Preferred Lender Request for Information (RFI) Private Loan

Lenders should complete all the information in the gray areas of the spreadsheet.

Each question will have an importance level from 1 to 5 assigned by the school with five being the highest. Lenders should complete the Lender Response fields where applicable. There is an additional details section to add supporting information up to 1000 characters. To enter data, double click in the field. To remove focus from the field, click any cell outside the RFI fields.

There is an indicator at the bottom of the spreadsheet to check when you are including additional attachments.

School

School Name	SUNY Buffalo State
School Code	002842
School Contact Name	Melissa Miller
School Contact Phone Number	(716) 878-4902
School Contact E-mail	MillerMB@buffalostate.edu
School Survey Introduction	We will be making every effort to evaluate undergraduate and graduate loan products for the 14-15 year. Please specify which (UG or GR) loan product you are describing when responding or attach a separate RFI for each. Due to time constraints, we are not currently accepting requests for individual appointments with lenders. We will be making our decision by June 1, 2014. Thank you.
School Deadline Date	04/18/2014

Lender

Lender Name	Discover Bank
Lender Code	831312
Lender Representative Name	Kim Jarosinski
Lender Title	Business Development Manager
Lender Contact E-mail	KimberlyJarosinski@discover.com
Lender Contact Phone Number	1-585-248-7116

Lender Questions (School Only)

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Question	School Importance	Lender Response	School Rating
1. Loan Program Name	3		
Provide Additional Details We are pleased to offer the following private student loans to your students: • Discover Undergraduate Loan—for undergraduate students who are enrolled in a 4-0 • Discover Graduate Loan—for graduate students, including masters and doctoral cand	, ,	ee program	
2. How long has your company been in the student lending business?	3	6 Yrs 9 Mos	
Provide Additional Details Discover Student Loans launched in 2007 and is supported by the financial strength at Discover acquired The Student Loan Corporation from Citibank, N.A. in December 201 experience to Discover Student Loans.			
3. During the past 5 years, has your lending institution been involved in any mergers or acquisitions	3	Yes	
Provide Additional Details On December 31, 2010 Discover Financial Services announced the acquisition of The Citibank, N.A. and a leading originator of student loans. Discover Student Loans is one of the largest providers of private student loans in the Lover 2,200 colleges and graduate schools across the country to help them cover up to	Jnited States.	We provide loans to students at	

4. Does your organization expect to be able to honor the terms and benefits for your private loans for the full academic year?	Yes ▼
Provide Additional Details We honor the benefits we advertised for existing loans, even if we change our benefit policies for new loar	S.
4a. If it becomes necessary to change loan terms and benefits, how will student, parents and schools be notified?	
Provide Additional Details We notify students and schools by e-mail and mail prior to any changes in loan terms or processes, and u our website. Your Business Development Manager, Kim Jarosinski, is the main point of contact for communication to E processes, products and initiatives. As noted above, we honor the benefits we advertised for existing loans, even if we change our benefit policy.	uffalo State College on new
5. Are your loans serviced in-house? If not, please list thrid party servicers below.	
Provide Additional Details We fund, hold and provide most of the servicing of our student loans in-house and have knowledgeable, U Specialists ready to help our customers 24/7 for the life of the loan. We use third party servicers for some	

6. Do you offer a dedicated phone line for FAO? If so, please list contact information below	5		
Provide Additional Details Your Priority Services team can be reached at 1-877-321-5018 or e-mailed at FAOSen questions about operations, individual applications and specific accounts. Dedicated so ET, Monday through Friday.			
7. Do you provide a toll-free number for borrower inquiries? Provide Additional Details Our knowledgeable US-based Student Loan Specialists are available anytime 24 hours When students and parents call us, they reach a live person who helps them with:	5 s a day, 7 days	Yes vs a week at 1-800-STUDENT.	
General inquiries Applications by phone Student or parent inquiries on applications in process or existing loans Our customer service call centers are located in Phoenix, Arizona and West Valley, Uta	ah.		
a. What are the hours of operation for the toll-free number?	5	Yes ▼	
Provide Additional Details Our knowledgeable US-based Student Loan Specialists are available anytime 24 hours	s a day, 7 days	s a week.	

