

## Student Support - Full Time Higher Education Students Who Started Before 2009 / 10

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### Higher Education Maintenance Grant (HEMG)

Students with a household income of £25,000 or less should receive a full grant of £2,906, while students with a household income between £25,001 and £50,020 should receive a partial grant. This grant is not repayable. For every £1 the student receives as a HEMG their loan entitlement reduces by £0.50 up to £1,292. The grant is paid in three instalments, one at the start of each term.

### Maintenance Loans (students who started before 2009 / 10)

Loans are available of up to £4,745 for students living away from home and £3,673 for students living with their parents. All UK students are entitled to 75% of the full loan and 25% will be income assessed. The loans are paid in three instalments, one at the start of each term.

### Tuition Fee Loan

A loan is available of up to £3,225 to cover your tuition fees in full. The amount you borrow does not depend on your household income. Student Finance pays this directly to the College.

### Disabled Students' Allowance

Disabled students' allowance (DSAs) may be available if you have a disability or specific learning difficulty including dyslexia. Eligible full time and part time students can apply.

DSA's are intended to help with specialist equipment needed and non medical helpers. You can apply at any time before or during your course, and how much you receive does not depend on your income or that of your family. You will not have to repay this help. For more information, please contact Learning Support on (01432) 845348 or email [learningsupport@hca.ac.uk](mailto:learningsupport@hca.ac.uk).

For more information/ useful guides or to download forms about loans, grants, DSAs etc, please visit [www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance).

For more information about studying for a second degree, please contact Paul Bowyer on (01432) 845354 or email [p.bowyer@hca.ac.uk](mailto:p.bowyer@hca.ac.uk).

### Learner Support Funds

The purpose of this fund is to provide exceptional support to students who are experiencing financial difficulty and whose access to learning might be inhibited by financial restraints. The support may provide assistance with course fees, travel, childcare or general living expenses.

Students requesting assistance will be required to complete an application form detailing their financial circumstances.

Applications are assessed each term by the Access Assessment Panel in accordance with regulations set by the DIBS. The College has a limited sum available and not all applications will be successful.

Learner Support Funds do not have to be repaid. For more information, please contact Paul Bowyer on (01432) 845354 or email [p.bowyer@hca.ac.uk](mailto:p.bowyer@hca.ac.uk).

### College Bursaries

All new full time students will receive a bursary in their first year of £540 and £210 in all subsequent years.

All students progressing from a Hereford College of Arts or a Progression Partner College further education course in the last 2 years will receive a further £540 in their first year only.

All students who receive the full Higher Education Maintenance Grant of £2,906 will receive a bursary of £320 each year.

College bursaries do not have to be repaid and are paid to students in three instalments, one each term. For more information, please contact Paul Bowyer on (01432) 845354 or email [p.bowyer@hca.ac.uk](mailto:p.bowyer@hca.ac.uk).

### Full Degree Students

If a student already has a BA or BSc (full degree) they will not receive any further funding to study a second degree at the same or lower level and therefore will have to pay fees at full rate. An exception to this is a Foundation Degree, and any of our Foundation Degrees (FdAs) will attract government funding but the student will not receive any funding for tuition fees, loans etc and therefore will have to pay their own tuition fees directly to the college.

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