

PLACEMENT YEAR FUNDING 2025/26

Please Note: These figures relate to post 2016 Home UK English Students. EU & Overseas Students. Welsh, Scottish and Northern Irish students are advised to contact Student Money Advice for further details of their placement funding entitlement as figures differ.

- For EU students- The rate of tuition fee you will be charged is dependent on your circumstances. Please verify with the [Student Finance Office](#) what tuition fees you are liable for.

FULL YEAR (THICK) & PART-YEAR (THIN) PLACEMENT TUITION FEES: Home students, Channel Islands / Isle of Man students & Some EU students depending on your circumstances - please verify with the Student Finance Office	
	2017 to 2025 Entry
Paid/Unpaid (non-Turing Scheme) Work	1,905
Turing Scheme Study/Work (When Turing funding is confirmed) or Non-Turing Scheme Study Abroad	1,430
Year 1 Part-Year (THIN) Sandwich Placement	9,535

- UK Home and some EU students depending on their circumstances can apply for the Tuition Fee Loan to cover the cost of Tuition Fees.

Overseas Student & Some EU Student Full Year (Thick) Placement Tuition Fees range from **£6,720 - £15,250*** depending on when you started your course, your residency status, what course you are doing and the type of placement you are undertaking. Please refer to the Student Finance Office website for full details.

OVERSEAS STUDENT & Some EU STUDENT* TUITION FEES: PART- YEAR (THIN) SANDWICH PLACEMENT**	
2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025 Entrants	
Business Administration	£17,325 - £20,475**
Architecture	£16,420 - £19,485**

* Dependent on year of entry

** These Tuition Fees may be subject to annual increases

Please refer to the [Student Finance Office](#) website for further details.

Email: stu-fin@bath.ac.uk Telephone: 01225 383045.

MAINTENANCE SUPPORT: FULL YEAR NON-TURING PAID/ UNPAID WORK: - Home UK Students only

UK Home students will be entitled to a **reduced rate maintenance loan** during your non-Turing paid/unpaid work placement year (This does not apply to Turing Scheme work placements, which should be eligible for the overseas rate of Maintenance Loan when the Turing funding is confirmed). You will not be entitled to the Maintenance Grant or any supplementary grants i.e. Parent's Learning Allowance, Adults Dependents Grant, Childcare Grant, unless you are undertaking a specific Type B unpaid service placement (see relevant section). **Please note** that Student Finance may count stipends as income which may affect your funding entitlement

Reduced Rate Maintenance Loan *	Full Year	Final Year Students
UK Parental Home	£2,396	£1,820
UK London Metropolitan Area	£4,485	£3,430
UK Elsewhere	£3,194	£2,490

* Students on full-year sandwich course paid placements where the periods of full-time study are less than 10 weeks in aggregate (**students undertaking non-Turing work placements overseas qualify for the elsewhere rate of loan**)

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MAINTENANCE SUPPORT: STUDY AT ANOTHER UNIVERSITY, TYPE B SERVICE PLACEMENTS, TURING SCHEME WORK OR STUDY PLACEMENTS:– Home UK Students only

UK Home students will be entitled to full student support (including any supplementary grants). **Full student support is subject to income-assessment.** If you are at University for 10 weeks or more during the academic year, you will usually be entitled to full-time support (subject to income assessment). If you are at University for less than 10 weeks during the academic year, you will receive a reduced rate Maintenance Loan.

Loan Rates (Post 2016 Entrants)	Full Year (Subject to income assessment)		Final Year Students (Subject to income assessment)	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
UK Parental Home	£3,907	£8,877	£3,590	£8,353
UK London Metropolitan Area	£6,853	£13,762	£6,244	£12,750
UK Elsewhere	£4,915	£10,544	£4,569	£9,972
Overseas	£5,838	£12,076	£5,073	£10,810

DEFINITIONS OF UNPAID TYPE B SERVICE PLACEMENTS: FULL YEAR (THICK)

These placements usually attract the full 100% Maintenance Loan and Maintenance Grant (subject to income-assessment) plus any supplementary grants (e.g. Parent's Learning Allowance, Adults Dependents Grant, Childcare Grant) you would normally receive. However, **only certain types of work / research count for the purposes of receiving support:**