8. Do you provide online chat?	5	Yes ▼	
Provide Additional Details We feature Live Chat and secure e-mail on our website as an added convenience for	customers to g	get the answers they need.	
Do you have loan calculators available to the borrower?	4	Yes ▼	
Provide Additional Details We feature Live Chat and secure e-mail on our website as an added convenience for	customers to g	get the answers they need.	
Do you conduct borrower satisfaction surveys? If so, please list a 10. summary of pertinent results below or attach additional documentation	3		
Provide Additional Details We take our level of customer satisfaction seriously. We perform call listening and and of service to both schools and borrowers. We conduct customer satisfaction surveys a satisfaction. Our most recent measurements are not available. We're building our corproducts and programs that help them get the most for their money.	and use the res	sults to help measure borrower	

Do you offer online account management (e.i. loan inquiry, online payments, etc.) for borrowers?	5	
Provide Additional Details DiscoverStudentLoans.com has tips and tools to assist students as they explore finance prepare for repayment. From their online account, students and cosigners can: • Apply for a loan and get an immediate credit response • Electronically sign or download the Promissory Note, Self-Certification Form and Co • View loan balances and interest rates • Update personal information (phone, address, e-mail, password) • Print forms for deferment and automatic payment enrollment From choosing to pay online to setting up automatic payments, DiscoverStudentLoans	signer Addend	um
12. Are your loans available to	5	✓ Students □ Parents □ Other ✓ International Students
Provide Additional Details Our loans are available to students who are a US citizen, permanent resident or intern signer on the loan. International students require a Social Security number and a cosi meet the following requirements: US citizen or permanent resident At least 18 years old Must pass a credit check		
13. Are loans available to Provide Additional Details	5	✓ Undergraduate✓ Graduate☐ Law☐ Medical

We offer the following Discover Student Loans to Buffalo State College students: • Discover Undergraduate Loan—for undergraduate students who are enrolled in a 4-0 • Discover Graduate Loan—for graduate students, including masters and doctoral candidate the students of		ee program	
14. Does a student have to be making satisfactory academic progress?	5	Yes ▼	
Provide Additional Details Student borrowers must be making satisfactory academic progress (SAP), as defined	by your school		
15. Are there loans available to students who are attending	5	✓ Full-time✓ Half-time✓ Less than half-time	
Provide Additional Details Students must be enrolled at least half-time to be eligible for Discover Student Loans. If students are taking summer classes or are in their final semester before graduation, according to their regular status during the academic year.	they will be co	onsidered full-time or half-time	
Must the student be matriculated in a degree program? Provide Additional Details	5	Yes ▼	

To be eligible for Discover Student Loans, the student borrower must be degree-seekin degree program, or a graduate degree program.	g and enrolled	d in a 4- or 5-year undergraduate	
17. Can the student be enrolled in a certificate program?	5	No 🔻	
Provide Additional Details To be eligible for Discover Student Loans, the student borrower must be degree-seekin degree program or a graduate degree program.	g and enrolled	d in a 4- or 5-year undergraduate	
18. Will you approve loans for past due balances?	5	No 🔻	
Provide Additional Details Discover Student Loans are not available for past due balances. Borrowers must apply eligible for Discover Student Loans.	before the enr	rollment period end date to be	
18a. If yes, how old can the past due balance be?	5	☐ 1-6 months ☐ 6-12 months	

Not applicable. Discover Student Loans can not be used to cover past due balances.					
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9. Will you offer any back end benefits to borrowers? Provide fee	4	Yes	.		
details by program type below:					
Provide Additional Details					
Auto Debit Reward— An eligible fixed rate or variable rate borrower receives 0.25% reare set up for recurring automatic debit from a bank account during the repayment ph		est rate reducti	on wnen p	payments	
Graduation Reward— An eligible undergraduate and graduate variable rate borrower					
outstanding principal balance of the loan on the last day of the month of graduation. E					
in full in a single redemption transaction, and may choose from either a credit to the ban electronic deposit into a bank account.	alance of any o	of their Discove	r Student	Loans or	
Discover Student Loans have zero fees.					
Please see DiscoverStudentLoans.com for the full Auto Debit and Graduation Reward	Terms and Co	onditions.			
0. What is the utilization rate of benefits?	4				
Provide Additional Details	•	•			
As of December 2013, the participation rate for Auto Debit Reward is 32% of borrowe	rs in repaymen	t.			
As of December 2013, out of borrowers who have graduated and are eligible, 75% ha We approved 95% of these requests.	ve requested to	o redeem the G	Graduation	Reward.	
4. Con a harroway loos a harrofft due to lete may mente?					
1. Can a borrower lose a benefit due to late payments?	4	Yes			

