

## **Student Financial Support for Students Resident in England Mature Students - Part Time Higher Education 2021-22**

### **Year 1 Students (Level 4)**

#### **Hereford College of Arts Tuition Fee**

The tuition fee for 2021-22 for all full time Higher Education Courses has been set at **£4,500**.

**For Students from England support is available from Student Finance England (SFE) and the Student Loans Company (SLC)**

#### **Tuition Fee Loan**

A Tuition Fee Loan is available for part-time English students who are studying for a **first Undergraduate Degree** to cover their tuition fees in full (there is no upper age limit). The amount you borrow does not depend on household income. SLC pays this directly to the College.

#### **Part Time Maintenance Loan**

All English students studying for a **first Undergraduate Degree** are entitled to a Maintenance Loan to help with accommodation and living costs (how much loan you receive depends on your household income, course intensity and where you live). The study intensity for part time courses at Hereford College of Arts are 50% of a full time course. The maximum loan available is £4,601 (2020-21).

**Students aged 60 years or over on the first day of the academic year are not eligible for a Maintenance loan for part time study. Students studying full time are eligible for a Special Support Loan of £3,893.**

Both of the above loans have to be repaid but you will not start paying them back until you have left College and are earning over £26,575 per annum. The amount you repay is 9% on earnings above £26,575 and repayment is made through the UK tax system.

#### **Disabled Students' Allowance**

Disabled students' allowance (DSAs) may be available if you have a disability or specific learning difficulty and can include dyslexia. DSA's does not depend on your household income and what you receive depends on your individual needs. For further information see: [www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas](http://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas)

For Additional information, please contact the Academic Mentoring Team on (01432) 273359 or email [helearningsupport@hca.ac.uk](mailto:helearningsupport@hca.ac.uk).

To get an estimate of how much loan you could receive, please use the Student Finance Calculator at: [www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator)

#### **Support Available From Hereford College of Arts**

##### **Cash Bursary (First Years Only)**

Students may qualify for a Cash Bursary of **£500** in their first year only. To be eligible for this bursary a student must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- The student must be ordinarily resident in England or the European Union.
- The student must be liable to pay the full £4,500 tuition fee for their course.
- The student must be a new undergraduate starting Higher Education for the first time in 2021
- To be eligible, a student must have a declared residual household income of less than £25,000.

### **Progression College Bursary**

All students who have studied at Hereford College of Arts or at one of its Progression Partner Colleges on a Further Education course within the last two academic years are eligible for a Progression Bursary of **£250** in their first year only.

**All bursaries are paid directly to students in 3 instalments: 25% is payable in the Autumn Term, 25% in the Spring Term and 50% in the Summer Term. Satisfactory work, attendance and progress during the year are required to ensure all payments are made.**

### **Higher Education Hardship Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to provide exceptional support to students who are experiencing financial difficulty whilst studying. This support may provide assistance with travel, material costs, rent or living expenses. Students requesting assistance will be required to complete an application form detailing their financial circumstances and be able to show evidence of hardship. Applications are assessed each term and not all applications will be successful as the College has a limited fund available.

### **How to Apply for Funding**

The easiest way is to apply online and we strongly recommended that you apply as soon as the service opens (February 2021). This will allow plenty of time to process your application and deal with any questions raised by Student Finance England. To apply to Student Finance England for funding, please visit [www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance) or use the link from your UCAS application. You can apply for a DSA at the same time as applying for a Tuition Fee and Maintenance Loans. There is also a paper application available.

Student Finance will need to means test your household income and will send you an email with instructions on how your partner can provide evidence of their income if applicable.

### **Contacts at Hereford College of Arts**

For more information about tuition fees, loans or bursaries, please contact Jenny Roberts on (01432) 273359 or email [funding@hca.ac.uk](mailto:funding@hca.ac.uk)

For any other information or enquiries about Higher Education, please contact Dawn Pemberton on (01432) 273359 or email [registry@hca.ac.uk](mailto:registry@hca.ac.uk)

### **Students from Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland**

Students who normally live in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland will receive financial support for Higher Education from the Scottish Government, the Welsh Assembly Government or the Northern Ireland Executive. For more information, please visit [www.studentfinancewales.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk), [www.saas.gov.uk](http://www.saas.gov.uk) (Student Support Scotland) or [www.studentfinancenir.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancenir.co.uk) (Student Support Northern Ireland)

### **Useful websites include:-**

Student Loans Company [www.slc.co.uk](http://www.slc.co.uk)

[www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)

UCAS [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

National Union of Students [www.nus.org.uk](http://www.nus.org.uk)

National Association of Student Money Advisors [www.nasma.org.uk](http://www.nasma.org.uk)

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