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# FUNDING UNIVERSITY LEVEL STUDY

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# WHAT WE WILL COVER TODAY:

Costs of  
going to HE

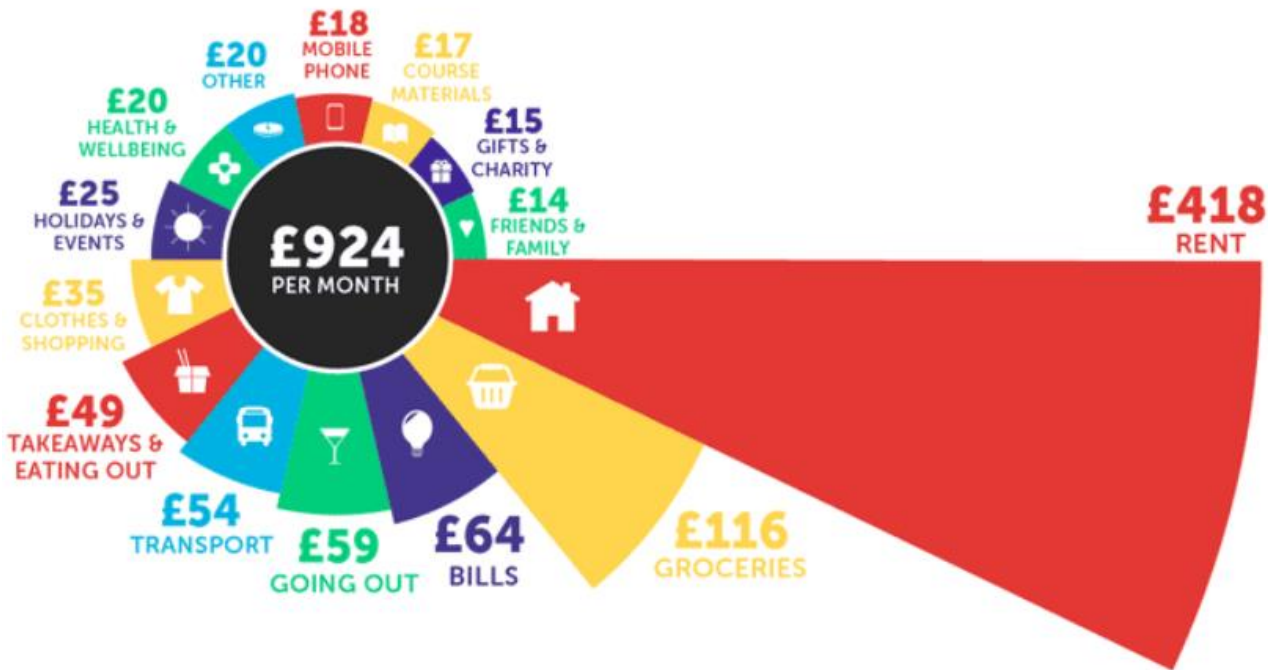
Government  
financial  
support

Other sources  
of financial  
support

Scholarships  
and bursaries

Financial  
support and  
advice at uni

What  
teachers can  
do to help



# UNIVERSITY COSTS

## Fees:

- generally the same at most universities – less at some HE institutions (typically FE Colleges / Open University)
  - currently £9250 for UK students
  - lower fees for placement/ Study Abroad years

## Living expenses:

- varies hugely by individual
- travel, accommodation, bills, food, health, social life, phone etc...
- <https://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/considering-the-cost-of-studying-at-university/>
- [www.savesthestudent.org/student-finance/university-study-cost.html](http://www.savesthestudent.org/student-finance/university-study-cost.html)

# GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR 23/24

## Tuition fee loan:

- UK students qualify for a fee loan to cover the full cost of their UK tuition fees regardless of family income
- The Student Loan Company pays the fee loan directly to the University (by term)
- Students have the option to pay fees directly to the University if they prefer not to take out a loan

## Maintenance Loan

- Home UK students only
- Amount varies according to country you live in, household income and where you are studying and living
- 3 instalments (except Scotland – monthly) - straight into student's own bank account
- Max loan for England: £9978 (HEI not in London, not living at home, HRI under £25K)



# OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

Support from family or friends

Income from part-time or holiday work

- 8/10 students do part-time work

Sponsorship from an employer

Scholarship / bursary from a university

Scholarship / bursary from an external organisation

- [www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/external-scholarships/](http://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/external-scholarships/)
- <https://www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk/>
- Charities – of all sizes
- Businesses
- NHS / Social Services
- Institutions



# SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

- Terminology tends to be varied – there isn't a "standard" – however, generally:

## Bursaries:

- May be available to everyone who meets the criteria
  - Look at numbers available
- May be automatically awarded / may still need to be applied for
- Universities take info directly from UCAS
  - Tick the box!

