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Funding postgraduate study  
A step-by-step guide

[www.nottingham.ac.uk](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk)



# Postgraduate study is a big commitment – an investment in yourself and your future. At Nottingham, we are keen to help you find funding for your studies and offer a range of opportunities.

Unlike at undergraduate level, when you can apply to the Student Loans Company for finance, postgraduate study is usually funded personally or through grants, awards and loans.

There are funding sources for research students, particularly when the research is contributing to a bigger project or furthering an area of study in which the University is involved. There are awards and grants specifically for taught students too.

Securing funding can be a complicated and competitive process but there are opportunities available if you start looking early enough. This leaflet provides a step-by-step guide to finding funding. If you are applying for a research course, such as a PhD, you should follow the steps under 'Research students'.

For those applying for a taught course, such as a masters, you should follow the steps under 'Taught students'.

## International students

If you are an international student, your first step should be to visit our International Office website.

Our funding portfolio for international students is one of the largest in the UK. Find out more: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/scholarships](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/scholarships)

## China and Malaysia

Information about scholarship opportunities at our campuses in China and Malaysia can be found on the websites below:

China:  
[www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/international/finance](http://www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/international/finance)

Malaysia:  
[www.nottingham.edu.my/international](http://www.nottingham.edu.my/international)



If you have a supervisor interested in supporting your research, they will advise you on your research proposal and funding opportunities.

## Research students

### Step 1: start with your school

Contact your academic school to find out if there is any funding available. The schools administer the University's research funding and have specific funds for certain research areas. They can also advise you on external sources including the UK Research Councils – seven individual councils funded by the UK government to support and coordinate the research efforts throughout the UK.

### Step 2: speak to your supervisor

Talk to your prospective supervisor about funding and ask their advice. If you apply for funding from a research council you will need to write a research proposal. Your supervisor should be willing to help you with this to ensure your proposal is sufficiently developed.

### Step 3: get in touch with the Graduate School

The Graduate School is a dedicated resource for postgraduate research students and has a wealth of knowledge on funding opportunities – [www.nottingham.ac.uk/graduateschool](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/graduateschool)

### Step 4: see what studentships are available

Studentships usually cover fees and provide a contribution to maintenance costs. Many of those currently being offered by the University are advertised on our vacancies page – [www.nottingham.ac.uk/jobs/currentvacancies](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/jobs/currentvacancies)

### Step 5: use the internet

Visit our website as a starting point – [www.nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy/funding](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy/funding), have a look at your academic school's website and visit the websites listed on the next page.

### Step 6: supplement your finances with a prize or award

Once you're at Nottingham, find out more about our Graduate School Travel Prize, BESTS prize and the Universitas 21 Travel Prize. All of these are monetary awards to support your development as a researcher in different ways. Find out more: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/graduateschool](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/graduateschool)

## Taught students

Please be aware that funding for masters programmes is particularly limited. However, there are some opportunities that you could be eligible for.

### Step 1: start with your school

Contact your academic school to find out if there is any funding available. Some schools offer masters scholarships or other funding schemes.

### Step 2: use the internet

Visit our website as a starting point – [www.nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy/funding](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy/funding) Have a look at your academic school's website to see if there are any scholarships or grants advertised there, and visit the websites listed on the next page.

### Step 3: consider a Professional and Career Development Loan

Some high street banks offer Professional and Career Development Loans (PCDL) with a fairly low rate of interest. The Skills Funding Agency pays the interest on the loan while you are studying but you will have to start paying it back one month after your course finishes. To be eligible for a PCDL you must be 'settled' in the UK, and have been resident in the UK for at least the three years prior to the start of your course. Find out more: [www.gov.uk/career-development-loans](http://www.gov.uk/career-development-loans)

### Step 4: contact the Graduate School

Our Graduate School will be able to advise you on postgraduate funding opportunities offered by the University and application deadlines – [www.nottingham.ac.uk/graduateschool](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/graduateschool)

## Part-time students

You should still follow the steps in this flyer but you might also be interested to know about the WH Revis Bequest Fund, which offers grants towards tuition fees for part-time postgraduates.

Applicants should be residents of England or Wales, self-financed and unemployed or on a low income. Find out more: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport)

## All students

### Investigate other financial support

You may be entitled to government benefits, such as child tax credit. Find out more: [www.gov.uk/browse/benefits](http://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits)

### Alternative Guide to Postgraduate Funding

This comprehensive guide provides information on a wide range of funding opportunities. We can provide you with a password to access the guide. Find out more: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/graduateschool/form/altguide.aspx](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/graduateschool/form/altguide.aspx)

### Earn while you learn

You could consider working alongside your studies to help fund your course. Unitemps is the University's in-house recruitment agency. Find out more: [www.unitemps.co.uk](http://www.unitemps.co.uk)

The Graduate School also offers short paid placements. Find out more: [notts-pg-placements.co.uk](http://notts-pg-placements.co.uk)

International students studying on a Tier 4 visa are ordinarily eligible to work 20 hours per week in term-time and 40 hours per week during vacations. Find out more: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/workingintheuk](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/workingintheuk)

## Useful websites

### University websites

Careers and Employment Service  
[www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers)

Course fees  
[www.nottingham.ac.uk/fees](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/fees)

Current studentships  
[www.nottingham.ac.uk/jobs/currentvacancies](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/jobs/currentvacancies)

Financial Support Team  
[www.nottingham.ac.uk/student-services/financialsupport](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/student-services/financialsupport)

International Office  
[www.nottingham.ac.uk/international](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/international)

Postgraduate prospectus  
[www.nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy)

### External sources

British Council  
[www.educationuk.org/scholarships](http://www.educationuk.org/scholarships)

GOV.UK Education and learning  
[www.gov.uk/browse/education](http://www.gov.uk/browse/education)

Graduate Prospects  
[www.prospects.ac.uk/funding](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/funding)

Postgraduate Studentships  
[www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk](http://www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk)

Research Councils UK  
[www.rcuk.ac.uk](http://www.rcuk.ac.uk)

Scholarship Search  
[www.scholarship-search.org.uk](http://www.scholarship-search.org.uk)



It is worth taking the time to research funding opportunities in depth – there could be other small funds or grants that you are eligible for.