



**Bsc Biomedical Science leading to MD
Student Money and Accommodation Advice**

Funding from Student Finance England

This collaborative course is jointly delivered by London Met and the University of Health Sciences Antigua (UHSA), with at least 50% of the teaching undertaken within the UK. Due to Student Support regulation changes introduced in August 2015, qualifying students¹ commencing the course from September 2015 may apply for funding support for the full six-year duration of the course and not just the section conducted within the UK.

¹Please refer to our information sheet on full-time undergraduate funding 2017/18 for more details.

Please note: Students commencing the course prior to the 2015/16 academic year will not be eligible for Student Finance for each summer school period and for years 4 through 6. Students admitted to the course on and after the 2015/16 academic year may be eligible for:

Tuition Fee Loan	Years 1 through 4
Maintenance Loan (and extra support)	Years 1 through 6
Travel Grant	Years 1 through 6

Please note: The Tuition Fee Loan cannot be provided by Student Finance England towards the tuition fees for the two Clinical Rotation years (years 5 and 6)

The length of each of the first three years of the BSc (Hons) spans an additional 11 weeks to accommodate the summer school periods. Eligible students will be able to receive a long courses Maintenance Loan (in addition to the standard Maintenance Loan) for these periods. The maximum long courses loan is £59 if living in the parental home; £116 if living in London and not in the parental home; £90 if living outside London and not in the parental home.

Tuition Fees – London Metropolitan University

UK/EU students

London Metropolitan University – Tuition fees for the first 3 years of the BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences degree are £9,250 per year.

Tuition Fees – University of Health Sciences Antigua (UHSA)

Basic Sciences (Years 1 – 4)

Tuition Fees for all basic sciences sections of the medical program cost \$10,000.00 USD per year for UK/EU students (and are subject to an annual inflation increase).

Please note this fee also covers the duration of the fourth year including the final (fourth) summer school.

This fee does not cover the costs for on-campus accommodation, meals, room/key deposit, text books, course items, airport taxes and other related expenses. Tuition and fees must be paid in full prior to arrival in Antigua. The tuition fee loan for the fourth year in Antigua is scheduled to London Met who transfers this payment to UHSA.

The table provided below gives the estimated costs per year for the summer sessions (excluding accommodation costs) required for the completion of the basic sciences portion of the collaborative course.

Tuition and Fees	\$10,000.00 USD per year
Books	\$400.00 USD per year
Early arrival fee ²	\$75.00 USD per additional day
Pocket money	\$300.00 USD per summer period
Total	\$10,700.00 USD per year

²Students arriving at least two days before the first day of summer session will be charged with the early arrival fee.

Clinical Rotation Years – MD Degree (Year 5 – 6)

Tuition Fees for UK/EU students completing the clinical rotation years in Antigua cost \$23,750 USD per year.

UHSA will pay up to \$250 USD per week for clinical rotations. If any clinical site fees exceed \$250 USD per week, students must pay the difference before beginning the clinical rotation.

The table provided below gives the estimated costs per year for the clinical rotations.

Tuition and Fees	\$23,750.00 USD per year
Accommodation	\$13,000 USD per year
Meals	\$9,450.00 USD per year (\$785.00 USD per month)
Pocket Money	\$4,800.00 USD per year (\$400.00 USD per month)
Insurance	\$1,000.00 USD per year
Total	\$51,970.00 USD per year

After a student's final clinical rotation year there is a graduation fee of \$750.00 USD with return flights to Antigua of approximately \$1,500 USD. Hotel information including fares will be provided prior to graduation.

Accommodation

It is mandatory for new students to stay on-campus. All students are responsible for coordinating and paying for transportation to and from campus. Students accepted to the BSc leading to MD course may request accommodation by sending a housing request and housing contract to housing@uhsa.edu.ag

For full details regarding on- and off-campus accommodation please see:

www.uhsa.ag/student-life/campus-housing/

Travel Grants

Please note Travel Grants can only be awarded to students who are applying for means-tested (income-assessed) student funding.

You may apply for a Travel Grant for travel expenses for up to three return journeys between your UK home and an overseas institution during a full academic year abroad. You must use any concessions that are available to you and the most economical and practical form of transport, for example, travel in standard economy class rather than business or first-class. Claims where no standard economy seats were available, use of private transport or instances where an alternative ticket type could not be avoided will be considered.

The Course Abroad Form should be sent as soon as possible so this may be applied to your Student Finance England account and reflect the information provided on your application.

www.gov.uk/student-finance-forms/y/uk-full-time/travel-grant

The Travel Claim Form may be submitted throughout the duration of your course, as and when you wish to claim for your allowable expenses.

How is it assessed?

The Travel Grant is assessed over four academic quarters and you must be studying overseas for at least 50% of each academic quarter to be deemed eligible. Students may study overseas at 50% or greater in each of the four quarters but may only claim a maximum of three return journeys. Therefore one qualifying quarter is eligible for one return journey, two qualifying quarters is eligible for two return journeys and three or four qualifying quarters is eligible for the maximum three return journeys.

The qualifying quarters are as follows:

Quarter One — 1 September to 31 December (122 days, at least 61 days overseas study)³

Quarter Two — 1 January to 31 March (90 days, at least 45 days overseas study)

Quarter Three — 1 April to 30 June (91 days, at least 46 days overseas study)

Quarter Four — 1 July to 31 August (62 days, at least 31 days overseas study)

³Any overseas period from 1 August will also be included in the first quarter calculation.

What is available?

The amount you receive depends on your total household income. This includes your income (if you have one) combined with that of your parents or guardians, or spouse or partner if you live with them. You must pay the first £303 of your travel costs. Any costs over this figure will be reimbursed pound for pound (up to a maximum contribution of £6,210) unless your household income exceeds £39,796. Your travel grant will be reduced by £1.00 for each additional £9.73 of household income over £39,796.

How is it paid?

You must pay the upfront costs of your travel and then provide Student Finance with your Travel Claim Form to request reimbursement for these costs. (Please note this reimbursement will be reduced by the initial £303 which you are liable to pay). The Travel Grant is paid directly into your nominated UK bank account on an ad-hoc basis and therefore you will not need to wait until your scheduled Maintenance Loan payment dates to receive reimbursement.

The cost of mandatory visa, medical tests and medical insurance and any other essential expenses as noted below are not subject to the £303 disregard but may be subject to deduction

based on your household income. Other acceptable claims may include:

- Any necessary daily travel costs while abroad for the purposes of attending the institution.
- Travel costs for the dependent children of a single student and childcare while abroad (the childcare provider must be approved by the Ministry of Defence accreditation scheme).
- Travel costs associated with clinical training.
- The cost of medical insurance bought for the purpose of studying abroad.
- 40% of the cost of travel insurance premium – this must include medical coverage (which is an acceptable claim as above), however this cost is not covered if in addition to mandatory medical insurance provided by the overseas university.
- The cost of visas and medical tests where these are a mandatory condition of entry to the host country.
- The cost of any vaccinations required.

How to contact us

Telephone your Student Hub and ask to book a phone or face-to-face appointment with a Student Money and Accommodation Adviser:

Aldgate – 020 7133 7002; Holloway – 020 7133 7001; Moorgate – 020 7133 7003

Email: SMAA@londonmet.ac.uk

Website: www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice

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