



Funding for students on Health Science courses

**BSc Midwifery; BSc Nursing; Graduate Entry Nursing;
Master of Nutrition and Dietetics; BSc Physiotherapy**

New UG home students entering from September 2024

If you require this document in an alternative format, please contact Financial Support:

+44 (0)115 823 2071

Student Enquiry Centre: <https://student-enquiries.nottingham.ac.uk>

Please note, the information on this sheet is only relevant to students with "home status" and who usually live in **England**. Other UK, EU and international students should check with Student Finance and the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) for details of eligibility – see useful contacts.

You can still access the following financial support even if you already have a degree, as long as your qualification is not in the healthcare area that you are coming to study.

Tuition fee

Student Finance offer eligible students a tuition fee loan to cover the cost of the tuition fee charged by the University. In **2024/25 this will be £9,250** but the fee may increase annually, if allowed by Government. This loan is not means tested and is paid direct to the University.

Living costs

From Student Finance England:

Maintenance loan

You can apply to Student Finance England for a maintenance loan to help with living costs. For 2024/25 the minimum loan is £4,767 and the maximum is £10,227, assuming you are living away from your parents home whilst attending University. Loan awarded above the minimum loan is based on household income, usually your parent/s or partner income.

Please note the loan is reduced in the final year of your course.

Additional Allowances

- **Childcare Grant** – 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 £193.62 per week for one child, and £331.95 per week for two or more children. Where Student Finance assess household income as above £19,795.23 for one child, and £28,379.39 for two or more, no childcare grant will be awarded.
- **Parents Learning Allowance** – This means tested allowance, of up to £1,963 is to help with course-related costs such as books, photocopying and material.
- **Adult Dependant Grant** – Students with an adult dependant may be eligible for a means tested allowance of up to £3,438



- **Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)** – Students who have a disability, long term medical condition, specific learning difference or mental health condition may be eligible to receive funding to help with extra costs incurred while attending their course which are a result of their difference. Advice is available from the University's Disability Support team - see University Contacts.

Additional allowances are non repayable grants

From the NHS Learning Support Fund:

Training Grants

You may be eligible for a payment of **£5,000** from the NHS to help with living costs. Further funding of up to £3,000 will also be available to eligible students, including support with childcare costs and for students in a region or specialism which is struggling to recruit. Please refer to the NHS LSF website – see useful contacts

Travel and dual accommodation costs

Eligible students will be entitled to claim travel and accommodation expenses incurred over and above daily travel costs to university. The costs must be related to essential practice placements. Those with dual accommodation can claim up to £82.50 per night for commercial accommodation, such as a hotel or bed and breakfast, and up to £37.50 per night for non-commercial accommodation, such as staying with friends or family.

Exceptional Hardship Fund

Eligible students facing severe financial hardship, having exhausted all other available sources of funding, including the University Support Funds, will be able to apply for additional funding.

Funding from the NHS is non repayable.

Applying for Student Finance Funding

You can apply for your student loan from SFE either before or after you apply for your NHS funding. Go to gov.uk/studentfinance to apply online.

Applying for NHS funding

Apply for NHS funding using the NHS LSF Grant application at nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-learning-support-fund

Bursaries from the University of Nottingham

University Core Bursary

Health Science students may be eligible for the University's Core Bursary. Awards are based on household income, as assessed by Student Finance England.

Income band (household income)	Award level
Up to £35,000	£1,000



Nottingham Potential Bursary

The Potential Bursary offers £1,000 per year for any student who meets at least one of the following eligibility criteria:

- Students with adult or child dependents **AND** with a household income, as assessed by Student Finance, of £35,000 or below

For all but Graduate Entry Nursing students the following criteria can also apply:

- Students who are entering University via an Access route or with vocational qualifications AND with a household income, as assessed by Student Finance, of £35,000 or below
- Students who have fulfilled specified conditions through participation in the University's widening participation outreach activities (for example, through our summer schools)
- Students with Refugee status who are not in receipt of the Maycock-Whileman Scholarship

Additional funding is also available for care experienced and estranged students who meet the relevant criteria.

For more information please see nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

Tax credits, benefits and council tax – Please contact the Student's Union Advice Centre for more details on benefits and your entitlement. If you are a lone parent, disabled student or a student couple with children, The Department for Work and Pensions will expect you to apply for all the student financial support you are entitled to, before assessing you for tax credits and benefits.

- **Child tax credits (CTC)/Universal Credit** - Students with children under 16 (or under 18 in certain circumstances) may continue to be eligible for child tax credits. We advise you to inform the Inland Revenue you are going into full-time education.
- **Council Tax** – Full time students are exempt from council tax. See Student Services Centre web pages for more information.



Useful contacts

National contacts

NHS Business Services Authority

Advice on all elements of NHS LSF funding
44 (0)300 330 0521

nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students

nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-learning-support-fund

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.

gov.uk/studentfinance

Student Loans Company

Information relating to Student Loans
+44 (0)300 100 0607

slc.co.uk

Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC)

Information on tax credits eligibility and application procedures.

hmrc.gov.uk

National Union of Students (NUS)

Advice and guidance on all aspects of student life.

nus.org.uk

University contacts

Student Recruitment Support Hub

+44 (0) 115 951 5559

Funding & Financial Support, Student Services

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

+44 (0)115 74 86500 (Opt 4)

Student Enquiry Centre: <https://student-enquiries.nottingham.ac.uk>

nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

Student Fees, Student Services

For queries relating to tuition fees including instalment dates and amounts.

+44 (0)115 74 86500 (Opt 5)

Student Enquiry Centre: <https://student-enquiries.nottingham.ac.uk>

nottingham.ac.uk/student-services

Disability Support Services, Student Services

Study support for students with dyslexia, dyspraxia, other specific learning differences, disabilities or long term medical conditions

+44 (0)115 82 32070

disability-support-services@nottingham.ac.uk

nottingham.ac.uk/student-services

University of Nottingham Students' Union 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.

+44 (0)115 84 68730

SUAdvice@nottingham.ac.uk

su.nottingham.ac.uk/advice

All information was correct at the time of writing and is based on data from Gov.UK, The University of Nottingham, and the Department for Education (DfE).

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.

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