Zero origination fees are automatic and can never be lost. If the borrower has three returned payments for non-sufficient funds, we will cancel automatic Debit Reward. Once lost, the Auto Debit Reward cannot be regained. The borrower resuming recurring payments through automatic debit from a bank account, but will not Borrowers must graduate to redeem the Graduation Reward. If borrowers default on the another lender prior to redeeming the Graduation Reward, they will not be eligible for a	er may re-enron receive the A eir loan or con	oll for automatic payments by uto Debit Reward. solidate or refinance the loan w	rith	
21a. If yes, is the borrower required to compensate the loan holder for the lost benefit?	4	No 🔻		
Provide Additional Details No, the borrower is not required to compensate the loan holder for the lost benefit.				
21b. Can the benefit(s) be regained?	4	No ▼		
Provide Additional Details The benefit can not be regained. The borrower may re-enroll for automatic payments be automatic debit from a bank account, but will not receive the Auto Debit Reward.	y resuming re	ecurring payments through		
21c. If yes, what actions does the borrower have to take to regain the benefit(s)?	4			
Provide Additional Details				

22. Are benefits different with or without a co-signer? Provide Additional Details No, our benefits are available to all Discover Student Loans borrowers. 23. Do you offer a co-signer release option? Provide Additional Details We do not offer a cosigner release. Keeping a cosigner for the loan duration reduces default risk. 23a. If yes, what terms does the borrower have to meet? 3	Not applicable.				
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23a. If yes, what terms does the borrower have to meet?	Provide Additional Details We do not offer a cosigner release. Keeping a cosigner for the loan duration reduces d	efault risk.			
	23a. If yes, what terms does the borrower have to meet?	3			

Not applicable. We do not offer a cosigner release option.			
24. Are interest rates fixed or variable?	5	•	
Provide Additional Details We offer both fixed and variable rate loan products.			
25. What index is used to price loans?	5	✓ Prime☐ 1 month LIBOR☐ 3 month LIBOR☐ Other	
Provide Additional Details Variable interest rates are based on the Prime Index and adjust quarterly on each Januchange date, the Prime Index is the highest rate of interest listed as the prime rate in the Journal on the first Friday of the last month of the previous quarter. For the second quarter of 2014, the Prime Index is 3.25%.			

25a. How frequently is the index adjusted?	5	☐ Monthly☑ Quarterly☐ Other	
Provide Additional Details			
For variable interest rates, the Prime Index adjusts quarterly on each January 1st, April	1st, July 1st,	and October 1st.	
26. What is the interest rate spread?	5		
Provide Additional Details			
Fixed Rate Loans: • Discover Undergraduate Loans range from 6.74% to 10.99% APR • Discover Graduate Loans range from 6.74% to 10.99% APR Variable Rate Loans: • Discover Undergraduate Loans range from Prime Index + 0.00% to Prime Index + 5.00% • Discover Graduate Loans range from Prime Index + 0.00% to Prime Index + 5.00%	0%		
What, if any fees, are associated with this loan? For example, origination, guarantee, late payment, etc.	5		
Provide Additional Details Zero fees - Students will not pay any fees to Discover Student Loans for the life of their Zero fees include, but are not limited to: • Zero Loan Fee • Zero Origination Fee • Zero Up-Front Fee • Zero Guarantee Fee • Zero Insurance Fee • Zero Disbursement Fee • Zero Supplemental Fee • Zero Repayment Fee	loan.		

