

How much does it all cost? Where does the money come from?

Check out Prospect Postgraduate Funding for further information

Cost of an academic year in London is put at £6,650 and £5,250 elsewhere

Support yourself with funding or put together a package of savings, earnings, small grants, bursaries and loans

A majority of postgraduate students study part-time (306,570 out of 532,630 in 2005) and work part-time. Jobs include campus jobs in student bars, libraries and temping work. This may help students with family commitments to cope.

Part-time study allows you to spread the cost of study over 2 or 3 years, but you need to be realistic about the balance of study, work and family – it is not an easy option.

In some cases an employer may pay your study fees – but this is very rare in the arts.

There are no automatic sources of funding for postgraduate education.

- Course Fees @ £3,450 per year
- Living costs @ £6,000 per year

- Overall costs for 2 years @ £19,000

So what are the sources of funding: Savings, earning for part-time work, small grants, bursaries and loans.

Public funding bodies:

- UK Research Councils
- **Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)** deals with arts based funding
- Provide funding for MA research through universities (but not MA practice)
- Worth £12,000-£14,000 minimum
- Apply by March for May Deadline

Charitable Trusts can fund MA study but rarely for the whole amount when other sources are available.

Help comes in the form of Studentships, Scholarships, grants, bursaries and competitions. Some will only finance postgraduate study overseas

- Check out **The Grants Register** and **The Directory of Grant Making Trusts** both in college Library

Course fees vary but typically:

- From £3,450 - £6,000 for a diploma or MA course – vary on the reputation and popularity of the college and course
- Plus living and accommodation costs

Career Development Loans

CDLs: Administered through Barclays, Co-op Banks and The Department for Education and Skills

- Loans 80% from £300-£8000 for up to 2 years study. These are repayable if and when you reach certain levels of income in your future career.
- Covers course fees, books, travel, childcare, plus living expenses for full time courses
- www.direct.gov.uk/cdl

Example:

University of Gloucestershire

- Fine Art MA 2 years FT or 4 years PT
- Good honours degree required
- Critical and historical studies form integral part of course to enable you to contextualise studio practice in seminar papers & presentation
- *Modules:* methods of enquiry, visual enquiry, methods, studio practice, development, visual enquiry, consolidation/rationale, theory and studio practice, independent study