Welcome from the Director

Thank you for your interest in NJIT for the 2017-2018 academic year! This newsletter was created with YOU in mind, in hopes for a smooth transition to college and successful financial aid planning. You will find useful information about the application process, along with important deadlines and common mistakes to avoid. Being well informed and planning early are the keys to getting the utmost benefit from financial aid programs available at NJIT. Get started by accessing our Net Price Calculator at https://njit.studentaidcalculator.com to obtain an estimated financial aid award. (Details on page 4.)

The mission of the Office of Student Financial Aid Services is to help fund your education. Each year, more than 90 percent of our incoming freshmen benefit from financial aid sources such as grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study. Our financial aid packages INVEST in your career-ready education, making NJIT a bargain when compared to more costly private colleges.

The information within this newsletter is intended to assist you as you navigate through a new world of higher education and financial aid processes. For detailed information geared specifically toward First Year students, we encourage you to visit http://www5.njit.edu/firstyearstudents/incomingfreshman.php.

Please e-mail us at finaid@njit.edu, or call us at 973-596-3479 with any questions you may have.

Welcome home, Highlanders!

Sincerely,

Ivon Nunez
Director, Student Financial Aid Services (SFAS)
Get Familiar with the Financial Aid Application Process

When you complete your application for admission at NJIT, you are automatically considered for academic scholarships based on your admission credentials. The Office of Student Financial Aid Services (SFAS) works very closely with the Admissions Office to determine whether you qualify for scholarships at NJIT. To qualify for merit scholarships you must have a minimum 1200 SAT score (Math and Critical Reading only); depending on SAT score, student may qualify with minimum HS GPA of 3.2.

**STEPS TO RECEIVE NEED-BASED AID**

1. To apply for federal, and state, (grants, scholarships, work-study, and loans), you must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To apply, you must visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). You can complete the 2017–2018 FASFA anytime before February 15th. Be sure to include NJIT’s institutional code, 002621, in Step two School Selection. Before submitting the FAFSA, you will need to link to the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority NJHESAA site (state agency). There, you’ll be required to answer a few state aid eligibility questions for TAG (tuition-aid grant) determination.

2. **Complete your FAFSA on The Web:** Processing time for FAFSA on-the-web usually takes a few days after submission. FAFSA on the Web also has built-in edits to help you detect and correct errors before transmitting data to the Federal Central Processing System (cps). To complete and sign the FAFSA electronically, you must have a Federal Student Aid ID (FSAID). To apply for one, go to [https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm](https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm). Your parents will also need their own FSA ID to sign the FASFA electronically.

3. Once you have received an FSAID, select the “Sign Electronically With My FSAID” option in the “Sign and Submit” section. Memorize your FSAID, as you will use your it for the duration of your college career and beyond.

4. To ensure full consideration for federal, state, and institutional grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study at NJIT for the 2017-2018 academic year, you must complete the FAFSA by February 15, 2017. This deadline must be met to ensure that your financial aid will be processed prior to student billing.

5. Please list a NJ as your #1 choice on the FASFA so that you will be considered for State Aid.

6. You will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) from the federal Central Processing System (cps).

7. Review the SAR for accuracy. If you need to make corrections or add NJIT as a college choice, make the appropriate changes online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). If you listed NJIT as a college choice on your original FAFSA, NJIT receives your financial aid application electronically at the time you receive SAR.

8. Your processed FAFSA will be reviewed within two weeks, and you will receive a preliminary Financial Aid Package from our office in late February/early March.

9. In addition, if you (and your parents) are New Jersey residents, you will receive a Student Eligibility Notice (SEN) from New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (NJHESAA). This notice of your state aid eligibility is not final until your financial aid counselor (additional information on page 5) has reviewed your financial aid file and has confirmed your eligibility. Be sure NJIT is indicated on the SEN as the college you are attending. If it is not, send the necessary corrections to NJHESAA at [www.hesaa.org](http://www.hesaa.org).
How Financial Aid Eligibility is Determined

Your financial aid eligibility is determined based on the information you and your parents report on your [FAFSA](https://www.fafsa.ed.gov), which uses a formula established by the [United States Congress](https://www.gov). This formula determines your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Financial Aid attempts to fill the gap between your EFC and the yearly cost of attendance (COA). COA is made up of tuition and fees, books and supplies, computer, room and board, transportation, and other miscellaneous expenses. The gap between the COA and EFC is what we call “financial need.” NJIT works very hard to help you meet this financial need but you may not be eligible for enough aid to fully close the gap. Despite the level of need, the University may reduce a merit scholarship if the combination of grants and scholarships exceeds your student bill charges.