28. What is the interest rate mode for credit approved Buffalo State student applicants (with and without a cosigner)?	5		
Provide Additional Details	40/ This	handar OA Carlamana dhara	
The mode for fixed interest rate from July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 was 9.24. The mode for variable interest rate from July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 was 1 loans. These percentages are not statistically significant due to the low number of apprinture loans.	7.50%. This w	as based on 13 final approved	
What is the mean interest rate for credit approved Buffalo State student applicants (with and without a cosigner)?	5		
Provide Additional Details			
loans. The weighted average variable interest rate for Buffalo State College borrowers f December 31, 2013 was 7.00%. This was based on 13 final approved loans. These pet the low number of approved loans and are not indicative of future loans.			
Please provide your current approval/denial percentages for Buffalo	_		
30. State families and specifiy date range used	5		
Provide Additional Details			

31. What is the minimum loan amount?	3		
Provide Additional Details			
Discover Student Loans have a minimum loan amount of \$1,000.			
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32. Do you offer principal and interest deferment options for private	5	Yes ▼	
Joans?			
Provide Additional Details Borrowers who are enrolled in school at least half-time qualify for unlimited automatic	deforment of n	ringing and interest. We also offer	
the following types of deferment:	determent of p	fincipal and interest. We also offer	
Active Military Duty (up to 3 years)			
Residency (up to 5 years) Public Service (up to 3 years)			
Thubit dervice (up to 3 years)			
In addition, borrowers can request a discretionary forbearance up to 12 months due to	the following	temporary hardships:	
Unemployment Economic hardship			
Excessive student loan burden			
Medical disability			
33. Do you offer an interest only payment option?	5	No 🔻	
Provide Additional Details			
We do not offer an interest only payment option.			

34. Is there a minimum monthly payment?	5	Yes ▼	
Provide Additional Details			
The minimum monthly payment is \$50.			
35. What repayment terms are available?	5		
Provide Additional Details Discover Student Loans have the following repayment terms: • Undergraduate borrowers can take up to 15 years to repay their loans. • Graduate borrowers can take up to 20 years to repay their loans.			
36. When does repayment begin?	5		
Provide Additional Details At the conclusion of the grace period, the repayment phase begins. Discover Student • Undergraduate: 6 months • Graduate: 9 months	Loans have th	ne following grace periods:	
37. Do you have a loan consolidation program?	3	No 🔻	

Provide Additional Details			
A priority for Discover Student Loans is to launch additional products including Consoli	idation loans.		
37a. If yes, please outline available programs	3	•	
Provide Additional Details			
Not applicable. We do not have a loan consolidation program at this time.			
37b. Does a borrower lose access to loan benefits?	3	_	
Provide Additional Details			_
Not applicable. We do not have a loan consolidation program at this time.			

38. Please complete the following repayment example: - Loan balance of \$40,000 (\$10,000 per year for four years) - Disbursement dates of 9/1 and 1/1 - Graduation date is 5/15/2017 - Assume the interest is not paid (if an option for your loan product) while the student is in school or during grace period Use the following Loan product maximum % interest rate in your repayment calculation	1		
Provide Additional Details Assumes the interest is not paid while the student is in-school or during grace period In-school and grace period of 51 months; repayment term of 15 years Benefits for variable rate loans include Auto Debit Reward of 0.25% in repayment and Benefit for fixed rate loans include Auto Debit Reward of 0.25% in repayment Variable interest rate loans: OPrime Index rate assumed to be 3.25% for the life of the loan O 8.25% interest rate (Prime Index plus 5.00%) for the in-school and grace period of no borrower benefits O 8.00% interest rate for the remaining repayment term of 15 years for borrower who Fixed interest rate loans: O 10.99% for the in-school and grace period of 51 months and repayment for borrower	51 months an	nd repayment for borrowers with	
38a. With no borrower benefits	5		
Provide Additional Details Undergraduate highest fixed interest rate with no borrower benefits: • \$104,609: Total amount repaid by borrower, including principal and interest • \$581: Monthly payment Undergraduate average weighted fixed interest rate (8.49%) with no borrower benefit • \$86,132: Total amount repaid by borrower, including principal and interest • \$479: Monthly payment Undergraduate highest variable interest rate with no borrower benefits: • \$84,480: Total amount repaid by borrower, including principal and interest • \$469: Monthly payment	s:		
38b. With all borrower benefits	5		
Provide Additional Details			

