

EU Students and Funding

This guide will give a brief overview of student funding arrangements for students from the European Union (EU). At times we will also refer to the EEA which consists of all the EU countries listed below plus Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. In addition, Swiss Nationals have similar rights to EEA nationals.

If you are working in the UK or start work during your course you should refer to information guide:

Welfare Advice Guides: 2018/19 'EEA Migrant Workers'

What countries are in the EU?

The EU consists of the following Countries:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus (all Cypriot nationals), Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

I am an EU national. What help can I receive?

You can get the Tuition Fee Loan to pay the £9,250 fee you will be charged by the university.

The fee loan is paid direct to the University on your behalf and does not have to be repaid until you finish your course. Repayments start when you are earning over a certain level of income; this varies depending on which European country you live and work in after the course. In the UK the income level is £25,000 per annum.

To be eligible for the fee loan you have to fulfil the following criteria:

- You are an EU national, their spouse/civil partner, or a direct descendant e.g. child or grandchild if under 21, or you are a direct dependant's ascendant e.g. parent or grandparent, of an EU national or their spouse or civil partner (unless the EU National is a UK national).
- You will need to have been ordinarily resident for 3 years in the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland (SW) before the start of your course i.e. 1 Sept, 1 Jan, 1 April whichever is closest to the start of your course.

- Your main purpose for being in the EEA and SW has not, during any part of the 3 year period, been wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full time education.

Note: If you have already completed a degree course in the UK or any other country you will not qualify for any financial help towards your fees.

In addition, if you have studied at HE level before, even if you did not gain a qualification, your entitlement will be affected. Please, seek advice.

How do I apply for a loan to cover my fees?

Students starting in September 2016 should apply on line through Student Finance England at www.gov.uk/student-finance-forms. Alternatively, you can download a paper copy of the application form EU16N at the above link which should be filled in and sent to:

EU Customer Services Team
PO Box 89
Darlington
UK
DL1 9AZ

Tel. (+ 44) (0)141 243 3570

Lines open Monday - Friday 9am to 5:30pm

Before applying for fee support first check whether you are eligible to apply for the whole student support package, which includes help with fees and living costs. See overleaf for further details.

I am a national of an EEA country. Can I get tuition fee support?

No. Unfortunately, individuals who are from Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland are not entitled to support for tuition fees. However, if you work in the UK you may be entitled to support as an EEA Migrant Worker. For more information see Welfare Advice Guides 2018/19: 'EEA Migrant Workers' and 'Student Funding'.

In addition, students who are from certain European Overseas Territories will not qualify for fee support, but

will be charged the 'home fee' rate of £9,250. If you have any queries regarding the fee you are charged seek advice from the SWAT.

Which countries are in the Overseas Territories?

Anguilla; Aruba; Bermuda; British Antarctic Territory; British Indian Ocean Territory; British Virgin Islands; Cayman Islands; Ducie & Oeno Islands; Falkland Islands; Faroe Islands; French Polynesia; French Southern and Antarctic Territories; Greenland; Henderson, Mayotte; Montserrat; Netherlands Antilles (Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, Sint Eustatius and Sint Maarten); Pitcairn, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands; St Helena and Dependencies (Ascension Island and Tristan de Cunha); St Pierre et Miquelon; the Territory of New Caledonia and Dependencies; Turks and Caicos Islands; and Wallis and Futuna.

Can EU students get any help with living costs too?

If you are an EU National who has been resident in the UK more than five years before the start of your course, i.e. 1 September, 1 January, and 1 April (whichever is closest to the start of your course), you may be entitled to the full Student Support package. This includes Tuition Fee Loans, Student Loans for living costs and Supplementary Grants. If you fit this residency criteria you should apply to Student Finance England for the whole funding package at: www.gov.uk/student-finance. For more information see Welfare Advice Guide: 2018/19 'Full-time Student Funding'

If you have already applied to the EU team for fee support only, but think you may qualify as an EEA Migrant Worker seek advice. You will need to provide evidence of your residency.

You should refer to information guide:
Welfare Advice Guides: 2018/19 'EEA Migrant Workers'

Note: Children of Turkish workers in the UK may also qualify for the student support package.

I am a part time EU student. Can I get any help?

Yes. If you are an EU student who meets the eligibility criteria described at the beginning of the leaflet you will be able to apply for a tuition fee loan for your part-time course. In addition, you should fit all the following criteria:

- You are studying for a degree, HND, HNC or similar
- You are taking a minimum of 25% of the course per academic year

- Your course lasts at least one year
- You do not already hold a degree level qualification

Are there any Scholarships Available?

Please see:

unihub.mdx.ac.uk/your-study/scholarships-and-awards

Any questions?

Contact the Middlesex University Student Welfare Advice Team on 020 8411 3008 or email: welfare@mdx.ac.uk

You can access all of our other Welfare Advice Guides at:
unihub.mdx.ac.uk/welfare-guides

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