

Student Financial Support for Students Resident in England 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 England support is available from Student Finance England (SFE) and the Student Loans Company (SLC)

Tuition Fee Loan

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

Maintenance Loan

All English students studying for a **first Undergraduate Degree and aged under 60 years on the first day of the academic year** are entitled to a Maintenance Loan to help with accommodation and other living costs (how much you receive depends on, where you live, study and your household income). The maximum loan available is £9,203 (2020-21).

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 Loan of up to £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.

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

Extra Help Available from Student Finance England

Loan for Special Support Elements

For students who are entitled to certain benefits they may qualify for an extra loan for living costs. This would mean the maximum Maintenance Loan available would be £10,490 instead of £9,203 (2020-21) For example; if you are a lone parent or in receipt of Personal Independence Payment or Disability Living Allowance, you may qualify for this extra loan.

Childcare Grant

This grant helps with childcare costs if you have dependent children aged under 15 years in registered or approved childcare. Depending on your household income, you can apply for up to £174.22 per week for 1 child or up to £298.69 per week for 2 or more children.

Parents Learning Allowance

This allowance helps with course related costs if you have dependent children under 15 years old. You can get up to £1,766 a year, depending on your household income.

Adult Dependants Grant

This grant helps with costs if an adult, for example your partner, depends on you financially. You could get up to £3,094 per year depending on your household income.

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 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 or use the link from your UCAS application. You can apply to for a DSA at the same time as applying for 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.

For more information/useful guides about loans, other help, DSAs etc., please visit www.gov.uk/studentfinance or www.thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance.

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 at one of its Progression Partner Colleges on a Further Education course within the last 2 academic years are eligible for a Progression Bursary of **£500** in their first year only.

Cash Bursary (First Years Only)

Students may qualify for a Cash Bursary of **£1,000** 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.
- The student must be liable to pay the full £9,000 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.

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 there is a limited fund available. Students must have applied for and be in receipt of their maintenance loan from Student Finance England 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.

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, www.saas.gov.uk (Student Support Scotland) or www.studentfinancenir.co.uk (Student Support Northern Ireland).

Useful websites include:-

Student Loans Company: www.slc.co.uk

www.gov.uk/studentfinance

Student Finance England: www.sfenland.slc.co.uk.

UCAS: www.ucas.com

National Union of Students: www.nus.org.uk

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

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