



Loans for part-time study



Thinking about studying part-time and wondering how you're going to pay for it?



Student Finance England is here to help.

Student Finance England is a service provided by the Student Loans Company. We provide financial support on behalf of the government to students from England entering higher education in the UK.

We're here to help and can offer you financial support when you need it most - during your studies. To apply, visit www.gov.uk/studentfinance

For everything you need to know about student finance, bookmark SFE's student finance zone on The Student Room at www.thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance

Facts on loans for part-time study 2017/18

For new and continuing students who started their course on or after 1 September 2012.

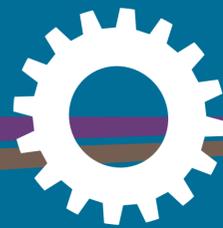
- You won't have to pay any tuition fees up front and will be eligible to apply for a Tuition Fee Loan of up to £6,935. If you're studying at a private university or college, you can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan of up to £4,625.
- The Tuition Fee Loan isn't based on household income and there's no upper age limit for applying.
- The amount of Tuition Fee Loan you can get depends on the fees charged by your university or college.
- To qualify you must be studying at least 25% of the equivalent full-time course for each year of study, taking no longer than four times the time it would take to complete the course if you were studying full time (up to a maximum of 16 years).
- You can apply up to nine months after the start of the academic year.
- You'll be due to start repaying your loan the April four years after the start of the first academic year of your course, or the April after you leave your course - whichever comes first. However, you'll only start making repayments if your income is over £21,000 a year, £1,750 a month or £404 a week.
- Interest is charged from the day we make your first payment until the loan is paid in full or cancelled. The interest rate is based on the UK Retail Price Index (RPI)* and will vary depending on your circumstances. For more information, go to www.slc.co.uk/repayment
- If you have a disability, including a long-term health condition, mental-health condition or specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia or dyspraxia, you can get extra help called Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs). These don't have to be paid back.

*RPI is a measure of UK inflation. It measures changes to the cost of living in the UK.

For more information and to apply, visit www.gov.uk/studentfinance

For a range of helpful tools and guidance, visit www.thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance

How to apply



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1 What you need to do

Apply online as soon as the application service opens at www.gov.uk/studentfinance

If you're a continuing part-time student, we'll send you an email to let you know it's time to re-apply.

Apply as early as possible to make sure your student finance is ready for the start of your course.

Remember to print out the declaration form, sign it and return it to us.



2 What happens next



We'll process your application and send you a Student Finance Entitlement letter telling you how much you can get.

Keep your letter to show to your university or college when you register.

3 Getting your money

You start your course and your university or college confirms to us that you have registered.

We'll pay your tuition fees directly to your university or college.



Remember, you'll need to apply for student finance for each year of your course. If you're applying for DSAs, you'll need to re-apply for these each year too. For more information on repayment, go to www.slc.co.uk/repayment

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