**Eligible students** may be awarded financial aid through a combination of [scholarships and grants](https://www.studentaid.gov) (gift aid that does not have to be repaid), loans (which must be repaid after graduation or if the student ceases to be enrolled at least half-time), and work-study (part-time employment for wages). This is referred to as a “Financial Aid Package.” Keep in mind that the COA varies from institution to institution, which will result in different Financial Aid Packages. Admitted students are sent a preliminary Financial Aid Package within two weeks of the date that Student Financial Aid Services (SFAS) receives the electronic Student Aid Report (SAR) from the federal processor.

Often, your need-based financial aid is estimated because more information is needed from you before making the awards final. When additional information is required to complete the application, you are sent a letter or email making the request with any necessary forms enclosed. Some student financial aid applications are selected for verification.

Verification is the process determined by the Department of Education and the U.S. government in which Student Financial Aid Services compares information you reported on the FASFA with your 2015 federal tax forms, W-2 forms, and other financial documentation. Other kinds of requests include clarification of the number of people in your family, which ones attend college, or information about a business, rental property, or other assets.

In asking for these documents, we are following federal and state guidelines required prior to disbursing aid. If there are differences between your application information and the required documents you have submitted, corrections may be needed and your application will be reprocessed electronically.

If you are a New Jersey resident and receiving state aid, you may also be selected for state verification. If you receive an “Applicant Information Request” from the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority ([NJHESA](https://www.njit.edu/financialaid)), you must forward all requested information and financial documents directly to NJHESA in Trenton.

It is extremely important that you respond to requests for information promptly. Financial Aid Packages are finalized in the order of file completion date. To ensure your financial aid package is finalized before the start of the 2017 Fall semester, all required documentation must be received by May 15, 2017.
NJIT’s Cost of Attendance

Student Financial Aid Services (SFAS) constructs yearly cost of attendance (COA) budgets that include tuition and fees, room and board (or living expenses), books, supplies, transportation and miscellaneous expenses. The cost of attendance is a budget used to determine need after awards. The table below contains the COA budgets for the 2017-2018 academic year for full-time undergraduate students. An additional $1200 books and supplies allowance can be applied to the amount indicated on the chart below for architecture majors. The actual cost of living on campus varies with the room type and meal plan chosen. There is a computer requirement for freshmen, which is included in the financial COA budgets (in the books & supplies component) below. Please note that room & board for living with parents and off campus will not reflect on your tuition bill but is only a figure to allow us to determine your overall financial need. Students who need financial aid assistance can take this expense into account to determine financial aid eligibility. For more information on computer requirements, please visit http://ist.njit.edu/compreq/.

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Complete Your FAFSA Now!

❖ Apply for Your FSAID
You will need your U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid ID (FSAID) in order to complete the FAFSA and for a number of other tasks. Apply for your FSAID now at [www.fafaid.ed.gov](http://www.fafaid.ed.gov) and begin to use it to file your FAFSA. Your FSAID serves as your legally binding online signature, protects your privacy, and lets you make changes to your FAFSA.

❖ Gather Your Information
You will need to complete the FAFSA using some information such as:
- Your most recent income tax return and W-2 forms.
- Your driver’s license.
- You and your family’s asset information.
- Proof of citizenship or legal status.
- Any Social Security/welfare benefits received, Child Support paid/received.
- NJIT’s school code: 002621

❖ Still Have Questions?
Call [1-800-4-FED-AID](1-800-433-3243), or call us at 973-596-3479 [http://studentaid.ed.gov/contact](http://studentaid.ed.gov/contact)

REMEMBER: Your awards aren’t estimated until all outstanding requirements are complete and processed by the Office of

