



16th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Student Finance 2020

Applications for Student Finance for degree courses commencing September/October 2020 are now open. All applications are completed online at the website <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login>

All students should:

- Apply early to make sure finances are in place before the start of the academic year. An application should be made even if your child has not yet received all offers or hasn't yet decided which university to accept. The deadline to apply is the **22nd May**.
- Make sure they provide an up-to-date e-mail address (a personal email address must be used) to allow Student Finance England to contact your child about their application.
- Have important documents to hand when completing the application form e.g. National Insurance Number, bank account details and passport details as they will be asked for this information when applying.

Below is a brief outline of the finances that are available and I include some website addresses which provide more details about student loans, bursaries and scholarships.

There are 2 sources of loans available to students.

1. Tuition Fee Loans

Tuition fees are what a university charges each year and students can receive up to £9,250 annually to cover the fees. The Tuition Fee Loan is paid directly to the university in three instalments throughout the academic year.

2. Maintenance Loans

Students can apply for loans to help with their living costs and this is paid in three instalments throughout the academic year. How much a student receives depends on annual household income, where they will study and where they will live. You will need to confirm details of household income if your child is applying for a Maintenance Loan.

Loans do not have to be paid back until your child has completed their degree and are earning above £25,725. The amount repaid each month will depend on their income and not the amount borrowed.

If you are not from the UK

- If you are not from the UK it is a good idea to [check out GOV.UK before you apply for more information on who qualifies for student finance.](#)
- You may be asked to provide evidence of your ID and residency history. It is important to send this as soon as possible to confirm that you are entitled to funding.
- If you are from an EU country, you will be able to access student finance if the course in England starts in the 2020 to 2021 academic year. This will be available for the duration of the course, provided you meet residency requirements. Further guidance is available at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/studying-in-the-uk-guidance-for-eu-students>



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Additional Funding

Your child may be eligible for a bursary and/or scholarship award from the university they will be attending. Bursaries and scholarships are not loans and do not need to be paid back; they may be offered to students applying for certain subject areas or specialisms. Some students may receive funding based on their academic attainment, while others may be eligible for support because of their personal circumstances. To see what bursaries and scholarships are available, visit the university website. I have sent all students some additional information about scholarship & bursaries as sources of funding.

Further information

- Students can access more information and guidance about applying for student finance on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk), [The Student Room](https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk) and by following Student Finance England at [facebook.com/SFEngland](https://www.facebook.com/SFEngland), twitter.com/SF_England or [youtube/SFEFILM](https://www.youtube.com/SFEFILM)
- www.ucas.co.uk
- www.moneysavingexpert.com

If you would like to discuss any of the matters raised in this letter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Anita Lomax
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