- Unpaid service in a hospital or in a public health service laboratory or with a clinical commissioning group in the UK;
- Unpaid service with a local authority in the UK acting in the exercise of its functions relating to the care of children and young persons, health or welfare, or with a voluntary organisation providing facilities or carrying out activities of a like nature in the UK. **N.B. Some departments within an institution may not attract support e.g. finance.**
- Unpaid service with a local authority in the UK acting in the exercise of public health functions.
- Unpaid service in the prison or probation and aftercare service in the UK.
- Unpaid research in an educational institution* in the UK, or an Overseas educational institution* as part of the student's course;
- Unpaid service with a Special Health Authority, the NHS Commissioning Board, the National Institute for Care and Excellence, the Health and Social Care Information Centre, a Local Health Board; a Health Board or a Special Health Board in Scotland, or a Health and Social Services Board in Northern Ireland;
- Unpaid service with either House of Parliament.

It is essential that you check with your awarding agency (SFE, SFW, SAAS or SFNI) that your placement qualifies before you commit yourself. They may require written confirmation from your Placement Officer that your placement qualifies as one of these types of unpaid work. Quote your CRN in all correspondence that you send. **Please note that Student Finance may count stipends as income which may affect your funding entitlement.**

TURING PLACEMENT SCHEMES - STUDY OR WORK (Work Placements subject to confirmation of Turing funding)

- If you spend a full academic year on Turing study or work placement under the Turing Scheme, the tuition fee rate will be £1,430 depending on your year of entry. Home UK & some EU students can apply for the Tuition Fee Loan to cover this. Please visit: www.bath.ac.uk/professional-services/student-finance
- For any information regarding the Turing Schemes please contact the Mobility Office on 01225 384718/386766 or email them at: mobilityoffice@bath.ac.uk
- You may also be eligible to apply for the Travel Grant. Contact your Awarding Agency for further information. www.gov.uk/travel-grants-students-england

TRAVEL GRANT – UK HOME STUDENT

- If you study at an Overseas Institution* or are undertaking a Turing Scheme work placement abroad for more than 50% of any academic term as part of your course, you may be entitled to a travel grant for any travel claims over £303. This includes 3 return journeys and day to day travel as well as including mandatory medical insurance, visas and medical expenses for the purpose of studying abroad.
- This is subject to income-assessment, and you must keep all travel receipts. Contact your relevant Awarding Agency (e.g. Student Finance England, Wales etc.) for further information.

Other University Funding

- [Undergraduate Humanities & Social Sciences Placements](#) grants up to £1,000
- [Postgraduate Taught Humanities & Social Sciences Placements](#) grants from £250
- [Alumni Fund Placement Grants](#) up to £2,000
- [Placement Bursary](#) up to £2,000 for Bath Bursary, Gold & Cowrie Scholarship recipients on unpaid placements

IF YOU RECEIVE A STIPEND

Please note that Student Finance may count stipends as income which may affect your funding entitlement and categorise your placement as being paid. If your stipend is paid for a specific purpose, you may need to evidence this to Student Finance

COST OF LIVING / BUDGETING / BANKS

- Work out a realistic budget. Your budget will depend on what **YOU** want to do during your time abroad. Use the budget at the end of this leaflet and convert it into the country's currency.
- Let your UK bank know that you will be going abroad and for how long. Sometimes, for security reasons, your bank may place a stop on your card if you do not inform them.
- Some banks will charge a 'handling fee' or 'withdrawal fee' for cash withdrawals abroad. Check whether your bank does this. Are there any banks that do not charge a fee for withdrawing your money abroad? Is it worth opening another account for this period?
- In the event of card fraud or theft, contact your UK bank immediately.
- Find out about mobile phone rates for calls and texting from abroad. Check out www.skype.com, <https://duo.google.com/> or contact your current provider. Consider unlocking your phone and getting a sim card abroad.

