any student loans will no longer be considered eligible for an in-school deferment and the loans will either enter in a grace period or begin repayment.

Federal Aid recipients who have requested and been approved for a Leave of Absence for the clinical portion of their program, can continue to have their federal student loans deferred in an in-school status as long as the leave (or combined leaves) does not exceed 180 days in any 12 month period.

Due to the nature of the scheduling process of the Clinical Studies portion of the program, School of Medicine students in the interim period between the completion of their Basic Science terms and the start of their clinical terms period typically request an Interim Leave of Absence (ILOA) if they are not placed in a rotation within 20 weeks from the end of their final Basic Science term.

- These leaves are automatically approved by the Office of the University Registrar , as long as they do not exceed 180 days.
- If the leave exceeds 180 days, financial aid recipients will be reported as withdrawn to the National Student Loan Data System, and the withdrawal date will be the end last day of the Basic Science term.
- Your federal student loans will no longer be considered eligible for an in-school deferment and the loans will either enter into a grace period or begin repayment.