Who Is My Financial Aid Advisor?
If your last name begins with…

| A–E: | Ms. Aurora Castellano  
Financial Aid Advisor  
973-596-3475 |
|------|--------------------------------------------------|
| F–K: | Ms. Maggie Moya  
Financial Aid Advisor  
973-596-3671 |
| L–O: | Ms. Asia Taj  
Associate Dir/ Compliance Mgr.  
973-596-3474 |
| P–Z: | Ms. Tracy Harrison  
Assistant Director  
973-642-4872 |
| Q–U: | Mrs. Samantha Kennedy  
Assistant Director  
973-596-3473 |

Types of Aid
There are three major types of aid. Scholarships do not have to be repaid but are awarded based on merit or need. The University may reduce scholarship amounts if a combination of scholarships and grants exceeds your student bill applicable charges. Grants do not have to be repaid and are based on need as determined using the data on your FAFSA. Loans are borrowed money and must be repaid, typically with interest. Federal Work-Study (FWS) provides income from a part-time job and does not have to be repaid.

PELL GRANT:
Federal Pell Grants are awarded by NJIT’s SFAS Office according to rules set by Congress.

FEDERAL CAMPUS-BASED PROGRAMS:
Federal campus-based programs (Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant and Federal Work Study (FWS)) are funded by the US Department of Education (U.S.D.E), which are administered by the Office of SFAS to students according to federal guidelines. Because funds are limited, applying early increases your chances of receiving these aid sources.

LOANS:
The William D. Ford Direct Loan program lets you and your parents, if eligible, borrow from the U.S.D.E instead of a bank or other lending institution. This allows borrowers to work with a single entity, U.S.D.E, through its servicing centers when repaying loans or dealing with loan-related issues. There are three types of Federal Direct Loans: Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loan and Federal Direct PLUS Loan (for parents or graduate/professional students).

By completing the FAFSA, you are automatically considered for these loans. The Office of SFAS will always offer you scholarships and grants before a loan is considered. You will automatically be offered a Direct Loan if you qualify. However, to take out a Direct Loan, you must complete an Entrance Loan Counseling and sign a Master Promissory Note after you accept these loans.

NJHESAA State Aid:
The NJ Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (NJHESAA) provides grants and scholarship opportunities for NJIT students based on financial need and academic merit. The NJHESAA determines students’ eligibility for these awards; however, NJIT must approve those awards based on state regulations and guidelines. For more information about NJ grants and scholarship programs, visit [www.njgrants.org](http://www.njgrants.org).
Fast Facts About Financial Aid at NJIT

- Princeton Review names NJIT as one of the top value colleges in the nation. The selection criteria covered more than 30 factors in three areas: academics, costs of attendance, financial aid and more.

- BuzzFeed ranked NJIT as #1 among colleges and universities for higher education value.

- State-funded financial aid programs accounted for over $18 million, including the NJ Tuition Aid Grant (TAG), the NJ Educational Opportunity (EOF) Grant, and the NJ Distinguished and Urban Scholars Grant.

- NJIT’s Loan Default Rate is a low 4.1% whereas the national average is 11.8% - this low rate attests to the financial stability our students are in after they leave NJIT. The starting salary of NJIT student’s was $57,408.

Student Employment

Students are eligible to work on-campus under the Federal Work-Study (FWS) and Institutional Work-Study (IWS) programs; to qualify for FWS students must have unmet need (based on results of FAFSA), be a US citizen or permanent resident and be registered for at least three credits. To be eligible for IWS, US citizens or permanent residents must be registered for at least six credits; international students must be registered full time (or certified as full time).

All students must apply for work-study positions via the PeopleAdmin (PA) System; to access PA, students must log in via my.njit.edu and use their NJIT UCID to create a PA application. If a student is offered a position, an email will be sent from Student Employment detailing types of paperwork needed to complete the hiring process. Students are paid biweekly, based on rate per hour and the number of hours worked (students are limited to 20 hours per week during academic year).

In addition to receiving a bi-weekly paycheck, there are other benefits to working on-campus, such as gaining valuable work experience (helps build resume) and the opportunity to use supervisor(s) as a reference when applying for jobs after graduation. What is even more exciting is that Federal – Work Study earnings are excluded as income on the FAFSA; thus helping you get more aid as to the earnings from a regular job (for example, a position in the local library).

