



Funding for Graduate Entry Medicine (GEM)

New home students starting the GEM course from September 2026

If you require this factsheet in an alternative format please contact Funding and Financial Support on +44 (0)115 74 86500 (Faculty option; Option 4)

Or via the **Student Enquiry Centre**: <https://student-enquiries.nottingham.ac.uk>

*The information in this factsheet is applicable to students with 'home' status, who normally live in **England**. If you are usually resident in Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales, you should approach the appropriate agency in your country for student support rather than NHS Business Authority (NHS BSA) – see Useful Contacts overleaf.*

Year One

The annual tuition fee in 2026/27 will be £9,790. You are responsible for paying the first £3,665 to the University yourself. For the remaining £6,125 eligible students can take out a tuition loan from Student Finance England (SFE). This loan is not means tested.

You may also be eligible to take out a living cost loan of up to £10,830 from SFE. £5,048 of the loan is non means tested; the remainder is means tested on household income. You will receive less if you live with your parents while studying. You can apply online for both loans through SFE at:

gov.uk/studentfinance

Years Two, Three & Four

In the second, third and fourth years it is expected that the NHS will pay the first £3,930 towards the University tuition fee. For the remaining amount £5,860 you will be able to take out a tuition fee loan from Student Finance England. The tuition fee may be subject to an annual inflationary increase, if allowed by Government, so these figures may change.

In 2025/26 (2026/27 rates not confirmed at time of writing) students received a non means tested Grant of £1,052, plus a means tested Bursary from the NHS. The maximum bursary available for a 30 week academic year is £2,780. A further £89 per week is available for any weeks above 30, meaning the maximum Bursary is £4,738. (A lower rate Bursary is offered if you live with your parents during term time.)

In addition you may be eligible for a non means-tested loan from Student Finance England. This will be £2,828 in 2026/27 (or £2,122 for students living with their parents), and £2,204 for final year students (or £1,609 for students living with their parents). You can apply on-line at: gov.uk/studentfinance

Additional allowances:

Additional allowances or grants may be available for students who have adult and/or child dependants. Refer to SFE for information on this support in Year 1, for Years 2-4 refer to the NHS BSA website – see Useful Contacts.

Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) – These are discretionary awards for full and part time Home (UK) students who incur additional costs whilst attending their course, as a result of their disability, dyslexia or long-term medical condition. They are distributed by SFE and the NHS BSA.



International students are not eligible for a DSA however the University will assess their needs on a case-by-case basis and seek appropriate funding to pay for support.

Additional Help from the University of Nottingham

University of Nottingham Core Bursary

Home (UK) students with a household income of £35,000 or below, as assessed by Student Finance may be entitled to a bursary from the University of £1,400. For details of how to ensure you receive this bursary please refer to nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport Bursaries and Scholarships tab. You must ensure you have been means tested by Student Finance. Payment is made in three instalments in November, January and April/May and is towards your living costs.

Nottingham Potential Bursary

A Nottingham Potential Bursary provides an additional £1,000. To be eligible you must meet the following criterion:

- have children or adult dependants and a residual household income figure of up to £35,000

Care Experienced and Estranged students

Please refer to nottingham.ac.uk/schoolsliasion/services/care-leavers.aspx and www.nottingham.ac.uk/schoolsliasion/services/student-support-packages/estranged-students.aspx for up to date information on what is being offered.

GEM School Scholarships

The University may offer competitive Graduate Entry Medicine Entrance Scholarships. Details of the schemes are available on the Financial Support website – nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport – under the section 'Bursaries & Scholarships'.

Further Support

GEM students are expected to have made realistic provision at the start of the course to fund both their tuition fees and living costs. However, if you are experiencing financial difficulties the Funding & Financial Support team may be able to help. We offer support and advice to students and can also make referrals to other support services.

Council Tax, Benefits and Universal Credit

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

Benefits, Tax Credits and Universal Credit

- If you are a lone parent, disabled or part of a student couple with children, you may be entitled to benefits. The Department for Work and Pensions will expect you to apply for all the student support you are entitled to. The student loan and Adult Dependants Grant will be taken into account as income in any benefit calculation.
- Child Tax Credits (CTC)/Universal Credit: if you have children under 16 (or under 18 in certain circumstances) you will still be able to claim CTC for your children, or certain elements of Universal Credit, subject to eligibility. You should inform the Inland Revenue that you are going into full-time education. For more information see gov.uk/universalcredit



Useful contacts

National contacts

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.

[gov.uk/studentfinance](https://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)

Student Loans Company

Information relating to Student Loans.

[slc.co.uk](https://www.slc.co.uk)

NHS Business Services Authority

Advice on all elements of finance for NHS funded study.

+44 (0)300 330 1345

[nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students](https://www.nhs.uk/business-services/students)

Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC)

Information on tax credits eligibility and application procedures.

[hmrc.gov.uk](https://www.hmrc.gov.uk)

National Union of Students (NUS)

Advice and guidance on all aspects of student life.

[nus.org.uk](https://www.nus.org.uk)

University contacts

School of Graduate Entry Medicine & Health

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nottingham.ac.uk/gem

Funding & Financial Support, Student Services

Advice on all aspects of student finance including Student Loans, Government grants, University scholarships, bursaries and support funds.

+44 (0)115 74 86500 (FacultyOption;Option 4)

Student Enquiry Centre: <https://student-enquiries.nottingham.ac.uk>

nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

Disability Support Services, Student Services

Study support for students with dyslexia, dyspraxia, other specific learning differences, disabilities or long term medical conditions

+44 (0)115 82 32070

disability-support-services@nottingham.ac.uk

nottingham.ac.uk/student-services

University of Nottingham Students' Union Advice Centre

A confidential service available to all University of Nottingham students, giving advice and information on a range of matters, such as housing, money and academic issues.

+44 (0)115 84 68730

SUAdvice@nottingham.ac.uk

su.nottingham.ac.uk/advice

All information was correct at the time of writing and is based on data from Gov.UK, The University of Nottingham, NHSBSA and the Department for Education (DfE).

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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