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University  
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England

Your guide to  
**full-time  
undergraduate  
student finance**  
England\* for 2021/22

\*Applies to English students.

# What you need to know about tuition fees

## **How much will I be charged for a full-time undergraduate course at UWE Bristol?**

In 2021/22 tuition fees for full-time undergraduate courses are £9,250 a year for UK students.

## **As a UK resident, will I have to pay these tuition fees upfront?**

No, you can apply for a fee loan from Student Finance England (SFE) which is paid directly to us. Entitlement to the fee loan is subject to eligibility and is not affected by family income.

## **I'm from the EU, will I be eligible for student funding?**

As a result of Brexit, EU students starting courses in the 2021/22 academic year will be charged international fees and will not usually be eligible for UK Government funding. If, however, you have been granted settled status under the EU settlement scheme prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course (see below) then different rules apply. You will be charged Home (UK) fees and can apply for maintenance and tuition fee loans (the same as UK students).

The date of the first day of the first academic year is not quite as it sounds. The first day of the first academic year is 1st September 2021 for courses starting between 1st August 2021 and 31st December 2021, or the 1st January 2022 for courses starting between 1st January 2022 and 31st March 2022. This means that an EU student would need to have settled status approved by 1st September even if the course starts mid-September to meet the residency requirements.

## **Am I eligible for student funding if I have previously started or completed a Higher Education (HE) course?**

If you already have an honours degree or started a higher education course in the past, you'll be charged the fees above and you may not be eligible for a fee loan for your new course. The main exception to this rule is if you plan to study one of the following courses: Nursing (Adult, Children's, Learning Disabilities and Mental Health), Midwifery, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Radiotherapy, Oncology and Diagnostic Imaging. If you're a degree holder planning to study one of these courses then you'll be entitled to full funding.

If you have studied at HE level before but did not complete your course, you may find that this removes your entitlement to one or more years of funding for your new course. Please contact us for advice at [sms@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:sms@uwe.ac.uk).



# Funding your living costs

If you live in England you can apply for a living cost loan of up to £9,488 per year if you plan to live away from home. If you choose to live at home while studying then you can apply for a living cost loan of up to £7,987. For both options, the amount you receive will depend on your household income.

As most courses at UWE Bristol are longer than the standard course length, you may receive an additional £102 (if you live away from home), or £67 (if you live at home), for each extra week you study. Most UWE Bristol students living away from home will be considered for £510 on top of the £9,488 (maximum) standard loan. If you plan to live away from home and study Nursing, Midwifery, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Radiotherapy, Oncology or Diagnostic Imaging, you may be entitled to up to an additional £1,530 on top of the £9,488 (maximum) standard loan. depending on individual course length. Entitlement to the additional loan is affected by household income above £39,796.

The tables below provide an indicator of the student finance package you may be entitled to if you're a full-time undergraduate student – either living away from home during your studies, or living at home.

## I intend to live away from home during my studies

Household income	Maintenance loan paid in three instalments – one at the start of each term	Max tuition fee loan	Max amount borrowed, excluding interest
£25,000 and under	£9,488	£9,250	£18,738
£30,000	£8,809	£9,250	£18,059
£35,000	£8,130	£9,250	£17,380
£40,000	£7,450	£9,250	£16,700
£45,000	£6,771	£9,250	£16,021
£50,000	£6,092	£9,250	£15,342
£55,000	£5,412	£9,250	£14,662
£60,000	£4,733	£9,250	£13,983
£62,286	£4,422	£9,250	£13,672

## I intend to live at home during my studies

Household income	Maintenance loan paid in three instalments – one at the start of each term	Max tuition fee loan	Max amount borrowed, excluding interest
£25,000 and under	£7,987	£9,250	£17,237
£30,000	£7,315	£9,250	£16,565
£35,000	£6,642	£9,250	£15,892
£40,000	£5,969	£9,250	£15,219
£42,875	£5,582	£9,250	£14,832
£45,000	£5,296	£9,250	£14,546
£50,000	£4,623	£9,250	£13,873
£55,000	£3,950	£9,250	£13,200
£58,220 and over	£3,516	£9,250	£12,766

# Repayment of student loans

Although you may be taking out a fee loan and living cost loan each year, they are added together to make one loan.

## Repaying your loan

The repayment threshold for tax year 2021/22 is £27,295 (gross taxable income) and will be adjusted annually in line with average earnings. You'll only need to start repaying your loan the April after you complete or leave your course. And you won't need to start repaying anything until you earn more than the threshold. Once you're eligible for repayment, you'll repay 9% of your gross earnings over the threshold (£90 per year for every £1,000 earned above the threshold).



Your repayments will be made through the income tax system and your employer will take it off the payroll. This means you'll never see the money; it simply reduces the amount you receive in your pay packet. If you're self-employed then a calculation for repayment is factored into your self-assessment return.

You'll no longer need to make repayments when you've cleared your debt or 30 years have passed, whichever comes first. If you never get a job earning over the threshold, you'll never repay. The debt is also cleared in the event of your death.

## Applied interest

During your studies and until the April after you graduate, the interest on your loans will be RPI (Retail Price Index) plus 3%. The interest rate is set in September each year. During the academic year 2020/21, the interest rate will be 5.6% (RPI level 2.6% + 3%). Once you graduate, the interest charged will depend on your earnings.

