

Student Financial Support for Students Resident in Wales Mature - Full 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 £9,000.

For Students from Wales support is available from Student Finance Wales (SFW) and the Student Loans Company (SLC)

Tuition Fee Loan

A Tuition Fee loan is available to all Welsh 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 your household income. SLC pays this directly to the College.

Maintenance Loans and Grants

All Welsh students studying for a **first Undergraduate Degree and aged under 60 years** on the first day of the academic year are entitled to maintenance support which is a mixture of grant and loan to help pay for your living costs. The amount you receive as a full time student depends on your household income. You could get a grant / loan of up to £9,810 (2020-21).

The Tuition Fee loan and any Maintenance Loan has to be repaid but you will not start paying them back until you have left College and are earning £26,575 or more per annum. The amount you repay is 9% on earnings above £26,575 and repayment is made through the UK tax system.

Students aged 60 years or over on the first day of the academic year are not eligible for a Maintenance Loan but would be eligible to apply for a means tested Special Support Grant of £5,161(2020-21).

Previous Study Rules

If you have studied Higher Education before but did not achieve a full Honours Degree, your entitlement for funding may be limited to a certain number of years. For more information, please visit www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/undergraduate-students/new-students/previous-study-rules.

Extra Help Available from Student Finance Wales

Childcare Grant

This grant helps with childcare costs if you have dependent children in registered or approved childcare. Entitlement to this grant depends on your income and that of your partners. The maximum amount of Childcare Grant available is £174.22 a week for one child; or £298.69 a week for two or more children.

Parents Learning Allowance

Parents Learning Allowance is extra help to cover some additional costs incurred by students who have children. The maximum award for this allowance is £1,766 per year and you can only apply if you have one or more children that are financially dependent on you.

Adult Dependents Grant

You can apply for this grant if you have a partner or another adult who is financially dependent on you. The maximum award is £3,094 per year and the amount of grant available to you depends on your income and that of the adult who is dependent on you.

Disabled Students' Allowance

Disabled Students' Allowance (DSAs) may be available if you have a disability or a specific learning difficulty and can include support for dyslexia. DSA's do 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

For additional information, please contact the Academic Mentoring Team on (01432) 273359 or email helearningsupport@hca.ac.uk.

How to Apply for Funding

The easiest way is to apply online and we strongly recommend that you apply as soon as the service opens (March 2021). This will allow plenty of time to process your application and deal with any questions raised by Student Finance Wales. To apply to Student Finance Wales for funding, please visit www.studentfinancewales.co.uk.

Support Available From Hereford College of Arts

Progression College Bursary (First Years Only)

All students who have studied either at Hereford College of Arts or one of its Progression Partner Colleges on a Further Education course within the last two academic years are eligible for a Progression Bursary in their first year only of £500. This bursary is paid directly to students in three instalments, one each 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 fund 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. Students must of applied for, and be in receipt of, all their loans, grants etc. from Student Finance Wales before an application can be considered.

Contacts at the 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

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

Useful websites include:-

Student Finance Wales www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

UCAS www.ucas.com

National Union of Students www.nus.org.uk/nus-wales

National Association of Student Money Advisors www.nasma.org.uk

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