Student Money and Accommodation Advice

# Funding for placements and overseas exchange

## Placement in the UK

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

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| **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 (£4,2441 if living away from parental home; £2,2671 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 sectors2, in which case they can apply for full Student Support. |

1 Amount is lower for final year students.

2 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 their 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.

## Overseas Exchange

### 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. The maximum loan for living costs for non-final-year students studying overseas as part of their UK course is £11,427 (£12,720 if you are a full-time student who qualifies for benefits).

If you qualify for UK student funding and study abroad for a year you will be charged £1,385 by London Met. You may apply for a fee loan from Student Finance England to meet this cost.

If you study abroad for part of the year, and at London Met for the remaining period, you may be charged full fees by London Met if your period of study at London Met lasts for more than 10 weeks.

Overseas exchange years will be counted by Student Finance England in previous study calculations.

### Travel Grant

If you are studying abroad 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 may also cover 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.

## Turing

Under the Turing scheme, in addition to the Student Finance England funding package and Travel Grant (see above), you may also be able to receive a Turing Grant towards your living costs overseas, with additional support available including help with travel costs for students from financially disadvantaged backgrounds. For more information, please contact [studyabroad@londonmet.ac.uk](mailto:studyabroad@londonmet.ac.uk)

## Insurance

It is your responsibility to ensure you have adequate personal and medical insurance cover. There is free travel insurance cover available for students under London Met’s insurance policy. The cover is fully comprehensive, however it does not provide cover for civil liability required by some French universities. The cover is for London Met students only and it does not cover dependents. You will receive your insurance policy by email. If you would like further information about the University’s insurance policy, you can contact our Insurance Officer – Donna Isaacs – d.isaacs@londonmet.ac.uk

## How to contact us

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