Additional Scholarship Opportunities

If you want to be considered for more scholarships from endowed, annual and alumni scholarships to help reduce your tuition-related expenses, please complete the Undergraduate Scholarship Application located at this link: http://www.njit.edu/financialaid/forms

FERPA: Know Your Privacy Rights!

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student’s educational records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives your parents certain rights with respect to your educational records; however, these rights transfer to you when you reach the age of 18 or attend a school beyond the high-school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are considered “eligible students.”

Generally, schools must have written permission from you (as an “eligible student”) in order for information from your records to be released. A FERPA Information Release Consent form is available for you to complete if you want to provide consent to release financial aid information to a parent or to anyone else. The form is located at:


Scholarship Tips

Many local organizations offer private scholarships and the competition for these awards are less intense. Such entities include: employers or a community group, or club.

The best sites to search for scholarships link: http://college.usatoday.com/2016/01/06/best-scholarship-resources/
Meet the SFAS Staff!

Student Financial Aid Services
Located in the Student Mall (lower level of the parking deck)
Phone 973-596-3479
Fax 973-596-6471
E-Mail finaid@njit.edu

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Asia Taj  Associate Director
Samantha Kennedy  Assistant Director
Tracy Harrison  Assistant Director
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Lynnette Randall  Administrative Assistant
Imane Zehaf  Customer Service Specialist

Important Phone Numbers and Contact Information

NJIT

Registrar’s Office
(973) 596-3236
registrar@njit.edu
http://www5.njit.edu/registrar/

Bursar’s Office
(973) 642-7460
bursar@njit.edu
http://www5.njit.edu/bursar/

Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Office
(973) 596-3690
eop@njit.edu
http://www5.njit.edu/eop/

Other

Federal Student Assistance; Student Aid Report (SAR)
1(800) 433-3243
https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/

NJ Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (NJHESAA)
1(800) 792-8670
http://www.hesaa.org/Pages/default.aspx

Federal Student Loan Support Service
1(800) 557-7394

SFAS Office Hours

Academic Year (when classes are in session)
8:30 A.M. – 4:30 p.m. (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)
8:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M (Wednesday.)
(See map to the right for campus location)

Summer (early June-mid August):
9:00 A.M. — 4:00 P.M. (Monday-Friday)
GLOSSARY OF FINANCIAL AID TERMS

Expected Family Contribution (EFC): This is the number that’s used to determine your eligibility for federal student financial aid. This number results from the financial information you provide in your FAFSA, the application for federal student aid. Your EFC is reported to you on your Student Aid Report (SAR).

Financial Aid Package: The total amount of financial aid (federal and nonfederal) a student is offered by a college or career school. The school’s financial aid staff combines various forms of aid into a “package” to help meet a student’s education costs.

Financial Need: The difference between the cost of attendance (COA) at a school and your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). While COA varies from school to school, your EFC does not change based on the school you attend.

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI): Your or your family’s wages, salaries, interest, dividends, etc., minus allowable deductions as reported on a federal tax return.

Cost of Attendance (COA): The total amount it will cost you to go to school—usually stated as a yearly figure. COA includes tuition and fees; on-campus room and board (or a housing and food allowance for off-campus students); and allowances for books, supplies, transportation, loan fees, and dependent care. It also includes miscellaneous and personal expenses, including an allowance for the rental or purchase of a personal computer; costs related to a disability; and reasonable costs for eligible study-abroad programs. For students attending less than half-time, the COA includes tuition and fees and an allowance for books, supplies, transportation, and dependent care expenses, and can also include room and board for up to three semesters or the equivalent at the institution. But no more than two of those semesters, or the equivalent, may be consecutive. Contact the financial aid administrator at the school you’re planning to attend if you have any unusual expenses that might affect your COA.

Direct Loan: A federal student loan, made through the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, for which eligible students and parents borrow directly from the U.S. Department of Education at participating schools. Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, Direct PLUS Loans and Direct Consolidation Loans are types of Direct Loans.