Undergraduate average weighted fixed interest rate (8.49%) with borrower benefits: • \$84,854: Total amount repaid by borrower, including principal and interest • \$471: Monthly payment Undergraduate highest variable interest rate with borrower benefits: • \$81,842: Total amount repaid by borrower, including principal and interest • \$455: Monthly payment			
39. Do you offer online financial literacy/debt management assistance to borrowers?	4	Yes ▼	
Provide Additional Details DiscoverStudentLoans.com has tips and tools to assist students as they explore finance prepare for repayment. Content and resources are organized so information is simple at our website includes a section titled Borrow Responsibly to help educate students an and manage credit wisely. We offer a comprehensive Guide to Using Credit Wisely to a decisions. • We also provide a Pay for College section to help students understand the costs of at gap. • Our website includes a Student Loan Calculator section, with easy access to our tools.	and easy to ur d their familie assist consum ttending collec	nderstand. Is learn how to borrow responsibly hers with making wise credit	
40. Please provide current default rate of your lender's private loan portfolio. National % and Buffalo State % (please identify each)	3		
Provide Additional Details Default rates for Discover Student Loans are considered proprietary information.			
Will a dedicated loan processing representative be assigned to the school?	5	Yes ▼	
Provide Additional Details Kim Jarosinski, Business Development Manager, is your dedicated representative who available to assist your office in resolving problems on a regular basis and is able to reassist with debt counseling sessions and will be your advocate within our organization. 7116 or by e-mail at KimberlyJarosinski@discover.com.	spond to inqui	iries within 24 hours. Kim can	

In addition to Kim, the Priority Service Representatives dedicated to assisting your staff Lee. They can be reached at 1-877-321-5018 or e-mailed at FAOService@DiscoverStu about operations, individual applications, and specific accounts.		· ·	
42. When can a loan increase/decrease be made?	5		
Provide Additional Details Changes to loan records can be made both pre- and post-disbursement. Loan decreasincludes school certification); however, loan increases cannot be made after loan approach the additional amount.		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
42a. How can loan increases/decreases be made?	5		
Provide Additional Details Borrowers can call us at 1-800-STUDENT to request a loan decrease. We will then eith to accommodate the request. If a borrower requests a loan increase, we will work with to can apply online or over the phone in just a few minutes. Schools also have the ability to make changes to loan records both pre- and post-disbut DiscoverStudentLoans.com and through School Based Software. You can also work diskepresentatives to make changes and resolve issues.	them to submi	it a new application. Borrowers alling 1-877-321-5018, online at	
43. Do you offer e-sign for promissory notes?	5	Yes ▼	
Provide Additional Details Students (and cosigners if applicable) can e-sign their Promissory Note, Self-Certification website DiscoverStudentLoans.com.	on (and Cosig	ner Addendum if needed) on our	

44. What disbursement options do you offer?	4	✓ EFT✓ Master Check✓ Check✓ Other	
Provide Additional Details We provide a variety of processing options to support your school's disbursement prefers school according to your preference: • Central disbursement via a third-party agent such as ELM NDN, Great Lakes CDS or • Electronic funds transfer directly to your school's designated bank account • Paper check addressed to school or school and borrower We currently have Buffalo State College set up in our system to disburse via ELM NDN	iLink CDS.	can disburse funds directly to your	
45. Do you send certification requests through ELMNet? If not currently, would you be willing to?	5		
Provide Additional Details We currently have Buffalo State College set up in our system using ELM for certificatio	ns.		
46. Do you participate in ELM National Disbursement Network (NDN)? If not, would you be willing to do so? Provide Additional Details	5		

47. Do you sell your private loans? Provide Additional Details We have not sold and do not plan to sell our private loans. 47a. If yes, to what organization do you sell your loans? 5 Provide Additional Details Not applicable. We have not sold and do not plan to sell our private loans.	We currently have Buffalo State College set up in our system to disburse via ELM NDN	I.			
We have not sold and do not plan to sell our private loans. 47a. If yes, to what organization do you sell your loans? 5	47. Do you sell your private loans?	5	No	v	
Provide Additional Details					
Provide Additional Details Not applicable. We have not sold and do not plan to sell our private loans.	47a. If yes, to what organization do you sell your loans?	5			
	Provide Additional Details Not applicable. We have not sold and do not plan to sell our private loans.				
47b. When in the student's academic career is a loan sold? 5 Provide Additional Details		5			

Not applicable. We have not sold and do not plan to sell our private loans.	
47c. How will the borrower be notified about the loan sale?	
Provide Additional Details Not applicable. We have not sold and do not plan to sell our private loans.	
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✓ I have attached additional documents to the e-mail.	