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# The [UWE Bristol Student Money Service](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/life/money-and-finance/student-money-service)

Coronavirus has been an unsettling and challenging time for all of us. We understand that as a student you may be concerned about your finances if you are unable to work, that you may struggle to study remotely, cannot access a laptop, or that you may have re-sits or retakes as a result of the impact of the pandemic. We are here to help. Please see below for details of the financial support available, and steps you can take to make sure you have your finance in place for the start of the academic year.

**Financial Support over the summer**

The university offers a number of schemes to support students over the summer months, all of which have been revised in light of the unique circumstances affecting students during the pandemic. For details please see the links below.

* [Coronavirus emergency fund](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/courses/funding/uwe-bristol-fund/coronavirus-emergency-fund) (IT hardware scheme) – some students can apply for a payment of £300 to support with the cost of a laptop to make remote studying possible.
* The [Summer Fund](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/courses/funding/summer-fund) will open on 22nd June, focusing support on students needing to study for re-sits, or who are unable to work due to disability, illness or caring responsibilities.
* [Placement Costs Loan](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/courses/funding/placement-costs-loan) - supporting students in NHS placements waiting for reimbursement.
* [EU/International Emergency Fund](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/courses/funding/eu-international-emergency-fund) - specifically for EU/international students experiencing a unforeseen financial emergency

**Ask for help**

We advise all students to seek help before they find themselves in financial difficulty. We have a team of dedicated Money Advisers to help, please get in touch with us at the [Student Money Service](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/life/money-and-finance/student-money-service)

**Get Money Ready for the new academic year**

**Apply for your funding now.**

It is important that you apply as soon as possible for your funding for the 20/21 academic year to avoid delays to your funding at the start of term. See your online account or funding provider webpage for more details.

[Student Finance England](https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance) / [Student Finance Wales](https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/) / [Student Finance Northern Ireland](https://www.studentfinanceni.co.uk/) / [Student Awards Agency Scotland](https://www.saas.gov.uk/) / [EU](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance-forms)

Top tips:

* Apply as usual for your course and year. Any changes to your course following the publication of results will be sent to Student Finance by the university. Please note – check your account to make sure your course and personal details are correct. If not submit the relevant change of circumstances.
* If you plan to change course please ensure that you have completed the correct process [here](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/study/academic-information/suspend-transfer-or-withdraw) and we will inform Student Finance of the change. You can apply for funding now, and the course change will show shortly.
* If you are taking a placement then you still need to apply for a fee loan to cover the reduced cost of the placement year fee. Placement funding information can be found [here](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/study/work-experience-jobs-and-placements/placements/placement-costs-and-finance).
* If you are no longer taking a placement then please ensure you have completed the process to change [here](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/study/work-experience-jobs-and-placements/placements) and then apply for the full fee.
* If you have to repeat some modules but not the full year then you will still need to pay fees, although these will be reduced.

**Managing a change in your circumstances.**

Some students may find that due to coronavirus, or other circumstances, their programme of study has been affected, and therefore there is a change to the funding available to them. This could include (but is not limited to) the following:

* Students have failed some modules and need to repeat the year.
* Students have failed the whole year and need to repeat that year.
* Students wish to suspend for a period of time.
* Students wish to change course.
* Students parental income has changed.

In all cases, the university will inform Student Finance of course or year changes. Although we advise you to double check your student finance account after a change has been made to ensure you are applying for the right course and year. Please note that if you are repeating some modules, but not the whole year then reduced fees will be charged.

If parental income has decreased by more than 15% compared to the tax year you were assessed on you can request a [current year income assessment](https://www.gov.uk/support-child-or-partners-student-finance-application/current-year-income) from Student Finance. There are times when this may not always be the best course of action so seek advice.

**Accessing repeat tuition fee funding from Student Finance.**

The Student Finance rules state that students are eligible for funding (living costs loan and tuition fee loan) for the duration of their course, plus one year. Due to previous study, exceptional circumstances some students may be required to study for an additional year, or period of time, and therefore require additional funding, beyond the statutory funding available. These exceptional circumstances may include (but is not limited to) the following:

* Ill health
* Family bereavement
* Pregnancy

In these circumstances, students can apply to Student Finance for [Compelling Personal Reasons](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/going-back-to-uni-or-repeating-a-year) to access additional funding.

Top tips for CPR:

* Read our information on compelling personal reasons 
* Write a covering letter
* Include as much information and evidence as possible
* Student Finance will want to know how the circumstances have affected your ability to study – eg illness made it impossible to attend exams
* Speak to a [Money Adviser](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cjg-woodcock%5CDownloads%5CStudent%20Money%20Service) for guidance

**Managing Financial Hardship**

The university has a number of schemes to support students with their finances while they study. The [Short Term Loan Scheme](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/courses/funding/short-term-loan-scheme) can support with £50 - £70 per week for living costs while students experience a short term lack of funds (eg due to delayed funding), the [UWE Bristol Student Support Fund](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/courses/funding/uwe-bristol-student-support-fund) can support students experiencing a short fall in their funding for example due to high childcare or travel costs, or inability to work due to illness or disability and the [UWE Bristol Fund](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/courses/funding/uwe-bristol-fund).

There is also the [UWE Bursary](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/courses/funding/uwe-bursary) and [activity bursaries](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/courses/funding/uwe-bristol-employability-bursary).

For EU / International students experiencing a financial emergency, the [EU/International Emergency Fund](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/courses/funding/eu-international-emergency-fund) can help to cover exceptional / emergency living costs or fly you home.

**Becoming Money Smart**

The university has partnered with [BlackBullion](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/life/money-and-finance/blackbullion) offering a comprehensive packing of online learning covering topics from student budgeting to student finance, savings and even investing and starting a business. Check it out [here](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/life/money-and-finance/blackbullion)

Check out our [money management tips](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/life/money-and-finance/)

Attend our [Financial Capability module](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/events/manage-your-money-events), covering topics from budgeting to student finance with expert industry speakers.

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[Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/uwebristol/)

[Twitter](https://twitter.com/UWEBristol)

[Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/uwebristol/?hl=en)

**External organisations offering help and advice**

If you are struggling with debt, or money issues that require specialist advice help is also on hand from the following external organisations

[Citizens Advice](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/)

[Talking Money](https://www.talkingmoney.org.uk/)

[Bristol Law centre](https://www.bristollawcentre.org.uk/)

[Money Advice Service](https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en)

[National Debtline](https://www.nationaldebtline.org/)

**Money Saving Expert**

Money Saving Expert Martin Lewis has a wealth of information at [www.moneysavingexpert.com](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com)

He covers a wide range of money topics including [guides for students](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/), [Coronavirus FAQ’s](https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2020/04/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/#lockdown) and [tips for workers](https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2020/04/employed-help-coronavirus-furlough/)

**Mental Health**

If your money circumstances are affecting your health and wellbeing, UWE Wellbeing service have a range of [support](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/life/health-and-wellbeing/get-wellbeing-support/wellbeing-service) options to help you.

**Part-time employment**

For information about local job opportunities check out the [UWE Job shop](https://www.thestudentsunion.co.uk/opportunities/jobs/)

For career guidance see [UWE Careers Service](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/study/career-development)