Student Money and Accommodation Advice

Postgraduate Funding

Postgraduate courses are listed at [www.londonmet.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/)

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](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/infosheets)

## Postgraduate Loan

Non-means-tested loan of up to £12,471 available from Student Finance England for students starting postgraduate Master’s courses (full-time or part-time) in 24/25. For part-time students the loan payments are spread out over the full course duration.

The Postgraduate Loan is: a contribution towards the costs of study ie it will be at your discretion to use the loan towards fees, maintenance costs or other costs; paid directly to you; for UK students aged under 60\*. More information at [www.londonmet.ac.uk/funding](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/funding)

\*Students aged 60 or over on the first day of the first academic year of the course (1 September for a course starting in the autumn term; 1 January for a course starting in the spring term) are not eligible for the Postgraduate Loan and should look at the other funding options listed below.

## Subject specific awards

PGCE – <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-your-training>
The Law Society – [www.lawsociety.org.uk/career-advice/becoming-a-solicitor/funding-and-support-during-your-studies-internships-scholarships-and-sponsors](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/career-advice/becoming-a-solicitor/funding-and-support-during-your-studies-internships-scholarships-and-sponsors)
Social Work Bursary – [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/social-work-students](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/social-work-students)

## Bank loans and private 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/](http://www.moneyfacts.co.uk/). See also this information on the best graduate bank accounts, which include interest-free overdraft facilities: [www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/graduate-bank-accounts](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/graduate-bank-accounts)

## Hardship Support Fund

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

\*Awaiting confirmation

## Educational trusts and charities

Trusts and charities are external organisations providing limited funding to some postgraduate students. Applicants need to fulfil 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/](http://www.turn2us.org.uk/). Our information sheet on trusts and charities can be found at [www.londonmet.ac.uk/infosheets](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/infosheets)

## Discount schemes / instalment plans

Fee reductions, discounts and ways to pay can be found at [www.londonmet.ac.uk/applying/funding-your-studies/postgraduate-uk-students/](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/applying/funding-your-studies/postgraduate-uk-students/)

## 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 single parents, student parents with a partner who is also a student, or some disabled students, may be able to do so. Further information is available from Jobcentre Plus, Student Money and Accommodation Advisers, our benefits information sheet [www.londonmet.ac.uk/infosheets/](https://student.londonmet.ac.uk/life-at-london-met/student-services/student-money-and-accommodation/#collapse4238706) and Turn2Us [www.turn2us.org.uk/Benefit-guides/Full-time-students-and-benefits/Who-is-a-full-time-student-for-benefit-purposes](http://www.turn2us.org.uk/Benefit-guides/Full-time-students-and-benefits/Who-is-a-full-time-student-for-benefit-purposes)

Students enrolled on part-time courses may claim benefits subject to Jobcentre Plus criteria.

## Careers and Employability

The Careers and Employability team can assist you with finding a part-time job and updating your CV: [www.londonmet.ac.uk/careers/](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/careers/). Prospects also provides a useful funding guide: [www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/funding-postgraduate-study](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/funding-postgraduate-study)

## Disabled students

Disabled Students’ Allowance is paid to ‘Home’ students to meet additional expenses that may be incurred because of a registered disability. Applications should be made to Student Finance England: [www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowance-dsa/](http://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowance-dsa/).

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: <https://student.londonmet.ac.uk/life-at-london-met/student-services/disabilities-and-dyslexia-service-dds/>.

Disability Rights UK publishes a factsheet on postgraduate education for disabled students: [www.disabilityrightsuk.org/funding-postgraduate-education-disabled-students/](http://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/funding-postgraduate-education-disabled-students/). There is also a limited free telephone helpline on 0330 995 0414 or email them at: students@disabilityrightsuk.org

## Scholarships and awards for research degrees and postgraduate study

Postgraduate scholarships and grants may also be available from a variety of organisations: [www.scholarship-search.org.uk/](http://www.scholarship-search.org.uk/).

The scholarships tab on our home page is regularly updated: [www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice)

Other information about funding opportunities: [www.findamasters.com/guides/scholarships](http://www.findamasters.com/guides/scholarships) [www.findamasters.com/funding/guides/masters-funding-guide.aspx](http://www.findamasters.com/funding/guides/masters-funding-guide.aspx) [www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/funding-postgraduate-study](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/funding-postgraduate-study) [www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk](http://www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk)

Goodenough College offers: Residential Scholarships that contribute to rent; Community Scholarships that contribute to food, the member experience and emergency financial assistance. [www.goodenough.ac.uk/scholarships/](http://www.goodenough.ac.uk/scholarships/)

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.

## How to contact us

Visit [www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice) for up-to-date appointment and drop-in times.

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