Direct PLUS Loan: A loan made by the U.S. Department of Education to graduate or professional students and parents of dependent undergraduate students for which the borrower is fully responsible for paying the interest regardless of the loan status.

Disbursement (disburse or disbursed): Payment of the loan funds to the borrower by the school. Students generally receive their federal student loan in two or more disbursements.

Federal Pell Grant: A federal grant for undergraduate students with financial need.

Federal Perkins Loan: A federal student loan, made by the recipient’s school, for undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate financial need.

Federal School Code: An identifier that the U.S. Department of Education assigns to each college or career school that participates in the federal student aid programs. In order to send your FAFSA information to a school, you must list the school’s Federal School Code on your application. A list of Federal School Codes is available at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Federal Student Aid ID: FSA ID stands for Federal Student Aid ID. You can use an FSA ID to access personal information or electronically sign on various Department of Education (ED) websites. To apply for one go to: fsaid.ed.gov.

Merit-based: Based on a student’s skill or ability. Example: A merit-based scholarship might be awarded based on a student’s high grades. The scholarship awards may be reduced if a combination of grants and scholarships exceeds the tuition and tuition-related charges on the student bill.

Private Loan: Nonfederal loan made by a lender such as a bank, credit union, state agency, or school.

Student Aid Report (SAR): A summary of the information you submitted on your FAFSA. You receive this report (often called the SAR) via e-mail a few days after your FAFSA has been processed or by mail within 7-10 days if you did not provide an e-mail address. If there are no corrections or additional information you must provide, the SAR will contain your EFC, which is the number that’s used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.

Verification: The process your school uses to confirm the data reported on your FAFSA. Your school has the authority to contact you for documentation that supports income and other information that you reported.

IRS Data Retrieval: A tool within the FAFSA income section that allows students and their parents to retrieve prior year tax information directly from the IRS and into the FAFSA. This reduces the likelihood of the office requesting tax information and avoids processing delays.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is the timeframe for submitting the FAFSA?
A: Students should submit their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) October 1, 2016 and February 15, 2017. Late FAFSA submissions can affect eligibility for some financial aid programs.

Q: What documents are needed for my financial aid to be awarded?
A: For most students, only a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is necessary to receive an award letter. Students are notified via e-mail if SFAS needs additional documentation to process financial aid.

Q: Is there a deadline for submitting requested documents that may be required from me?
A: We recommend submitting outstanding financial aid requirements as soon as possible. Normally, there is no deadline for submitting these documents. However, there will be a delay in award processing until documents are received. Processing can take up to 30 days after submission.

Q: I am a new student, when will I get my award letter?
A: New/transfer students who submitted a FAFSA and any required documentation requested will begin to receive award letter notifications around the middle of February/March each year. Students with outstanding documentation requests may receive an unofficial estimated award letter that is subject to change until all requirements are satisfied. For any major deadlines, please visit the deadlines to watch portion of our website throughout the semester.

Q: My parent recently lost his/her job; can I qualify for more financial aid?
A: If a student or family member recently lost a job or experienced financial hardship due to death, divorce, or unexpected medical expenses, they may submit an Income Reduction Appeal. There are 8 determining categories included in this form which require supporting documentation. Requests do not guarantee an increase in aid. You can download the application at https://www5.njit.edu/financialaid/forms/.

Q: How do I apply for federal student loans?
A: Students apply for federal student loans by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each academic year.

Q: How do I accept my loans?
A: Students can accept/decline/reduce any federal loan offered to them through the online award letter. Students can access the award letter through their Highlander Pipeline at http://my.njit.edu.

Q: What is the deadline for accepting my federal loans?
A: The deadline for accepting federal loans in any given semester is generally about two weeks before the end of that semester. Tuition and fee billing due dates are prior to the due dates to accept loans.

Q: What's the difference between Subsidized and Unsubsidized loans?
A: The difference between Subsidized and Unsubsidized loans is the accrual of interest. Subsidized loans will NOT accrue interest while the student remains enrolled in school at least half-time (6 or more credit hours for undergraduate students). Interest on Unsubsidized loans will accrue from the date of disbursement. More detailed information about both Subsidized and Unsubsidized loans can be found here.