## Scholarships:

- Limited in number
- Usually need to be applied for
- Generally have specific allocation criteria and recipients will be selected on best fit.

# WHAT DO S&B PROVIDE?

## Financial support

Fee waivers / discounts

Accommodation discounts

Equipment / books / resources

Disabled Students' Allowance

Money!

• May be paid in one chunk or in instalments.

## Other support

Training

A community

Internships / placements

Mentoring / networking

Opportunities



# ELIGIBILITY

- This will vary enormously depending on the provider.

## Diversity and need

- Low household income
- “Widening Participation” factors – postcode, school attended,
- Ethnicity
- Additional challenges – young carer, student parent, estranged, care leaver, disability

## Academic achievement

## Talent / potential / achievements

- Sport, art, music, entrepreneurship, leadership



### Vegetarian Charity

- One off award of £500 for vegans/ vegetarians under the age of 26 in hardship

### Cyber First Bursary

- £4000 a year offered by GCHQ to aspiring students with grades of at least BBB and an offer to study a STEM subject

### Royal Television Society

- 20 bursaries of £1000 per year + mentoring and RS membership for students studying TV Production and Broadcast journalism

### Leverhulme Trade Charities Trust

- £3000 a year to UK students who are children of commercial traveller, chemist or grocer and are in need of financial support

### Miranda Brawn Diversity Leadership Scholarship

- £1000 + mentoring and experience for students under 21, from a BAME background and academically gifted

### RAF Intelligence Bursaries

- £6000 for students studying a foreign language who are accepted as an intelligence analyst

### Institute of Engineering and Technology

- £1000 for students studying on an IET accredited degree

### Gridrion Grant

- Jacksonville Jaguars offer 2 students a full UK HE Scholarship. To be eligible, you must play American football regularly

### E-Sports scholarship

- University of Roehampton offers £1500 a year to female students with a talent in the field of e-sports.

## Which are real scholarships?

According to The Scholarship Hub, UK students are potentially missing out on over £150 million in unclaimed scholarships each year.



# APPLICATIONS

## Vary hugely!

- Some bursaries may not have any application process – will be awarded automatically if student meets the criteria.
- Some providers will contact students to encourage them to apply, some they will have to proactively find.
- May need to provide evidence of eligibility (for example evidence of means-tested benefits)
- May need parental / carer involvement
- May need to write an application statement / attend an assessment centre / interview



# REQUIREMENTS

If the scholarship/bursary is ongoing, there may be requirements that the student needs to meet, such as:

- Academic grades
- Conduct
- Completion of training / internships / volunteering ...

2024  
- 25

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SCHOLARSHIPS  
AND BURSARIES

## Universities may well change their scholarships and bursaries in 2024-25

- Why?
  - New Access and Participation Plans
  - Economic uncertainty
- What can you do?
  - Make your students aware of this
  - Encourage them to research fully and look out for updates



# FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND ADVICE AT UNI

## What about if things go wrong?

All HEIs will have a team that can offer support and advice about money.

- Hardship Fund – to help students who find themselves in financial difficulty
  - May be limited
  - Will need to evidence hardship

Bath Student Money Advice Team (in Student Support) also offer

- Budgeting advice & an app
- Help with communicating with SFE / other funding bodies
- Short-term loans
- [www.bath.ac.uk/professional-services/student-money-advice/](http://www.bath.ac.uk/professional-services/student-money-advice/)



# HOW CAN TEACHERS SUPPORT THEIR STUDENTS?

## Encourage them to plan ahead

- Costs of living in chosen areas
- Talk to family and work out an achievable budget
  - [www.which.co.uk/money/university-and-student-finance/student-budget-calculator](http://www.which.co.uk/money/university-and-student-finance/student-budget-calculator)
- [www.moneyreadyforuni.com/](http://www.moneyreadyforuni.com/)
- Think about part-time or vacation work
- Research S&B – not just at chosen university/ies
  - Locally / nationally / internationally offered S&B
  - What do they need to do to apply – and by when



## HOW CAN TEACHERS SUPPORT THEIR STUDENTS WITH APPLYING FOR S&B?

### Support them with applications

- Encourage them to check the process carefully
  - Deadlines
  - Support to complete requirements / upload necessary documentation
- Help them to recognise their personal skills and experiences
- Be prepared to support with sourcing references if needed
- Encourage them to disclose their personal circumstances
- Help them prepare for assessment centres / interviews

# BATH UNDERGRADUATE FUNDING

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