Financial aid is intended to cover more than your tuition expenses. Your tuition costs are just a part of the overall cost of education. Listed below is the standard full-time (FT) or part-time (PT) student budget, as allowed by federal regulation.

We recognize that students may have expenses, which may not be included in the standard student budget. Some costs incurred during the academic year, such as childcare, expenses for a disability, laptop, etc. may be added within certain limits to the budget, with proper documentation. Students with special circumstances may wish to discuss their particular financial needs with a financial aid counselor.

### Alternative Loan Note

Alternative loans (credit check required) are disbursed equally fall and spring terms unless requested otherwise in writing and approved. We recommend the Grad PLUS over private loans (see www.law.seattleu.edu/x1270.xml). If you want the 4.248% (fee percent will change on October 1, 2019 due to sequestration) loan fee added to loan balance to net amount requested, you must email lawfa@seattleu.edu at the time of application.

If you need a loan for the purchase or lease of a laptop computer, it may be added to the cost of attendance one time during your MSL program, except during the last term of enrollment. You must buy the computer first, then submit to SFS proof of payment by you, the student, within the academic year of purchase. After authorization, you may apply for an alternative, credit-based loan up to the cost of the computer or $1,350, whichever is less, in order to reimburse yourself. Please consider whether an alternative loan is more beneficial financially than the original method of payment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Student Financial Services.

* This is an estimate of the cost of books and supplies for a typical student in your program. The costs of books may vary based upon your chosen track or specialization and elective courses. You should communicate with your program director and/or professor about any anticipated costs or expenses prior to registering for a class and speak with a financial services representative in the event you may require a budget increase.