



Funding for students on Health Science courses

**BSc Midwifery; BSc Nursing; Graduate Entry Nursing;
Master of Nutrition and Dietetics; BSc Physiotherapy**

New UG home students entering from September 2020

If you require this document in an alternative format, please contact Financial Support:

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Please note, the information on this sheet is only relevant to students with "home status" and who usually live in **England**. Other UK, EU and international students should check with Student Finance and the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) for details of eligibility – see useful contacts.

You can still access the following financial support even if you already have a degree, as long as your qualification is not in the healthcare area that you are coming to study.

Tuition fee

Student Finance offer eligible students a tuition fee loan to cover the cost of the tuition fee charged by the University. In **2020/21 this will be £9,250** but the fee may increase annually, if allowed by Government. This loan is not means tested and is paid direct to the University.

Living costs

From Student Finance England:

Maintenance loan

You can apply to Student Finance England for a maintenance loan to help with living costs. For 2020/21 the minimum loan is £4,289 and the maximum is £9,203, assuming you are living away from your parents home whilst attending University. Loan awarded above the minimum loan is based on household income, usually your parent/s or partner income.

Please note the loan is reduced in the final year of your course.

Additional Allowances

- **Childcare Grant** – 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 £174.22 per week for one child, and £298.69 per week for two or more children. Where Student Finance assess household income as above £18,786.43 for one child, and £26,649.87 for two or more, no childcare grant will be awarded.
- **Parents Learning Allowance** – This means tested allowance, of up to £1,766 is to help with course-related costs such as books, photocopying and material.
- **Adult Dependant Grant** – Students with an adult dependant may be eligible for a means tested allowance of up to £3,094



- **Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)** – Students who have a disability, long term medical condition, specific learning difference or mental health condition may be eligible to receive funding to help with extra costs incurred while attending their course which are a result of their difference. Advice is available from the University's Disability Support team - see University Contacts.

Additional allowances are non repayable grants

Applying for Student Finance Funding

You can apply for your student loan from SFE either before or after you apply for your NHS funding. Go to gov.uk/studentfinance to apply online.

From the NHS:

Learning Support Fund

The Learning Support Fund (LSF) provides additional allowances to eligible students. These are not means tested, won't affect any student finance payments and are provided in addition to the maintenance loan.

- **Training Grant and uplift payments.** These provide £5,000 per year for eligible students plus a £1,000 regional incentive for students studying in certain regions in England and/or a 1,000 Specialist Subject Payment for student undertaking certain courses, including mental health nursing and learning disability nursing
- **Parental Support.** Provides £2,000 per year for students who have parental responsibility for at least one child (under 15 years or under 17 years if the child is registered with special educational needs).
- **Travel and Dual Accommodation Expenses.** Provides financial support in relation to essential practice placements. Eligible students will be entitled to claim travel and expenses incurred where these are in excess of their daily travel costs to university. Eligible students can also claim for temporary accommodation if they have to stay away from their normal term-time accommodation whilst attending a placement, up to a maximum set amount of £55 per night.
- **Exceptional Support Fund (ESF).** Eligible students facing severe financial hardship, having exhausted all other available sources of funding, will be able to apply for the ESF. This provides up to £3,000 per eligible student per academic year.

Applying for NHS funding

Students must apply on the NHS LSF Application System

For more information about NHS LSF, including eligibility and how to apply, see the NHS Business Services Authority website: www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/LSF



Bursaries from the University of Nottingham

University Core Bursary

Students may be eligible for the University's Core Bursary. Awards are based on household income, as assessed by Student Finance England.

Income band (household income)	Award level
Up to £35,000	£1,000

Nottingham Potential Bursary

The Potential Bursary offers £1,000 per year for any student who meets at least one of the following eligibility criteria:

- Students with adult or child dependents **AND** with a household income, as assessed by Student Finance, of £35,000 or below
- Students who have been in local authority care for at least three months **AND** are aged under 25 at the start of the course

For all but Graduate Entry Nursing students the following criteria can also apply:

- Students who are entering University via an Access route or with vocational qualifications AND with a household income, as assessed by Student Finance, of £35,000 or below
- Students who have fulfilled specified conditions through participation in the University's widening participation outreach activities (for example, through our summer schools)
- Students with Refugee status who are not in receipt of the Maycock-Whileman Scholarship

For more information please see nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

Tax credits, benefits and council tax – Please contact the Student's Union Advice Centre for more details on benefits and your entitlement. If you are a lone parent, disabled student or a student couple with children, The Department for Work and Pensions will expect you to apply for all the student financial support you are entitled to, before assessing you for tax credits and benefits.

- **Child tax credits (CTC)/Universal Credit** - Students with children under 16 (or under 18 in certain circumstances) may continue to be eligible for child tax credits. We advise you to inform the Inland Revenue you are going into full-time education.
- **Council Tax** – Full time students are exempt from council tax. See Student Services Centre web pages for more information.



Useful contacts

National contacts

NHS Business Services Authority

Advice on all elements of finance for NHS funded study.

+44 (0)300 330 1342

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.

gov.uk/studentfinance

Student Loans Company

Information relating to Student Loans for postgraduate courses.

+44 (0)300 100 0031

slc.co.uk

gov.uk/postgraduatoan

Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC)

Information on tax credits eligibility and application procedures.

hmrc.gov.uk

National Union of Students (NUS)

Advice and guidance on all aspects of student life.

nus.org.uk

University contacts

Student Recruitment Support Hub

+44 (0) 115 951 5559

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 (option 2)

financialsupport@nottingham.ac.uk

nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

Fees, Charges and Sponsor Billing, Student Services

For queries relating to tuition fees including instalment dates and amounts.

+44 (0)115 74 86500 (Option 1)

tuitionfees@nottingham.ac.uk

nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices

Disability Support Services, Student Services

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

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disability-support-services@nottingham.ac.uk

nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices

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.

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