



Funding for placements and outgoing Erasmus students Advice, Information & Funding Service (AIFS)

Placement in the UK

The following table lays out what funding is available for students on course-integrated placements in the UK.

Paid placement where study is more than 10 weeks	Paid placement where study is less than 10 weeks	Unpaid placement where study is more than 10 weeks	Unpaid placement where study is less than 10 weeks
Students can apply for full Student Support.	Students can apply for a reduced rate maintenance loan (£3,487 if living away from parental home; £1,863 if living in parental home) and a tuition fee loan only.	Students can apply for full Student Support.	Students can apply for a reduced rate maintenance loan and a tuition fee loan only, unless they are doing one of certain specified placements in the public or voluntary sectors*, in which case they can apply for full Student Support.

*Unpaid service in a hospital or in a public health service laboratory or with a clinical commissioning group in the UK; unpaid service with a local authority in the UK acting in the exercise of its functions relating to the care of children and young persons, health or welfare, or with a voluntary organisation providing facilities or carrying out activities of a like nature in the UK; unpaid service with a local authority acting in the exercise of public health functions in the UK; unpaid service in the prison or probation and aftercare service in the UK; unpaid research in a UK institution or, in the case of a student attending an overseas institution as a part of his/her course in an overseas institution; unpaid service with a Special Health Authority, the NHS Commissioning Board, the National Institute for Care and Excellence, the Health and Social Care Information Centre, a Local Health Board, a Health Board or a Special Health Board in Scotland, or a Health and Social Services Board in Northern Ireland; unpaid service in the UK Parliament.

Study Abroad

Student Funding

Full-time undergraduates who study outside the UK as part of their course are eligible for loans for living costs from Student Finance England in the usual way. However, the overseas rate of maintenance loan is approximately £1,300 per year less than the rate that is received while studying in London (living away from home rate).

Travel Grant

If you are studying abroad for the majority of a term you could receive a Travel Grant. This covers the cost of all necessary qualifying travel, less a disregard of £303. You must fund the first £303 of travel yourself. The grant also covers other incidental costs such as visas, vaccinations and medical insurance. You can apply for the Travel Grant on the main application for full-time student finance. Student Finance England will then send eligible students a Travel Grant application form.

The Travel Grant is income-assessed.

Erasmus

Under the Erasmus scheme, in addition to the Student Finance England funding package and Travel Grant (see above), you can normally also receive a non-means-tested Erasmus Grant. In the 2016/17 academic year the study abroad grant payable will depend on the host country and may be €280 to €330 per month, based on country costs. For criteria and restrictions, please read the Erasmus webpages:

www.londonmet.ac.uk/international/study-abroad-programmes/outgoing-students/erasmus/

The Erasmus grant is paid in two or three instalments (depending on the length of your period abroad): London Met aims to make the first payment within the first month of the commencement of your placement but this depends on you returning the relevant paperwork on time.

Post-2012 starters who qualify for UK student funding and study abroad for a year will be charged £1,350 by London Met, and may apply for a fee loan from Student Finance England to meet this cost. If you study for a semester abroad than full fees are due.

From 2014/15 Erasmus years will be counted by Student Finance England in previous study calculations.

Insurance

If you cannot afford travel insurance, then you cannot afford to go! While the International Programmes Office will organise for you to be covered by the University Insurance policy, the coverage is for emergencies while abroad only. We strongly recommend that you take out separate travel insurance for the period that you are abroad. Make sure that you have emergency coverage for a minimum of £1,000,000 medical costs and repatriation, in the event of an accident/severe illness while you are away.

Some host universities also require that you have proof of insurance before you enrol. Even if the host university does not insist on private insurance, it is extremely important that you have additional travel insurance or as a minimum, a European Health Insurance Card. More information about insurance can be found in the Outgoing Students Guide which can be found in the 'How to apply' section of the Erasmus webpages:

www.londonmet.ac.uk/international/study-abroad-programmes/outgoing-students/erasmus/

How to contact the Advice, Information & Funding Service

Telephone Student Services reception and ask to speak to a student adviser:

Aldgate campus – 020 7320 2370; Holloway campus – 020 7133 2094

Email: advice.studentservices@londonmet.ac.uk

Website: www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice

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