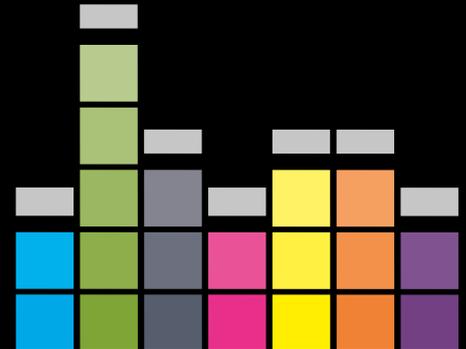


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STUDENT FINANCE

Student finance - key facts and figures 2016/17



While you're studying you'll have two main costs – tuition fees and living costs. You can get a range of student finance to help with both.

You can find out more information about all aspects of student finance, including eligibility and how your household income affects the amount you can get on our website: www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

Tuition fees

Most full-time students starting a course in 2016/17 won't have to pay for their fees up front. You can apply for a Fee Grant, which doesn't have to be paid back, and a Tuition Fee Loan that does. The amount of Fee Grant and Tuition Fee Loan you can get doesn't depend on your household income.

	Publicly-funded university or college	Privately-funded university or college
Tuition Fee Loan	£3,900	£6,000
Fee Grant	£5,100	£0

If you choose to study at a private university or college you may be charged more than £6,000. You'll be responsible for paying any tuition fees above this.

Living costs

There are loans and grants available to help pay for your living costs.

Welsh Government Learning Grant

You can apply for a Welsh Government Learning Grant of up to £5,161. The amount you can get depends on your household income. You don't have to pay this back.

Household income	Welsh Government Learning Grant	Household income	Welsh Government Learning Grant
£18,370 and below	£5,161	£34,000	£1,142
£20,000	£4,715	£40,000	£734
£25,000	£3,347	£45,000	£393
£26,500	£2,936	£50,020	£50
£30,000	£2,099	£50,753 and over	£0

Some students, who get certain benefits, will get a Special Support Grant instead of a Welsh Government Learning Grant. The amount they get will be the same.

Maintenance Loan

The amount of Maintenance Loan you can get depends on your household income and where you live and study. This has to be paid back.

Where you live and/or study	Maximum Maintenance Loan
Living with your parents	£4,786
Studying in London and not living with your parents	£8,662
Studying outside London and not living with your parents	£6,183
Studying overseas	£7,372

If you get a Welsh Government Learning Grant the amount of Maintenance Loan you can get will be reduced by 50p for every £1 of grant you get up to £2,580. If you get a Special Support Grant this won't affect the amount of Maintenance Loan you can get.

Extra help if you have children or an adult who depends on you

The amount of Childcare Grant, Parents' Learning Allowance or Adult Dependants' Grant you can get will depend on your household income and the income of any dependants you have. These grants don't usually have to be paid back.

Maximum amount		
Childcare Grant	If you have one child	85% of your childcare costs up to a maximum of £161.50 per week
	If you have two or more children	85% of your childcare costs up to a maximum of £274.55 per week
Parents' Learning Allowance		£1,557
Adult Dependants' Grant		£2,732

Disabled Students' Allowances

This table shows the maximum amounts available to help cover additional costs if you've got a disability, including a mental-health condition or specific learning difficulty. The actual amount you'll get is based on your needs, and doesn't have to be paid back.

Allowance	Maximum amount available
Non-medical helper allowance	£21,181 per year
Specialist equipment allowance	£5,332 for the whole course
General allowance (for other disability-related expenditure)	£1,785 per year
Disability-related travel allowance	Reasonable spending on additional travel costs you have as a direct result of your disability

Bursaries and scholarships

You should check the websites of the universities and colleges you're applying to, to find out about any bursaries or scholarships they offer.

