Funding for A108 Medicine students in course years 4 & 5 (5th and 6th years of study)

NB: The Foundation Year is referred to as Year 0

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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 commenced the 6 year A108 Medicine with a Foundation Year course in September 2012, 2013, 2014 or 2015. Other UK and international students should check with the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) for details of eligibility – see Useful Contacts.

The figures used in this factsheet are based on 2017/18 arrangements and will be updated with 2018/19 information as soon as 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.

Living costs
NHS Grant and Income Assessed Bursary

You can apply to the NHS for a non means tested grant and an income assessed bursary, see www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/student-services. In 2017/18 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 2017/18 is a maximum of £3,439. Any bursary awarded will be paid monthly from July, over 12 months.

As your course began in/after September 2012 or later you will be classed as a 'New Rules Student' for your funding.

Most students will be classed as being dependent on their parents, 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 – 2017/18 rates

- **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 – 2018/19 rates

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](http://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 4th year in June/July, you will not receive any student loan until after 1st September of the 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:

In order to receive your student loan as soon as possible, please ensure that you have completed Online Registration with the University before the end of August in the relevant year. Your first loan instalment will then be paid into your nominated bank account within five working days of 1st September. The same process will need to be repeated for Year 5.

**NB- we are not able to confirm attendance before 1st September therefore no one can receive a loan instalment before 1st September.**

Financial help from the University

**A108 Year 4 Award**

The A108 Year 4 Award will provide students who received a University of Nottingham Core Bursary in year 3 with an award of equivalent value in year 4 (i.e. the 5th year of study).

Payment will be made as usual in early November and in the first week of terms 2 and 3 - you will contacted at the beginning of the academic year with further information.

In Year 5 (6th year of study) you will not be eligible to receive a Core Bursary or A108 Year 4 Award (in line with funding for all final year Medics).
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 forthcoming academic year (in this case 2017/18).

You then 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

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
[www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students](http://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.
[www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)

**Student Loans Company**
Information relating to Student Loans.
[www.slc.co.uk](http://www.slc.co.uk)

**Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs (HMRC)**
Information on tax credits eligibility and application procedures.
[www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk)

**National Union of Students (NUS)**
Advice and guidance on all aspects of student life.
[https://www.nus.org.uk/](https://www.nus.org.uk/)

University contacts

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Advice on all aspects of student finance including Student Loans, Government grants, University scholarships, bursaries and support funds.
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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 of Education. The figures used are those for the 2017/18 academic year, unless otherwise stated. Figures may vary in the future because of funding changes.

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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