



Full-time Undergraduate Funding 2016/17 Advice, Information & Funding Service (AIFS)

Please note: This sheet is for new students who will start their course on or after 1st September 2016.

Applications

- You can apply for student finance on-line at www.gov.uk/student-finance or by filling in an application form for Student Finance (available from the Student Finance Forms section at gov.uk) and submitting it to Student Finance England (SFE).
- You can apply for finance up to nine months after the 1st day of the academic year (i.e. 31st May 2017 for autumn 2016 entrants). However, please read the section on student fees.
- The UCAS code for London Metropolitan University is L68. UCAS course codes can be found at www.londonmet.ac.uk/courses

Eligibility

You will be eligible for student finance if:

- On the 1st day of the 1st academic year (*) you have been ordinarily resident in the UK for the 3 years immediately prior to this date, and not for the purpose of receiving full-time education and have 'Settled Status' within the meaning of the Immigration Act 1971 (there are exceptions to the latter – contact Advice, Information & Funding Service).
- The course you plan to do is a degree, foundation degree, HND course, M Eng, PGCE, or other designated course.

(*) Academic Years start as follows: 1 September for a course starting in the autumn term; 1 January for a course starting in the spring term.

Previous study

Generally (**) student finance will be available for your first higher education qualification, or for topping up a lower level qualification (HND to degree).

(**) Please refer to our information sheet on previous study for further details.

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Students who start a new course from the 1st September 2016 onwards are no longer eligible for the Maintenance Grant or the Special Support Grant. Instead the Maintenance Loan has been increased, see overpage.

The regulations referred to throughout this information sheet are the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011 (2011/1986) as amended by the Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 (2012/1653), the Education (Student Support and European University Institute) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 (2013/1728). Regulations 12, 12(7), 19(10) and 30(1) of the above apply to this information sheet.

Please note if you have deferred your place from 2015/16 to start in 2016/17 you will come under the new funding rules, as outlined in this information sheet.

A) Tuition Fee Loan (repayable)

New students who start a course from September 2016 will be charged fees of £9,000. You are encouraged to take out a Fee Loan from SFE. The loan is not means tested and is paid direct to the University by SFE. This means you will not have to pay any tuition fees up front when you start university.

Note: If you do not take out the Tuition Fee Loan, you can pay in instalments, either by two equal instalments (50% on enrolment and 50% by 31 December 2016), or four instalments (50% of the fee on enrolment, then three equal payments on the last working day of the month commencing in October).

B) Student Maintenance Loan (repayable)

Maximum amounts you can borrow:

- £10,702 if you live away from your parents' home and study in London
- £6,904 if you live in your parents' home

If you are eligible for benefits (*3) then the maximum amounts you can borrow:

- £11,671 if you live away from your parents' home and study in London
- £8,144 if you live in your parents' home

All students who meet the eligibility criteria are entitled to the minimum Maintenance Loan, £3,309 if living at your parents' home, or £5,330 if living away from the parental home and studying in London.

New full-time students starting a course on or after the 1st September 2016 who are aged 60 or over on the first day of the first academic year of their course now qualify for a means-tested loan for living costs of up to £3,469.

(*3) Lone parents, some disabled students, pensioners and student couples with children retain their underlying eligibility for benefits. Please refer to our benefits information sheet.

C) Supplementary grants (non repayable)

You may, subject to your circumstances, be entitled to the following grants from SFE:

- Adult Dependents' Grant up to £2,757
- Parents Learning Allowance £1,573
- Childcare Grant
- Disabled Students' Allowance

D) London Met Bursaries (non repayable)

These are grants and/or fee discounts available direct from the University. Please check our website for more information:

www.londonmet.ac.uk/applying/funding-your-studies/bursaries-and-grants/

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