



**Students with Children 2016/17  
Advice, Information & Funding Service (AIFS)**

Types of income	Help available**	Who can benefit**
<b>Funding from Student Finance England</b>		
<b>Tuition Fee Loan</b>	Up to £9,000 (£6,750 for part-time undergraduates)	Full-time undergraduates Part-time undergraduates* *Part-time students who started before 2012 have a different funding package. Please see our part-time funding information sheet.
<b>Maintenance Loan</b>	Up to £10,702 (£11,671 if a lone parent/one of a student couple with children) per year. This is intended to help with your living costs during your studies.	Full-time undergraduates
<b>Parents Learning Allowance</b>	Up to £1,573 per year for help with course costs.	Full-time undergraduates
<b>Childcare Grant</b>	Up to 85% of childcare costs capped at: £155.24 per week for one child £266.15 for two or more children For more details see the guide <a href="http://www.gov.uk/childcare-grant">www.gov.uk/childcare-grant</a>	Full-time undergraduates
<b>Adult Dependants Grant</b>	Up to £2,757 per year for one adult dependant (usually a husband/wife/partner) <a href="http://www.gov.uk/adult-dependants-grant">www.gov.uk/adult-dependants-grant</a>	Full-time undergraduates
<b>Financial help from London Metropolitan University</b>		
<b>London Met Bursary*</b>  *Only applies to on-campus courses	£1,000 cash each year you progress if you are in receipt of the full Maintenance Loan.	Full-time undergraduates Part-time undergraduates*  *Part-time students receive a pro-rata amount of bursary
<b>Hardship Support Fund*</b>  *Currently awaiting confirmation	Download an application form: <a href="http://student.londonmet.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/hardship-fund/">http://student.londonmet.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/hardship-fund/</a>	Full-time undergraduates Part-time undergraduates Postgraduate students

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<b>Welfare benefits</b>		
<b>Child Benefit</b>	£20.70 per week for your eldest child and £13.70 for each additional child. This is not affected by your student income or benefit entitlement. <a href="http://www.gov.uk/child-benefit">www.gov.uk/child-benefit</a>	Full-time undergraduates Part-time undergraduates Postgraduate students
<b>Child Tax Credit</b>	How much you get depends on your circumstances and the level of your household income. <a href="http://www.gov.uk/child-tax-credit">www.gov.uk/child-tax-credit</a>	Full-time undergraduates Part-time undergraduates Postgraduate students
<b>Working Tax Credit</b>	You may be eligible if you work more than 16 hours per week. Please note you cannot claim the childcare element of Working Tax Credit if you are receiving the Childcare Grant from Student Finance England.	Full-time undergraduates Part-time undergraduates Postgraduate students
<b>Additional benefits*</b>  *NB there is a benefit cap of £500 per week for couples with children and single parents.	Means-tested benefits  Non-means-tested benefits	Certain categories of full-time students e.g. those in receipt of Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment, lone parents, or those who have a partner who is also a full-time student  Students who fulfil the circumstance-based criteria
<b>Other available help</b>		
<b>Educational trusts and charities</b>	See our Educational trusts and charities information sheet - <a href="http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/info/sheets">www.londonmet.ac.uk/info/sheets</a>	All students
<b>Nursery grants for three and four year olds (and some two year olds)</b>	All three and four year olds are entitled to a free, part-time early learning place (for 15 hours per week, 38 weeks per year). Registered nurseries will claim this grant automatically for you from the Local Authority. It is paid directly to the nursery on a termly basis. If you are claiming the Childcare Grant you should deduct the nursery grant from	Full-time undergraduates Part-time undergraduates Postgraduates

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	<p>your total claim. Some two year olds may also be entitled to free early learning places; this is based on an income assessment.</p> <p><a href="http://www.gov.uk/help-with-child-care-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds">www.gov.uk/help-with-child-care-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds</a></p>	
<b>School costs</b>	<p>All school children in reception year 1 and year 2 are now entitled to free school meals: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals">www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals</a></p> <p>You may be able to get free school meals after year 2 if you are in receipt of certain benefits. Some local councils also provide help with school clothing, including PE kit. You will usually need to fill in an application form. Contact your council.</p>	<p>Full-time undergraduates Part-time undergraduates Postgraduates</p>
<b>Part-time work</b>	<p>If you would like to find some work you can sign up to the University's Employment Service. There are also volunteering opportunities, such as working as a member of the Student Welcome team. This may fit in better with your family commitments and it will also be a useful addition to your CV. Call in to have your draft CV checked and updated by a Careers Adviser in Student Services. Further details of how the Careers Service can help you can be found at <a href="http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/careers">www.londonmet.ac.uk/careers</a></p>	<p>Full-time undergraduates Part-time undergraduates Postgraduates</p>
<b>Sure Start Maternity Grant</b>	<p>£500 grant to help with the extra costs of your first baby for those on a low income. Claim at any time from the 29th week of pregnancy until your child is three months using form SF100 (Sure Start) <a href="http://www.gov.uk/sure-start-maternity-grant/how-to-claim">www.gov.uk/sure-start-maternity-grant/how-to-claim</a></p>	<p>Full-time undergraduates Part-time undergraduates Postgraduates</p>

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<b>Students with a disability</b>	Both full-time and part-time students (who are studying at least 25% of an equivalent full-time course) may be able to apply to Student Finance England for the Disabled Students' Allowance. Please contact our Disabilities and Dyslexia Service for more information: <a href="http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/disabilities">www.londonmet.ac.uk/disabilities</a>	Full-time undergraduates Part-time undergraduates Postgraduates

Student Finance England's Maintenance Loan is calculated to support you for term-time only with the expectation that you will supplement your income by working over the long summer vacation. Lone parents who cannot work during the summer may be entitled to claim Income Support from the end of the academic year to the start of September. Certain lone parents may be entitled to Income Support all year e.g. postgraduate students with zero income. For information about making a benefits claim, you can call 0800 055 6688. For JSA/IS/ESA call 0345 608 8545. For Universal Credit call 0345 600 0723. Make sure you have your National Insurance number and bank details to hand.

For further information on part-time, postgraduate and specialist course funding (PGCE/Social Work/NHS/architecture), please see our information sheets: [www.londonmet.ac.uk/infosheets](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/infosheets)

### 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](mailto:advice.studentservices@londonmet.ac.uk)  
Website: [www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice)

\*\*Disclaimer: This table lists the sources of funding which students might be entitled to claim, depending on their circumstances. Entitlement will depend on fulfilment of particular criteria.

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