

STUDENT FINANCE EXPLAINED



**Closing deadline for on Line applications is
31st May 2018**

MMU gave a talk to students on 24th January 2018

www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

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Website to apply: www.gov.uk/student-finance

You will need the following documents and information to complete your application:

- National Insurance Number
- Passport details
- Income details of your household
- Bank account Details
- If necessary medical evidence of a disability

There is also a section to be completed by parents who will need their National Insurance Number. Student Finance advises you and your parents to complete your applications as early as possible as you may be asked to send evidence in to them and this can take time.

Tuition Fees

Paid by the Government directly to you university as a student loan to be repaid, maximum of £9250 per year.

Maintenance Loan for Living Costs

Paid by the Government into your Bank Account in 3 instalments at the beginning of each term and is a loan to be repaid. The loan is 50-55% dependent on household income and is used to cover living costs such as halls of residence fees.

Household Income	Maintenance loans
£25,000 or less	£8700
£30,000	£8076
£35,000	£7452
£40,000	£6828
£45,000	£6204

If you are planning to live at home your Maintenance Loan maybe slightly reduced or if you plan to live in London it may be increased. See table below for maximum course related entitlements.

Full-Time Student	Maintenance Loan Entitlement
Living at Home	Up To £7324
Living Away from Home not in London	Up To £8700
Living Away from Home in London	Up To £11,354
Spend 1 Year of a UK Course Studying Abroad	Up To £9963

Repayment

Student loans are **not** interest free; the amount of interest paid is linked to inflation. You will be charged interest from the day you take out your loan. If a student does not complete their course they will need to repay any tuition and maintenance loans that have been paid to them up to that point. The loan is only repayable when you finish your course and your income goes above £21,000. It will be deducted from your salary (just like tax and national insurance) at 9% of your income over £21,000, even if you move abroad and regardless of whether your tuition fees were £6000 or £9250. All outstanding repayments will be written off after 30 years. Below is a table showing typical student loan repayment according to what you earn.

Earnings	9% Deducted from	Annual Repayment	Monthly Pay Packet Repayment
£21,000	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
£22,000	£1000	£84	£7
£25,000	£4000	£360	£30.00
£30,000	£9000	£810	£67.50
£40,000	£19000	£1710	£142.50
£50,000	£29000	£2610	£217.50

Other Financial Support Available

Care Leavers Grant

If you have been in local authority care before going to University you will find that both your leaving care team and university have plenty of additional support available for you. All information supplied is kept confidential.

Disabled Students Allowance

If you have a disability, ongoing health condition or specific learning difficulty you will be eligible for additional support from the Disabled Student's Allowance.

University Bursaries

Bursaries are usually linked to your household income. When you apply for your loans and grants you can agree to your university having access to your overall household income. It is really important that you do this as they will use this income figure to see if you are eligible for a university bursary. You can spend the bursary as you wish and it is non repayable. You should check the universities websites to see how they pay their bursaries as some do this automatically and others you have to apply for.

Scholarships

Scholarships are usually given to students because of achievement and excellence. You may well have to do some research into your university to find out what is available and if you are eligible.

Fee Waiver

This is a reduction of a student's tuition fees each year meaning the loan needed is reduced. This is dependent on household income and can be applied for from the university direct.

Useful Websites

www.studentfinanceengland.co.uk

www.studentloanrepayment.co.uk

www.thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance

www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk

www.moneysavingexpert.com

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT LOANS?

FUNDING	HOW IS IT PAID	WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	MEANS/ NON MEANS TESTED	REPAYABLE/ NON REPAYABLE
TUITION FEE LOAN	Direct to the University	Student Loans Company		Non Means tested	Repayable once completed and earning over £21,000
MAINTENANCE LOAN	Directly to students in 3 instalments	Student Loans Company	Used to live off by students, pay rent, buy food etc	45-50% Non means tested 55% Means tested	Repayable once completed and earning over £21,000
UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS	Depends on individual universities (check their websites)	University	Given to students that excel in a certain areas such as academically or in sport	Non means tested	Non repayable
UNIVERSITY BURSARIES	Depends on individual Universities (check their website)	University	Dependent on income	Means tested	Non repayable