## Impact on credit rating and mortgage applications

Student loans have no impact on your credit rating and are very unlikely to have an impact on your ability to get a mortgage, but the amount of mortgage available to you may depend on your net income (Source: Mortgage Company Trade Association).

# The cost of your degree

The table below shows how much of your student loan you will repay each year after graduating, based on your gross earnings and the repayment threshold of £27,295 (tax year 2021/22).

Gross taxable income	Net monthly income	Monthly repayments	Annual repayments
£27,000	£1,833	£0	£0
£31,000	£2,060	£28	£336
£36,000	£2,343	£66	£792
£41,000	£2,627	£103	£1,236
£46,000	£2,910	£141	£1,692
£56,000	£3,427	£216	£2,592



## Additional funding you may be eligible for

If you have children or dependent adults you may be eligible for additional funding to support you with your additional expenditure, for example, through a childcare grant. Find out more at [gov.uk/student-finance/extra-help](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/extra-help).

If you receive a Personal Independence Payment or Disability Living Allowance, you'll qualify for an increased living cost loan. If you experience extra course costs as a result of a disability or health condition, you may also qualify for Disabled Students Allowances. Please visit [uwe.ac.uk/dsa](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/dsa).

### Healthcare students

Pre-registration healthcare students who want to study nursing or midwifery or paramedic science degree, and who are eligible for a maintenance and tuition fee loan from Student Finance, can receive additional non-means tested, non-repayable grants from the NHS.

These include:

- An NHS training grant of £5,000 (with up to an extra £2,000 for some students).
- A Parental Support grant of £2,000 (for students with children under 15 or 17 if registered with special educational needs).
- A means-tested Exceptional Support Fund of up to £3,000 (for students in exceptional hardship, this is subject to eligibility and assessment).

Details can be found at [nhsbsa.nhs.uk/learning-support-fund/exceptional-support-fund](https://nhsbsa.nhs.uk/learning-support-fund/exceptional-support-fund).

## How to apply for your funding

Applications for September intakes are normally accepted from March and you can apply at [gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance](https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance).

# The UWE Bristol Bursary

You may be eligible for the UWE Bristol Bursary. This provides financial support for students as detailed below.

**A Low-Income Bursary of £500** will be paid in each year of study. These bursaries will be allocated to full-time or part-time students from low-income backgrounds.

**The UWE Cares Bursary** will be paid to low-income students who are either care leavers, estranged from their parents or caring for a disabled or an ill family member. £1,500 is paid to students in each year of their first undergraduate degree. Please visit [uwe.ac.uk/life/health-and-wellbeing/uwe-cares](http://uwe.ac.uk/life/health-and-wellbeing/uwe-cares) to find out more about pastoral support you can access as a care leaver, estranged student or student carer.

**The UWE Bristol Childcare Bursary of £1,500** will be paid to low-income students who are in receipt of childcare grant from Student Finance. The £1,500 is paid in each year of study.

Students can receive one of the above bursaries if criteria is met.

**An Activity Bursary of £1,000 will be paid to 500 eligible students** if they take part in one of the following activities:

- Sandwich placement or year abroad
- Summer internship with an employer or as a researcher
- Short international project activity

The Activity Bursary can be paid in addition to another UWE Bristol Bursary.

To qualify for a UWE Bristol Bursary, you must obtain maximum funding from Student Finance England (SFE), including the full tuition fee loan. You don't have to apply for the bursary, but you must apply for government funding (from SFE) and give consent to share your income with the University so that we can verify your income status. Bursaries will be allocated from September 2021 onwards. You'll be contacted by email regarding your eligibility.

If you think you qualify for a UWE Bristol Cares or UWE Bristol Childcare Bursary please email [uwe.bursary@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:uwe.bursary@uwe.ac.uk) as we are unable to fully identify these students from the funding application.

## UWE Bristol Student Support Fund

UWE Bristol provides a Student Support Fund to support students who may need extra financial support to remain in higher education. Eligible students can apply in each academic year of study and will be means tested for the fund. Priority is given to students who are unable to work during their studies due to a disability or caring responsibilities.





## Managing your money

If you're living away from home while you study, it's important to work out your budget accurately and realistically. We estimate that as a student living away from home, you'll spend approximately £11,080 per year. This does not include unexpected costs such as car repairs or luxuries.

Check this amount against the funding you expect to receive. Even with maximum funding on a standard length course, you'd need to find an extra £1,082 to cover your costs. You may need to think about working part-time while you study.

If you plan to study a Nursing, Midwifery or allied health course on our Glenside campus, you should budget for longer but take into account the additional funding you'll be considered for. Accommodation on Glenside campus is cheaper at around £115 per week.

**A typical budget for 40 weeks might be:**

	Annual	Weekly
Rent	£5,720	£143
Food and household goods	£3,840	£96
Travel to university and home	£400	£10
Entertainment and socialising	£800	£20
Books and equipment	£320	£8
Total cost	£11,080	£277

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# More support for you

Further information about student funding can be found on the following websites:

[gov.uk/student-finance](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance)

[uwe.ac.uk/money](https://uwe.ac.uk/money)

[moneysavingexpert.com/students](https://moneysavingexpert.com/students)

If you have any queries in the meantime please email

[sms@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:sms@uwe.ac.uk)

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