

2020-2021 Additional Financial Support

Leisure Courses – there are no longer any subsidies available to help students on leisure courses. However, if your course costs more than £100, you may wish to pay in instalments.

Further Education courses

Under 19s

For Education & Skills Funding Agency subsidised accredited courses, the course and exam fees are free. Re-sit exam fees will be charged.



Student Support Fund

Students aged between 16 and 19 who have difficulty meeting the specific financial costs of attending college may be eligible for financial help from the Student Support Fund. This is a cash-limited fund available to help with travel costs, books, equipment and UK trips.

Generally, households whose income is £25,000 or under are eligible to apply but special circumstances can be taken into consideration. If you would like to apply for this fund please obtain an Application Form from the archway in the Cafe area at AHED (Adult & Higher Education division) from early September onwards. Once completed, return it with proof of household income as outlined on the form to the Student Support Team at AHED Reception. Only photocopied documents are accepted. Originals submitted cannot be returned. This will then be processed and passed to our 6th form site for further processing. If funds allow, the £25,000 threshold may be increased later in the year.

Student Bursary

Students aged between 16 and 19 who are looked after (in care); care leavers; a parent or living independently and in receipt of Income Support (Universal Credit) or have a disability and are in receipt of ESA and DLA (Personal Independence Payment), will be eligible for a weekly bursary payment (£1,200 pa in 2019/2020). Students attendance and academic records will be taken into account when applications for financial assistance are considered. Evidence supporting absences is required.

If you think you may be eligible **for the Bursary only**, please speak to Student Services staff at the Sixth Form site on 01962 857547 or email student.services@psc.ac.uk.

NB Students from households in receipt of Income Support who do NOT fall into the above categories are not eligible for a Bursary but may still be able to apply to the Student Support Fund.

Subsidised Bus Passes (for certain routes) & Travel

Please see our Sixth Form website for information on Travel for under 19s:
<http://www.psc.ac.uk/support/student-services/transport/>

Under 20s

Care to Learn (Childcare Support Scheme)

If you are under 20 at the start of your course and attending an ESFA subsidised accredited course, you may be able to get help with your childcare as long as the carer/care setting is fully Ofsted registered. Application packs are available by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn>.

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ADULTS AGED 19 and Over at the start of your learning

19+ Discretionary Learner Support Fund (DLS) & Advanced Learner Loan Bursary Fund

These funds are available for cases of genuine hardship, with a **household income** less than £21,000 gross, to help towards essential costs associated with your programme of learning. Priority will be given to those studying a full Level 2 or 3 course and experiencing financial hardship to prevent access to learning. You will also need to meet the residency and "settled" status requirements (per your enrolment form). The fund is cash limited, so will be allocated on a first come, first served basis (maximum £150 per learner or £350 if transport included).

Application is **NOT** a guarantee of support.

You can apply if:

- you are enrolled on an eligible Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) funded course (mainly those courses leading to a qualification);
- you are enrolled on a course offering an Advanced Learner Loan;
- you are 19 or over enrolled on an ESFA funded course; you are 19 or over enrolled on a Loan eligible course (no monies can be released until the College has written confirmation that your loan is approved)

You will need to supply proof of household income and any other evidence as indicated in the form.

If you have paid for your course (not free tuition fees or loan to pay for it), you may be able to apply for help with essential course-related costs (specified at interview) of:

- kit (up to 30%)

OR whether you have paid for your course or not (provided it is an eligible course):

- public transport (50% of fare subject to living more than 3 miles from the College as verified by Google Maps from home postcode to College postcode and you are not "mandated" by the JCP to attend this training).

You may, dependent upon circumstances, be able to get help with transport costs if you drive to College, although the College urges students to use Public Transport where possible per directives by Local Government. You will need to supply a valid copy of your car insurance. Termly payment will be based on equivalent Public Transport criteria and costs, not actual fuel costs. You will need to state why you are using a car instead of Public Transport. Application forms are available from the archway in the Cafe area at AHED.

20+ Childcare Scheme

This is available for students who are 20 years or older from the combined 19+ Discretionary Learner Support/Advanced Learner Loan Bursary Fund with a **household income** less than £21,000 (gross) and enrolled on an Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) subsidised course.

Students will need to meet the residency and "settled" status requirements (per the enrolment form) and support is available on a first come, first served basis. Priority will be given to those studying a full time course and experiencing financial hardship to prevent access to learning.

Application is **NOT** a guarantee of support.

If you meet the above criteria, have a dependent child aged under 15 (16 if you have a child with disabilities) and subject to household income, you may be eligible for help with childcare costs (childcare provider needs to be fully Ofsted registered). This is a cash limited fund available on a first come, first served basis. If you are in receipt of any other childcare funding, we will not be able to double fund childcare. You will need to provide certain evidence required in the form. Application forms are available from the archway in the Cafe area at AHED.

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HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES

Higher Education Hardship Fund

The Higher Education Hardship Fund (HEHF) is to relieve financial hardship that might impact on a student's participation in higher education. As this fund is extremely cash limited, the minimum amount awarded as a Standard Award will be £100 capped, in the first instance, to a maximum of £500. Any remaining funds may be distributed in the Summer term to successful applicants without further need for re-application. To apply, you MUST have successfully applied for a Tuition Fee Loan AND the maximum taken out the maximum Maintenance Loan/funding entitlement available and be enrolled on a Foundation or Top-up full time degree course.

Part reimbursement of the cost of a diagnostic assessment for a specific learning difficulty or medical condition (such as Dyslexia or an on-going health condition) for the DSA, will be considered from this Fund. Application forms available from the archway in the Cafe area of AHED or from AHED Reception.

Any queries regarding the information in this document should be directed to the ahed@psc.ac.uk.



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