

The Committee on Admission and Financial Aid (CAFA) is pleased to announce the following enhancements to the college's financial aid program for the 2018-2019 academic year.

### **Personal Allowance**

When you receive your financial aid award this summer, you'll notice that your Personal Allowance, which covers expenses such as laundry, toiletries, your data plan, etc., has been increased from \$1500 to \$1800.

Your Personal Allowance comes from the money you earn through your campus job. This increase means that, next year, an additional \$300 of your earnings from your campus job will stay in your pocket for spending money, and \$300 of grant will be added to your financial aid award. My hope is that this will make it a little easier for you to pay for day-to-day expenses during the year ahead.

### **Health Insurance Grant**

Beginning this summer, the college will cover the full cost of health insurance for financial aid recipients who do not have health insurance or whose health insurance does not meet the college's [requirements for coverage](#). Please be sure to [enroll in this new program](#) no later than August 1, 2018.

Your family can purchase your insurance through the college even if they have coverage, but please be aware that the cost of your college insurance plan will not be covered by the Health Insurance Grant. Alternatively, financial aid recipients who have health insurance that meets Williams' requirements are able to waive the college's plan. To do so, please [complete the waiver process](#) by August 1, 2018.

### **Summer Storage**

Beginning this month, the Offices of Financial Aid and Student Life (OSL) have arranged to make FREE storage available to all financial aid recipients who wish to store personal belongings while away from campus. So that we can accommodate all students who need storage space, some limitations exist. Please check out the details [here](#). International students should view special instructions on the [International Student Services webpage](#).

### **Arranging Your Travel to and from Campus**

Most students arrange their travel to and from campus with money earned through campus employment, so if you haven't yet worked on campus, arranging your travel can sometimes be difficult. Beginning this summer, it is possible to arrange your travel ahead of time but have the cost of your ticket charged to your student account, so that you can pay it off over the course of the academic year. Please contact [Theresa Lassar](#) to make arrangements.

### **First Yard Fund**

Members of the Class of 2022 and subsequent incoming first-year students will be eligible for the newly created First Yard Fund. For students whose total parent contributions are \$4,000 or less, the fund provides a \$300 grant during the summer to cover the cost of items needed for the start of college—a winter coat and boots, dorm room supplies, etc.

Questions? Don't hesitate to contact [Liz Creighton](#), dean of admission and financial aid, or a [financial aid officer](#).