Funding for A108 Medicine students 2017 entry

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Please note, the information on this sheet is only relevant to students with “home status”, who usually live in England and who will commence the 6 year A108 Medicine with a Foundation Year course in September 2017. Other UK and international students should check with the Student Loans Company (SLC) and the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) for details of eligibility – see Useful Contacts.

Funding in Years 0-3 (The Foundation Year is referred to as Year 0)

For the first four years of your course you can apply for funding from the Student Loans Company via the regional assessment centre. For England this is Student Finance England (SFE).

**Tuition fees**

If eligible, you will be able to apply for a tuition fee loan to cover the tuition fees charged by the University (in 2017/18 this is £9,250). This loan is paid direct to the University to your tuition fee account.

**Living costs**

You may also be eligible to take out a living cost loan of up to £8,430. £3,928 of the loan is non means tested; the remainder is means tested on household income. You can apply online for both loans through SFE at: www.gov.uk/student-finance

**Additional Allowances from SFE**

- **Childcare Allowance** – This means-tested allowance is available to students with dependent children aged 15 or under (or 17 and under for children with special educational needs) on the first day of the academic year. This allowance pays up to 85% of actual childcare costs up to a maximum of £159.59 per week for one child and £273.60 per week for two or more children.

- **Parents Learning Allowance** – This means tested allowance of up to £1,617 is to help with course-related costs such as books, photocopying and materials.

- **Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA)** – Home students who have a disability may be eligible to receive funding to help with extra costs incurred while attending their course which are a result of their disability. Advice is available from the University’s Disability Support team - see Useful Contacts/University Contacts.

**Funding in Years 4 and 5**

2016/17 figures have been used as a guide and will be updated with 2017/18 information when it is confirmed.

**Tuition fees**

The NHS will pay your tuition fees if you fulfil the criteria for a ‘home’ student, and usually live in England, in both Years 4 and 5 of your course (5th and 6th years of study).
Living costs
(figures given are for 2016/17 and may change when you progress to year 4 in 2021)

NHS Grant and Income Assessed Bursary
In years 4 and 5 you can apply to the NHS for a non means tested grant and an income assessed
bursary, see www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students/816.aspx. In 2016/17 the non means tested grant is
£1,000 and the bursary is a maximum of £4,491 (covering 52 weeks) depending on your household
income, and assuming you live in rented or your own accommodation. If you live with your parents all
year round then you will receive the ‘at home’ bursary rate which in 2016/17 is a maximum of £3,439.
Any bursary awarded will be paid monthly from July, over 12 months.

Most students will still be classed as being dependent on their parents in the latter years of the course,
so the NHS Bursary will be assessed on their household income. If you are married, living with a civil
partner and/or have dependent children then the income used for assessment purposes will be yours
and/or your partner’s.

Additional Allowances from the NHS

- **Dependants Allowance** – Students with dependants (both children and adult) may be eligible
  for a means tested allowance of £2,448 for their first dependant and an additional £549 for any
  other children.
- **Childcare Allowance** – This means-tested allowance is available to students with dependent
  children aged 15 or under (or 17 and under for children with special educational needs) on the
  first day of the academic year. This allowance pays up to 85% of actual childcare costs up to a
  maximum of £128.78 per week for one child and £191.45 per week for two or more children.
- **Parents Learning Allowance** – This means tested allowance of up to £1,204 is to help with
  course-related costs such as books, photocopying and materials.
- **Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA)** – Home students who have a disability may be eligible
  to receive funding to help with extra costs incurred while attending their course which are a
  result of their disability. Advice is available from the University’s Disability Support team - see
  Useful Contacts/University Contacts.

Student Loan
(figures are for 2017/18 and may change when you progress to year 4 in 2021)

You may be eligible for a reduced rate student loan from the Student Loans Company (SLC). Apply
online via Student Finance www.gov.uk/studentfinance but ensure you tick the relevant box to
confirm that you are eligible to apply for a means tested (income assessed) NHS bursary.

The amount of loan you receive will depend on where you live in term time. If you live at home with
parents then you can expect a loan of £1,744 in Year 4 and £1,324 in Year 5. If you live in rented or
your own accommodation then the loan offered is £2,324 in Year 4 and £1,811 in Year 5. The length of
your academic year does not affect this loan. It is a fixed amount regardless of the number of weeks
you are in attendance.

Although you will commence the Medicine 4th year in July 2021, you will not receive any student loan
until after **1st September of that relevant year**. This is because you are not able to receive two
student loans in one Student Finance financial year (which begins on 1st September); you have to wait
until the next financial year begins. However we know that for many of you it is important to receive
the first instalment as soon as possible, so there is a procedure in place to try and help with this. We
will send you a factsheet nearer the time to explain what you need to do.
NB- we are not able to confirm attendance before 1st September therefore no one can receive a loan instalment before 1st September.

Applying for your NHS bursary
The University will advise the NHS of details of all medical students who will be eligible to apply for NHS funding for the following relevant academic year.

You then (in 2021) need to apply for the Bursary via the NHS Bursary Online Support System, BOSS at https://myaccount.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Pages/Login.aspx

Applying for your student loan
You apply online at www.gov.uk/studentfinance

Financial help from the University

In Years 0-3 you may be eligible to receive the University Core Bursary. We use the household income assessed by Student Finance to determine the award (2017/18 rates shown below).

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Payment will be made in three equal instalments; the first in early November, second in January and the third in April or May.

Council tax
Full-time students are exempt from council tax. Students should inform their local council of their student status. Where this leaves one liable person in a household a 25% discount may be claimed.

Tax credits and benefits
Please contact the Student Advice Centre for more details on benefits and your entitlement - see Useful Contacts.

- Child tax credits (CTC)/Universal Credit (UC) - Students with children under 16 (or under 18 in certain circumstances) can continue to claim CTC. We advise you to inform the Inland Revenue you will be in full-time education.
- Lone parents, disabled students, student couples with children – The Department for Work and Pensions will expect you to apply for all the student support you are entitled to.
Useful contacts

National contacts

NHS Business Services Authority
Advice on all elements of finance for NHS funded study.
t: +44 (0)300 330 1345
w: www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students

GOV.UK
Advice and information on all aspects of student finance including eligibility, entitlements and how to apply for the Student Loan via Student Finance England.
w: www.gov.uk/studentfinance

Student Loans Company
Information relating to Student Loans.
w: www.slc.co.uk

Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs (HMRC)
Information on tax credits eligibility and application procedures.
w: www.hmrc.gov.uk

National Union of Students (NUS)
Advice and guidance on all aspects of student life.
w: www.nus.org.uk

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All information was correct at the time of writing and is based on data from Gov.UK, The University of Nottingham, the NHSBSA and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. The figures given relate to the rates for 2016/17 and are likely to change in the future. Funding packages regularly change so please refer back to websites for up to date information. It is also possible any specific processes mentioned may change.

We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information we provide however it can only give general guidance. We would always advise you to contact the relevant funding bodies referenced in relation to your specific circumstances.

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