



Guernsey students



A guide to the cost of going to University in the UK - 2016/17

Tuition fees

The cost of going to university varies as it will depend on each institutions tuition fees, accommodation costs, travel costs, food costs etc. Tuition fees in the UK were raised in 2012 to a maximum of £9,000 per year for UK Home students. The vast majority of UK Universities charge Guernsey students the new UK Home student fees, but there are some exceptions including, Imperial College and Cambridge University who charge Guernsey students overseas tuition fees which are significantly higher than the Home student fee.

For most degree courses in the UK the tuition fee will be £9,000 per year, the exceptions are Clinical courses (Medicine, Veterinary and Dentistry) where fees are typically around £19,000 per year, as well as the following courses which also have separate fees, details of which can be obtained from the Grants Department at Education:

- Nursing
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Midwifery
- Podiatry
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Orthoptics
- Paediatrics



(For up to date tuition fees it is important to check with the University, this information is available on University websites)

Living costs

The cost of living at University in the UK will vary considerably depending on which part of the UK you are studying in, i.e. the cost of living in London is much higher than other parts of the UK, the type of accommodation you live in as well as other factors such as your lifestyle preferences, transport costs etc.



Some examples of accommodation costs:

- In halls of residence: **£100 - £200 per week** (approx. 31 weeks for an Undergraduate course) this includes bills and some prices will also include full or part catering
- In private accommodation: **£70 - £150** per week, this excludes utility bills and food you will likely have to pay rent for 52 weeks)

(Accommodation costs in parts of London are considerably higher with some Universities charging in excess of £200 per week for halls of residence)

Other living costs to factor in include: food, travel/petrol, insurance, social, clubs/societies/teams, clothing, books, study materials, TV licence, internet, mobile and utility bills.

What assistance can I get to cover the costs?

Grants from the Education Department

Non-repayable grants are available from the Grants Section at the Education Department. There are two parts to the grant – a **'Maintenance grant'** for living costs such as accommodation, food, travel etc. estimated at **£6,508** per year and **£7,923** for London and a **'Tuition fee grant'** for the course costs. The grants available are calculated using your household income, i.e. income of any parent and/or partner you may live with minus allowances which leaves an amount called the **'residual income'**. The residual income is the figure then used to calculate how much your parents will have to contribute and how much grant the Education Department will fund. The maximum parents would have to contribute (as well as all maintenance costs) towards tuition fees is **£8,900**.

Example assessment:

Based on a student applying for a Sport & Exercise Science degree at Brighton University using 2015/16 figs.

Tuition & maintenance costs:	Maintenance	£6,508
	Travel (Brighton)	£462
	Tuition fees	£9,000
	Total costs	£15,970

The students parents have a residual income of £9,000, which produces a parental contribution of £2,250, the student would then be entitled to the following grants:

Parental contribution towards maintenance and travel	£2,250
States grant for: maintenance & travel	£4,720
States grant for: tuition fees	£9,000
Total States grants	£13,720
Total States grants inc: parental contribution	£15,970

Further details of the allowances available to parents and how to work out the grant you may be entitled to are available on www.education.gg in the Higher Education funding section.

Am I eligible for a grant?

You must have been living in the Channel Islands, the UK or Isle of Man for at least 3 years before the start of the course and be resident on Guernsey or Alderney on the 30th June of the year you intend to start your course. Sark residents are not eligible for funding. The Education Department awards grants for full time courses at accredited institutions. Please refer to the grants information on www.education.gg for further details of courses that are eligible for funding.

I am over 22 years of age can I still get a grant?

You can apply for an Independent student award as long as you have been in 3 years full time employment and have been resident in Guernsey or Alderney for the last 3 years. Grants are not normally awarded to applicants who will be older than 50 years of age by the end of their course although there are exceptions to this rule. Independent bursaries are discretionary and students must complete a written statement demonstrating their suitability for a bursary with their application.

There are further conditions including if you are unemployed etc. outlined in the grants information on www.education.gg. Always check with the grants department direct about your circumstances and funding options on: telephone: 733000, or email: grants@education.gov.gg

When do I apply for a grant?

Grant forms are usually available from the Easter of the year you are going. These are available at school/college or direct from the Education Department.

How do I apply for a grant?

You and your parents will need to fill out a paper application form and return it to the Education Department with details of income etc. by 31st May.

How does the grant get paid?

If you are eligible for a grant for your tuition costs, this gets paid direct to the university by the Education Department. If your parents are contributing to your tuition fees, they will pay this direct to the university (some uni's have payment agreements to spread the cost but check direct with each uni). This is normally charged on an annual basis. If you receive a maintenance grant towards your living costs, this will be paid direct to your student bank account on a termly basis.

Bursaries from Employers/organisations

Bursaries are given to selected students by employers/organisations and some will also offer holiday work experience/internships. Some employers may also ask for a commitment after you complete your course to work for them. You can get a bursary from an employer and a grant from the Education Department as long as it doesn't go above a certain limit (exact figures on www.education.gg in the Guide to Higher Education Awards) . You must declare any and all bursaries received to the Grants Section. Check the application deadlines and details of all the bursaries available at www.careers.gg in the 16-19 section.

If you require any further assistance with going to University then you can contact your Careers Adviser, Sean Parry on tel: 733024, or email: sparry@education.gov.gg