



## Postgraduate Funding Student Money and Accommodation Advice

A list of postgraduate courses can be found at [www.londonmet.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate-courses/](http://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](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/infosheets)

### Postgraduate Loan

Non-means-tested loan of up to £10,609 available from Student Finance England for students starting postgraduate Master's courses (full-time or part-time) in 18/19. This loan will be: 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 and EU students aged under 60. More information at [www.londonmet.ac.uk/funding](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/funding)

### Subject specific awards

PGCE – [www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/funding/postgraduate-funding](http://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](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students/825.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](http://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](http://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](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/banking/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.

\*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](http://www.turn2us.org.uk) and [targetcourses.co.uk/funding](http://targetcourses.co.uk/funding)

You may find the Alternative Guide to Funding helpful –

[www.londonmet.ac.uk/applying/funding-your-studies/bursaries-and-grants/supplementary-postgraduate-funding/](http://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](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/infosheets)

### **Discount schemes / instalment plans**

Please refer to your Welcome Programme or contact [admissions@londonmet.ac.uk](mailto: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 Money and Accommodation Advisers, or our benefits information sheet:

[www.londonmet.ac.uk/infosheets/](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/infosheets/). 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/student-finance](http://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-and-facilities/](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/services-and-facilities/)

Disability Rights UK publishes a factsheet on postgraduate education for disabled students:

[www.disabilityrightsuk.org/postgraduate-education-disabled-students/](http://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/postgraduate-education-disabled-students/). There is also a limited telephone helpline on 0330 995 0414 or email them at: [students@disabilityrightsuk.org](mailto: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)

Other information about funding opportunities:

[www.findamasters.com/funding/postgraduate-masters-scholarships/](http://www.findamasters.com/funding/postgraduate-masters-scholarships/)

[www.findamasters.com/students/studyguide/masters-funding-guide.aspx](http://www.findamasters.com/students/studyguide/masters-funding-guide.aspx)

[www.prospects.ac.uk/funding\\_my\\_further\\_study.htm](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/funding_my_further_study.htm)

[www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk](http://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 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](mailto:SMAA@londonmet.ac.uk)

Website: [www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice](http://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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