



Guernsey and Alderney Students

A guide to the cost of going to university in the UK – 2022/23

Tuition fees

The cost of going to university varies as it will depend on each institution's tuition fees, accommodation costs, travel costs, food costs, etc. Most tuition fees in the UK are currently £9,250 for UK Home students. The vast majority of UK universities charge Guernsey and Alderney students the UK Home Fee rate. However, students should be aware of independent institutions which can charge their own fees at a rate significantly higher than the £9,250 Home Fee equivalent.

For most degree courses in the UK, the tuition fee will be £9,250 per year. Exceptions include Welsh institutions, which mostly charge £9,000; as well as some clinical courses, and performing arts courses at independent institutions (for which funding from the States of Guernsey is limited to a maximum tuition fee support of £10,750). Funding for overseas institutions (outside the UK) is available, but will be limited to the UK Home Fee rate equivalent, with no additional allowances for travel costs. Further details can be obtained from the Student Finance team.

(For up-to-date tuition fees, it is important to check with the university. This information should be 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, what type of accommodation you live in, as well as other factors including 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.
- Private accommodation averages around: **£155** per week for an ensuite room and **£228** per week for a studio, this excludes utility bills and food (you will likely have to pay rent for 52 weeks) [How much does uni accommodation cost? \(thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk\)](https://thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk)

(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 Education Services

Non-repayable grants are available from Student Finance. There are two parts to the grant – a **'Maintenance Grant'** for living costs such as accommodation, food, travel etc. estimated at **£8,094** per year (**£9,740** for London-based courses), 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 any allowances due, leaving an amount called the **'Residual Income'**. This Residual Income figure is then used to calculate how much your parents will have to contribute and how much grant Student Finance will be able to fund. The maximum parents would have to contribute (as well as all maintenance costs) towards tuition fees is usually **£9,150**, plus any fees in excess of the Home Fee rate.

Example assessment:

Based on a student applying for a Sport & Exercise Science degree at Brighton University using 2022/23 figures.

Tuition & maintenance costs:	Maintenance	£7,567
	Travel (Brighton)	£527
	Tuition fees	£9,250
	Total costs	£17,344

The student's 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	£5,844
States Grant for: tuition fees	£9,250
Total States Grants	£15,094
Total: States Grant + Parental Contribution	£17,344

Further details of the allowances available to parents and how to work out the grant you may be entitled to are available www.gov.gg/studentfinance.





Am I eligible for a grant?

You must have been living in the Channel Islands, the UK, or the Isle of Man for at least 3 years before the start of the course, and be ordinarily resident in Guernsey or Alderney on the 30th June of the academic year in which your course starts. For courses starting in February, this would mean the 30th June in the previous calendar year. Sark residents are not eligible for funding.

Student Finance awards grants for full time courses at accredited institutions. Please refer to the grant information on www.gov.gg/studentfinance for further details of courses that are eligible for funding.

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

Applicants under the age of 25 can still apply for a dependent award based on parental income. Applicants under the age of 25, but over the age of 22, are instead able to apply for an independent award based on personal income: only so long as they have 3 years of full-time employment in Guernsey or Alderney, and have been ordinarily resident on either island for the last 3 years. Applicants over the age of 25 are able to apply for an independent award, regardless of work history. However, grants are not normally awarded to applicants who will be older than 56 years of age by the end of their course, although there are exceptions to this rule. Independent Student Bursaries are competitive and discretionary and students must complete a written statement demonstrating their suitability for a bursary along with their application. Please note there is a strict deadline of 30th June for applications in order to be considered for funding.

If in doubt, always check with Student Finance directly about your circumstances and funding options on telephone: 226560 or via email: studentfinance@gov.gg.

When do I apply for a grant?

Grant forms are available after Easter in the year you are due to start university. These are available at school/college or direct from Student Finance on T:226560/email: studentfinance@gov.gg.

How do I apply for a grant?

You and your parents will need to fill out a paper application form and return it to Student Finance with details of income, etc. by 31st May. Late applications for undergraduate courses will still be accepted until 31st December, but any funding due may be delayed as a result. Please be aware there is a strict deadline for Post Graduate and Independent applications. New Post Graduate or Independent applications must be submitted by the 30th June deadline in order to be considered for funding, as these awards are both competitive and discretionary.





How does the grant get paid?

If you are eligible for a grant toward your tuition costs, this will be paid directly to the university by Student Finance upon receipt of invoice. It is the responsibility of the student/parent to notify the institution of their sponsored status. If your parents are contributing to your tuition fees, they will pay this directly to the university (some universities have payment agreements to spread the cost across installments, but check directly 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 nominated 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 Student Finance as long as it doesn't go above a certain limit (the disregard for academic year 2022/2023 is £4,505, which can be referenced in the 'Schedule of Fees and Allowances 2022/2023' available at www.gov.gg/studentfinance). You must declare any and all bursaries received to Student Finance, as this may affect the funding due. Check the application deadlines and details of all the bursaries available at www.careers.gg.

If you require any further assistance with going to university then you can contact a Careers Adviser, on 01481 226565 or careersguernsey@gov.gg.

Full details of the Student Finance options available can be found at www.gov.gg/studentfinance.



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