Q: When does my financial aid disburse?
A: Financial aid disburses no earlier than 10 days before the beginning of a semester. If you are selected for verification, you may need to provide additional documentation before your aid can be disbursed. Disbursement can be delayed depending on when SFAS receives the requested documents. Disbursement dates and other important dates and deadlines can be found on the deadlines to watch section of our website. After the initial disbursement of financial aid, additional disbursements occur regularly throughout the semester on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays.

Q: If I enroll part-time, will my financial aid be adjusted?
A: TAG and Pell Grants will be adjusted if students enroll part-time. Loans, work-study, and NJIT aid may be adjusted if the reduced enrollment also reduces a student’s financial need. Students must enroll at least half time to receive insti-
Q: Why did I have loans cancelled or reduced when I received my scholarship or tuition waiver?
A: All students have a Cost of Attendance that is shown on their award letter. Per federal regulations, total financial aid resources cannot be greater than the Cost of Attendance. If an additional scholarship or tuition waiver results in an over-award in excess of the Cost of Attendance, any federal or private loans are subject to reduction or cancellation so that total aid does not exceed the Cost of Attendance.

Q: What is Work Study?
A: There are two types of work study at NJIT: Federal college work-study (FCWS) and Institutional work-study. FCWS refers to the money used to pay a student for hours worked at a part-time job on campus and is determined as part of your federal-aid package. Institutional work-study is not part of your federal aid package and are only available to students that do not qualify for federal work-study. FCWS funding is limited to undergraduate students, and not all requests for funding are granted. Requests are reviewed in the order they are submitted.

Q: How can I get Work Study?
A: Interested students should complete the FAFSA to see exactly what they qualify for. Additional information regarding the two can be found here.

Q: If I drop a course, how will this affect my financial aid?
A: Students may freely add/drop courses through the first week of classes. If a course is dropped during the add/drop period, the total number of credit hours is reduced which may result in an adjustment of tuition and fees along with eligibility for certain types of aid. Students who received a refund based upon higher enrollment may need to repay funds. For more information, you may contact the Bursar’s office via email or by phone at (973)-596-2877.

Q: What happens if I withdraw from a course after the first week of the semester?
A: Withdrawing from a course or courses after the add/drop period (not a full withdrawal from a semester) may affect current term aid or enrollment hours; your aid may be prorated based on the decreased amount of credit hours. Students receive a grade of "W" for the course(s) they withdrew from. Withdrawals can impact future aid eligibility by lowering course completion ratios. See the SAP Policy for information about course completion ratio requirements.

Q: What happens if I withdraw from all my courses after the first week of the semester?
A: When a student withdraws from all of their classes in a given semester, two separate processes occur. The Office of the Registrar prorates tuition and some fees (according to their withdrawal policy) and the Office of Student Financial Aid (SFAS) prorates financial aid as required by federal regulations.

*Q: How do I get financial aid if I decide to attend classes during the winter/summer?
A: All students who are degree seeking and have a FAFSA on file for the current academic year will be considered for financial aid during the winter and summer semesters. Aid eligibility is calculated upon enrollment. For more information, view the Summer/Winter Financial Aid section found here.

Q: Are there grants available for winter/summer classes at NJIT?
A: There is a possibility that interested students may be able to receive an NJIT winter/summer grant. However, the grant money is donated from the EOP (Educational Opportunity Program). Due to this fact, EOP students are given immediate preference. Any remaining funding will be disbursed among NJIT students that have submitted an aid application. The Federal Pell Grant may be available for use during the winter/summer. Students are only eligible if they did not receive their full Pell award for the fall and spring semesters. Since the Pell Grant pays 100% of the scheduled award when a student takes 12 or more credit hours in a semester, it means that winter/summer Pell will only be available for a student who took fewer than 12 credit hours for the fall and/or spring semesters and did not receive their full award. Most students are only eligible for loans during the these semester.

Q: If my scholarships and grants exceed my actual charges on my bill, can I receive the refund?
A: If the combination of scholarships and grants exceeds your student bill charges (tuition-related charges), the University may reduce the scholarship amount not to exceed the charges. This will be determined when the bills released which is in early August for the Fall semester and December for the Spring semester.