FLIGHT/INSURANCE/VISAS/PASSPORTS/DBS CHECK & OTHER

- Shop around for flights. Flights can be cheaper to book at certain times of the year.
- Is your passport up to date? If not, get it sorted! Fees start from £88.50 for a first passport or the renewal or replacement of a passport. www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/passports
- Do you need a visa/work permit? Allow enough time to arrange these and be aware that there may be associated costs.
- The Medical Centre charges for Non-NHS Services e.g. medical reports, certificates. You may need a certificate for certain Visas.
- UK residents can apply for a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). This will allow you to receive state healthcare in Europe at a reduced cost or sometimes for free. Applying for the card is free and you will need a National Insurance number (NINO). To apply for a NINO (England, Scotland & Wales) contact 0800 141 2079. For Northern Ireland contact 0800 587 0024
- For further information and how to apply for an GHIC visit: www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic
- If you are not a UK national, there may be some restrictions in place in relation to countries in which you can receive treatment, so please check your country's own agreements with other countries before travelling.
- Please note that if you have any pre-existing medical conditions, you may need to pay a premium, so check if the insurance covers you for these
- You may be required to apply for a [Disclosure & Barring Service](#) (DBS) check as part of the your placement year, and you will need to [pay a fee](#) depending on the type of DBS check you need.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Q - Do I still have to register as a student for my Placement Year?

- Yes, you must register for the new academic year. You can do this via ROL nearer the time.
- For further information see www.bath.ac.uk/professional-services/academic-registry

Q – Can I still apply for a Maintenance Loan?

- Yes. Complete your application for your loan before you begin your placement and apply early to ensure you receive your funding in good time. Check Student Finance Online when applications open: www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance

Q – When will the Maintenance Loan be paid?

- Instalment dates are usually around the beginning October and January with the final one around April/May depending on what date Easter falls.

Q – My placement starts before the first instalment is paid, can I have it earlier?

- Generally, you can have the first instalment up to 25 working days before the start of the first term if you are undertaking a UK work placement, study abroad or work abroad placement only. If you are undertaking study abroad or work abroad placement more than 25 days before your course start date SFE are able to manually pay you your first instalment early. Make sure Student Records know the actual start date of your placement.

Q – My placement is paid. Will I still need my loan?

- That's for you to decide. You could still take out all or part of your loan entitlement in your placement year, as it could be an 'insurance' against future need or you could save it for your final year.

Q – Do I have to pay tax during my paid employment?

- If your placement is in the EU or abroad, you will need to check with your employer whether you will have to pay tax or other charges on any earnings whilst you are working.

Q – Will my or my family's Benefit entitlement be impacted?

- A paid placement will impact any means-tested benefits you are in receipt of. It will only impact your family's benefit entitlement if you are living with them during your placement.

Q – Will I still receive my Bath Bursary or Gold Scholarship?

- Yes, but only if you are doing a thin paid/unpaid placement or year-long unpaid placement. You may also be entitled to a [Placement Bursary](#)
- Further details can be found on www.bath.ac.uk/guides/the-bath-bursary

Q. Is there any other financial support?

- Alumni offer funding through their Placement Scheme, though funding is not guaranteed. www.bath.ac.uk/guides/alumni-fund-placement-grants

Q - What about my Disabled Students Allowance (DSA)?

- This is not normally awarded during a full year placement, though you may be able to receive this if you are on a study placement. Check with your Student Funding Body i.e. SFE, SFW, SAAS or SFNI

AND FINALLY...

- In an emergency, your UK contact can arrange for cash to be made available to you anywhere in the world via the **Money Transfer Service**. See www.postoffice.co.uk/international-money-transfer
- If you unexpected financial difficulties whilst you're away, contact us. Most students are eligible to apply for assistance from the [Financial Support Fund \(FSF\)](#). Awards are not guaranteed.

Student Money Advice

Email: studentmoneyadvice@bath.ac.uk

Website: www.bath.ac.uk/professional-services/student-money-advice

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INCOME	£	Other Currency
Maintenance Loan		
Any other SLC Grants (e.g. Travel Grant)		
Scholarship/ Sponsorship/ Trusts & Charities		
Placement salary (net of Tax etc)		
Family Contribution (if applicable)		
Other Income e.g. savings, ISA, tax rebates		
Other		
Other		
Total	£	

EXPENDITURE	£	Other Currency
Flights		
Visa		
Passport		
Insurance (Medical, Possessions etc)		
Rent		
Utility Bills (gas, water, electricity)		
Food		
Personal Toiletries		
Laundry & Housekeeping		
Clothes		
Health Costs		
Travel (Public Transport, Internal Flights)		
Leisure/Social/Sport		
Telephone Calls (mobile & landline)		
Books, photocopying. materials & equipment		
Emergencies		
Other		
Other		
Other		
Total	£	