

Funding for Medicine students in Year 5

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Please note, the information on this sheet is only relevant to students with "home status", who usually live in England and commenced the 5 year Medicine course in 2011 or earlier. Other UK and international students should check with the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) for details of eligibility – see Useful Contacts.

Tuition fees

The NHS will pay your tuition fees if you fulfil the criteria for a 'home' student, and usually live in England.

Living costs

NHS Income Assessed Bursary

You can apply to the NHS for an income assessed bursary, see www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students/816.aspx. In 2015/16 the bursary is a maximum of £4,806 (covering 52 weeks) depending on your household income, and assuming you live in rented or your own accommodation. If you live with your parents all year round then you will receive the 'at home' rate which in 2015/16 is a maximum of £3,702. Any bursary awarded will be paid monthly from July, over 12 months.

As your course began before 1st September 2012 you will be classed as an 'Old Rules Student' for the bursary.

Most of you will still be classed as being dependent on your parents, so the NHS Bursary will be assessed on their household income. If you are married, living with a civil partner and/or have dependent children then the income used for assessment purposes will be yours and/or your partner's.

Additional Allowances from the NHS

- **Dependants Allowance** – Students with dependants (both children and adult) may be eligible for a means tested allowance of £2,693 for their first dependant and an additional £549 for any other children.
- **Childcare Allowance** – This means-tested allowance is available to students with dependent children aged 15 or under (or 17 and under for children with special educational needs) on the first day of the academic year. This allowance pays up to 85% of actual childcare costs up to a maximum of £128.78 per week for one child and £191.45 per week for two or more children.
- **Parents Learning Allowance** – This means tested allowance of up to £1,329 is to help with course-related costs such as books, photocopying and materials.
- **Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)** – Home students who have a disability may be eligible to receive funding to help with extra costs incurred while attending their course which are a result of their disability. Advice is available from the University's Disability Support team - see Useful Contacts/University Contacts.



Student Loan

You may be eligible for a reduced rate student loan from the Student Loans Company (SLC). Apply online via Student Finance www.gov.uk/studentfinance but ensure you tick the relevant box to confirm that you are applying for a means tested (income assessed) NHS bursary.

The amount of loan you receive will depend on where you live in term time. If you live at home with parents then you can expect a loan of £1,324. If you live in rented or your own accommodation then the loan offered is £1,811. The length of your academic year does not affect this loan. It is a fixed amount regardless of the number of weeks you are in attendance.

Although you will commence the final year in July 2015, you will not receive any student loan until after **1st September 2015**. This is because you are not able to receive two student loans in one Student Finance financial year (which begins on 1st September); you have to wait until the next financial year begins. However we know that for many of you it is important to receive the first instalment as soon as possible, so there is a procedure in place to try and help with this:

In order to receive your 2015/16 student loan as soon as possible please ensure that you have completed **Online Registration** via the **University Portal** before the end of **August 2015**. Your first loan instalment will then be paid into your nominated bank account within five working days of 1st September.

NB- we are not able to confirm attendance before 1st September therefore no one can receive a loan instalment before 1st September.

Applying for your NHS bursary

The University will advise the NHS of details of all medical students who will be eligible to apply for NHS funding for the forthcoming academic year (in this case 2015/16).

You then need to apply for the Bursary via the NHS Bursary Online Support System, BOSS at <https://myaccount.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Pages/Login.aspx>

Applying for your student loan

You apply online at www.gov.uk/studentfinance

Council tax

Full-time students are exempt from council tax. Students should inform their local council of their student status. Where this leaves one eligible person in a household a 25% discount may be claimed.

Tax credits and benefits

Please contact the Student Advice Centre for more details on benefits and your entitlement - see Useful Contacts.

- **Child tax credits (CTC)/Universal Credit (UC)** - Students with children under 16 (or under 18 in certain circumstances) can continue to claim CTC. We advise you to inform the Inland Revenue you will be in full-time education.
- **Lone parents, disabled students, student couples with children** - The Department for Work and Pensions will expect you to apply for all the student support you are entitled to.



Useful contacts

National contacts

NHS Business Services Authority

Advice on all elements of finance for NHS funded study.

t: +44 (0)300 330 1345

w: www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students

Gov.UK

Advice and information on all aspects of student finance including eligibility, entitlements and how to apply for the Student Loan via Student Finance England.

w: www.gov.uk/studentfinance

Student Loans Company

Information relating to Student Loans.

w: www.slc.co.uk

Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC)

Information on tax credits eligibility and application procedures.

w: www.hmrc.gov.uk

National Union of Students (NUS)

Advice and guidance on all aspects of student life.

w: www.nus.org.uk

University contacts

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Financial Support, Student Services Centre

Advice on all aspects of student finance including Student Loans, Government grants, University scholarships, bursaries and support funds.

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The University of Nottingham Students' Union Student Advice Centre

A confidential service available to all University of Nottingham students, giving advice and information on a range of matters, such as housing, money and academic issues.

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All information was correct at the time of writing and is based on data from Gov.UK, The University of Nottingham, the NHSBSA and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information we provide however it can only give general guidance. We would always advise you to contact the relevant funding bodies referenced in relation to your specific circumstances.