



Funding for BA Social Work & Social Policy

New undergraduate Home students entering from September 2019

If you require this factsheet in an alternative format please contact Financial Support on 0115 8232071 or email: financialsupport@nottingham.ac.uk

The information in this factsheet is relevant only to students who are ordinarily resident in **England** and meet all the regulations to qualify for student finance. You must also be studying for your first degree. If you have completed an equivalent or higher level qualification you won't usually qualify for a tuition fee loan or grant. If you normally live in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland please contact the relevant funding body in your country.

Financial Support available from Student Finance England (SFE)

Student Loans – There are two types of student loan available from SFE:

- **Tuition Fee Loan** – up to £9,250 depending on the fee the University will charge you. The money will be paid directly to the University to cover the cost of your fees.
- **Maintenance Loan for living costs** – the maximum loan for new students in September 2019/20 studying at Nottingham is £8,944 (£7,529 if you live with your parents while you are studying). A percentage of the loan is non-means tested.
- **Repayments** – You repay your loan when you have graduated, or left, University and your income is £25,725 or higher. You pay 9% of any income above £25,725. For example; if your income is £30,000 per year you will repay £32 per month.

Supplementary grants – There are grants available to undergraduate students in specific circumstances.

- **Childcare Grant**: means tested grant to help students with dependent children meet the costs of registered and approved childcare. May cover up to 85% of childcare costs to a maximum of £169.31 per week (one child) £290.27 (two or more children).
- **Parents' Learning Allowance**: means tested grant to help students with course-related costs, between £50 and £1,719 per year to eligible students.
- **Adult Dependents' Grant**: means tested grant for students with an adult family member who depends on them financially, a maximum of £3,007 per year

Further details regarding eligibility are available from gov.uk/studentfinance

You can also contact the Funding & Financial Support team at the University nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport for advice.

- **Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)**: students who have a disability, specific learning difficulty or mental health condition may be eligible to receive funding to help with extra costs incurred during their course which are a result of their disability. These funds can be applied for through Student Finance England. Further information can be found on the Gov.UK website (details above). Advice is also available from the University's Disability Support Team: nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices



The Social Work Bursary

The Social Work Bursary is currently offered as an incentive to train in social work and is administered by the NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA). It is available for full-time undergraduate courses in social work in **Years 2 and 3 only**. It is not income assessed and is in addition to student loans you may be eligible for from Student Finance England (SFE).

The number of bursaries offered will be capped, so it is likely that not all students will receive one.

If you pay tuition fees of £9,250 per year you could be eligible for a non-income-assessed Social Work Bursary in both years. The maximum for 2018/19 is £4,862.50 for students studying outside London. How you spend it is up to you – you can choose to use the Bursary towards your tuition fees or towards living costs. The NHS Social Work Bursary is paid in three instalments.

To be eligible for the Social Work Bursary you must:

- Meet the residency eligibility criteria as defined on the NHS Business Services Authority website. For details see: nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students
- Not already hold a Higher Education social work qualification
- Not be studying on an employment based course
- Not be receiving any support from a social care work employer

As there will be insufficient awards available to the number of students studying on the course, the awards will be made based on academic attainment from the first year of study. Further details will be available from the School of Sociology and Social Policy once the awards are confirmed.

How to apply for support

- Loans from SFE – Apply online at gov.uk/studentfinance
- You will receive a letter outlining the support you are going to receive from Student Finance England.
- Once enrolled at your university you should receive your support payments within a few days.

Bursaries from the University of Nottingham

Core Bursary

You may be eligible for the University's Core Bursary. Awards will be made based on household income, from the assessment carried out by Student Finance for funding purposes.

Income bands	Award level
Up to £25,000	£2,000
£25,001 - £35,000	£1,000

If you are eligible for the Core Bursary please input your bank details at corebursary.nottingham.ac.uk , after you have registered for your course. You can receive the Core Bursary each academic year as long as your household income remains at £35,000 or below.



Nottingham Potential Bursary

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

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

An online application form will be available through the Funding & Financial Support webpages from August 2019.

For more information on Bursaries, Scholarships and Support Funds offered by the University visit the Financial Support web pages. See Useful Contacts.

Financial difficulties

It is expected that the statutory funding package, along with help from family, work and/or savings, should be sufficient to cover your essential living costs and that prior to commencing your studies you will have carefully considered how you would cover your essential living costs during your time at University. However we do understand that sometimes things happen unexpectedly that impact on your financial situation; for example unplanned essential costs or an unforeseen change in circumstances.

If this happens the Funding & Financial Support Team may be able to help. We offer support and advice to students, can make referrals to other support services and can advise on the availability of support/hardship funds. (see Useful Contacts)



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

Student Loans Company

Information relating to Student Loans.

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

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

School of Sociology & Social Policy

The University of Nottingham, University Park Campus, NG7 2RD

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nottingham.ac.uk/sociology

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 82 32071

financialsupport@nottingham.ac.uk

nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

Accessibility, Student Services

Study support, support for students with dyslexia, dyspraxia and other specific learning difficulties and disabilities.

+44 (0)115 82 32070 **or**

+44 (0)115 95 15992

dyslexia-support@nottingham.ac.uk **or** disability-support@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.

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SUAdvice@nottingham.ac.uk

su.nottingham.ac.uk/advice