



Postgraduate funding Advice, Information & Funding Service (AIFS)

A list of postgraduate courses can be found at www.londonmet.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate-courses/. Serious financial planning must be a priority before enrolment. You might like to download our budget planner to help get you started: www.londonmet.ac.uk/infosheets

New Postgraduate Loans (16/17 starters only)

From academic year 2016/17, the Student Loans Company will provide a non-means-tested loan of up to £10,000 for postgraduate Master's courses, both full-time and part-time. This loan will be: a contribution towards the costs of study i.e. it will be at your discretion to use the loan towards fees, maintenance costs or other costs; paid directly to you; for UK and EU students aged under 60. More information at www.londonmet.ac.uk/funding

Subject specific awards

PGCE – www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/funding/postgraduate-funding

The Law Society – <http://juniorlawyers.lawsociety.org.uk/node/140>

Social Work Bursary – www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students/825.aspx

NHS Student Bursary – www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students/816.aspx

Financial help for adult learners

Professional and Career Development Loans are bank loans that can be used to help pay for work-related learning. The UK Government pays the interest on the loan during your studies. The University must complete a section of the application form confirming your offer of a place and our Learning Provider number, which is 5304. For information on these loans or an application pack, telephone 0800 100 900 or visit www.gov.uk/career-development-loans

Bank loans

You may be able to negotiate a loan with your own bank, as some operate a professional study or graduate loan scheme. Further details from www.moneyfacts.co.uk

See also this information on the best graduate bank accounts, which include interest-free overdraft facilities: www.moneysavingexpert.com/banking/graduate-bank-accounts

Hardship Support Fund

If you are experiencing financial difficulty, you may be able to receive some help towards your living costs from London Met's Hardship Support Fund*, which usually opens in early November.

*Fund awaiting confirmation at time of writing.

Educational trusts and charities

Trusts and charities are external organisations providing limited funding to some postgraduate students. Applicants need to fulfill that individual charity's criteria and are in competition with many other students for the available funding. Main local libraries often carry directories of student trusts and charities in their reference section. You can also search for potential

grant-providers at www.turn2us.org.uk and targetcourses.co.uk/funding

You can find the Alternative Guide to Funding on this London Met page – www.londonmet.ac.uk/applying/funding-your-studies/bursaries-and-grants/supplementary-postgraduate-funding/

Our information sheet on trusts and charities can be found here: www.londonmet.ac.uk/infosheets

Discount schemes / instalment plans

Please refer to your Welcome Programme or contact admissions@londonmet.ac.uk for current information.

Welfare benefits

Most students enrolled on full-time courses are not eligible to claim welfare benefits. However, full-time students with an underlying entitlement, such as lone parents or some disabled students, may be able to do so. Further information is available from Jobcentre Plus, student advisers, or the benefits information sheet at the following link: www.londonmet.ac.uk/infosheets/. Students enrolled on part-time courses may claim benefits subject to Jobcentre Plus criteria.

Career Development and Employment Service

The Careers Development & Employment Service can assist you with finding a part-time job and updating your CV: www.londonmet.ac.uk/careers

Prospects Postgraduate Magazine can be viewed on the following link or collected from the University Careers service from September:

<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/4b01816c#/4b01816c/1>

Disabled students

Disabled Students' Allowance is paid to 'Home' students to meet additional expenses that may be incurred because of the student's disability. Applications should be made to Student Finance England: www.gov.uk/student-finance

You are strongly advised to contact a disability adviser at the University prior to the start of your course to discuss any special needs. Further information at:

www.londonmet.ac.uk/services/student-services/

Disability Rights UK publishes a factsheet on Postgraduate Education for Disabled Students: www.disabilityrightsuk.org/postgraduate-education-disabled-students/. There is also a limited telephone helpline on 0800 328 5050 or email them at: students@disabilityrightsuk.org

Scholarships & awards for research degrees & postgraduate study

London Metropolitan University Vice Chancellor's Research Scholarship Scheme (16/17 starters only). The Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities is offering three fees-only scholarships (MPhil/PhD). Application deadline 31 July 2016 for :

www.londonmet.ac.uk/applying/funding-your-studies/scholarships/vc-scholarship/

Postgraduate scholarships and grants may also be available from a variety of organisations: www.scholarship-search.org.uk

Other information about funding opportunities:

www.findamasters.com/funding/postgraduate-masters-scholarships/

www.findamasters.com/students/studyguide/masters-funding-guide.aspx

www.prospects.ac.uk/funding_my_further_study.htm

www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk

The criteria and application procedures vary between organisations. Please read the instructions and eligibility criteria carefully on the organisation's web site and contact them directly if you have further queries. Please note that not all of the opportunities listed may be suitable for students wishing to study at London Metropolitan University.

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

Attendance and completion of all assessments is monitored. If students cannot demonstrate this and do not have good reasons, they will be unable to continue their course.

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