

Extra financial support for your University journey

A guide to income-contingent
bursaries at UK universities

2024



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What's this Guide About?

If you're applying to university this year, you've probably put a lot of thought into where you'd like to study and the course you'd like to take, but you might not have thought about the additional financial support that might be on offer from the universities themselves.

Most universities offer scholarships and bursaries that don't need to be paid back and in this guide we present the income-contingent bursaries available. That is, the bursaries available to you when your household's annual income falls below a certain threshold.

What the income threshold is for a bursary, how generous it is, and whether it is paid beyond first year (subject to ongoing eligibility) can all vary by university, so it can pay to take a look at what they're offering.

In this guide, we've given you a head start by gathering together the information on income-contingent bursaries in one place so you can see what's on offer across the board. Many universities offer other scholarships and bursaries (e.g. for care experienced students, those with caring responsibilities or those with disabilities) so make sure to check university websites to see if you might be eligible for more money.

Am I eligible?

All income-contingent bursaries have a household income bracket or threshold that determines your eligibility for the bursary. In addition, you may also have to meet other criteria too, for example:



These criteria vary by university so you should take a look at the university website to confirm. Some universities also require you to meet, or give preference to, applicants who meet a widening participation criteria or who have been on a specific access course.



How to Read this Guide

In the rest of the guide we have included snapshots of information from each university; it will look like the fictional example below.

The information is intended as a starting point to help you compare what's of offer at different universities but you should use the QR code to find out more about the details.

The name of the university

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1 This figure is the minimum income-contingent bursary available in your first year of study

2 This is the maximum household income you can have to receive the minimum bursary. If your household income is above this figure you won't be eligible for this bursary.

3 This figure is the maximum income-contingent bursary available in your first year of study.

4 This is the maximum household income you can have to receive the largest bursary. If you're household income is below this, you'll likely be eligible for this bursary

5 The QR code will direct you to the university's webpage on bursaries so you can see what else might be available.

6 Green

There is income-contingent funding currently available beyond the first year. Often this is more generous than first year so take a look at their website.

7 Blue

This means you must also meet a widening participation criteria, achieve a certain grade and/or have participated in a specific access course. You should check their website for details.

8 Orange

This means there are other bursaries available for either care leavers, estranged students, or carers. Check out the university's website to see what these are.

The data provided is based on bursaries currently on offer for 2024/2025 and are therefore subject to change.

Abertay University

Abertay University is a university in the city of Dundee, Scotland. In 1872, Sir David Baxter, 1st Baronet of Kilmarnock, left a bequest for the establishment of a mechanics' institute in Dundee and the Dundee Institute of Technology was formed in 1888.



Minimum bursary
£500

Max income for min bursary
£33999

Maximum bursary
£1750

Max. income for max, bursary
£16999



Aberystwyth University

Aberystwyth University is located on the coast of west Wales, nestled between the Cambrian Mountains and Cardigan Bay.



Minimum bursary
£1000

Max income for min bursary
NA

Maximum bursary
£2000

Max. income for max, bursary
NA



AECC University College

AECC University College is a Bournemouth-based specialist university offering a breadth of courses in a range of health sciences disciplines.



Minimum bursary
£1,800

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£2,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£16,000



Anglia Ruskin University

A university in East Anglia. Its origins are in the Cambridge School of Art, founded by William John Beamont in 1858.



Minimum bursary
£200

Max income for min bursary
£42,875

Maximum bursary
£300

Max. income for max, bursary
£25000



Arts University Bournemouth

Arts University Bournemouth is a further and higher education university based in Poole, specialising in art, performance, design, and media



Minimum bursary
£1000

Max income for min bursary
£25000

Maximum bursary
£1000

Max. income for max, bursary
£25000



Aston University

Based in Birmingham, with a business, law, engineering and medical school, amongst others. It places an emphasis on the placement year system.



Minimum bursary
£1500

Max income for min bursary
£25000

Maximum bursary
£2000

Max. income for max, bursary
£25000



Bangor University

Bangor University is a university in Bangor, Wales.



Minimum bursary
£500

Max income for min bursary
£40000

Maximum bursary
£1000

Max. income for max, bursary
£25000

Bath Spa University

Bath Spa University teaches and researches across art, sciences, education, social science, and business



Minimum bursary
£750

Max income for min bursary
£42,875

Maximum bursary
£1,250

Max. income for max, bursary
£15,000



Birkbeck College

Birkbeck is a research university, located in Bloomsbury and a member institution of the University of London



Minimum bursary
NA

Max income for min bursary
NA

Maximum bursary
NA

Max. income for max, bursary
NA



Birmingham City University

Birmingham City University is a large and diverse university set in the heart of Birmingham with a focus on practice-based learning



Minimum bursary
NA

Max income for min bursary
NA

Maximum bursary
NA

Max. income for max, bursary
NA

Bishop Grosseteste University

Bishop Grosseteste University is one of two universities in the city of Lincoln. BGU was established as a teacher training college in 1862.



Minimum bursary
£800

Max income for min bursary
£30,000

Maximum bursary
£3600

Max. income for max, bursary
£30,000



Bournemouth University

Bournemouth University is a university in Bournemouth. Situated near the fifth best beach in Europe.



Minimum bursary
£800

Max income for min bursary
£16000

Maximum bursary
£800

Max. income for max, bursary
£16000



Brunel University London

Brunel University London is located in the Uxbridge area of London. It is geared towards the needs of industry and proud to echo the spirit and vision of its namesake Isambard Kingdom Brunel.



Minimum bursary
£1,000

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£3,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



Buckinghamshire New University

A university in Buckinghamshire which prides itself on an approach to teaching which focuses on real-world, practical learning.



Minimum bursary
£150

Max income for min bursary
£25000

Maximum bursary
£1,100

Max. income for max, bursary
£25000



Canterbury Christ Church University

Canterbury Christ Church University is a university located in Kent. Founded in 1962, it was granted university status in 2005



Minimum bursary
£600

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£600

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



Cardiff Metropolitan University

Cardiff Metropolitan University is spread across three campuses in Wales capital city, with around 12,000 students.



Minimum bursary
£950

Max income for min bursary
£30,000

Maximum bursary
£950

Max. income for max, bursary
£30,000



Cardiff University

Cardiff University describes itself as "a top five university for research excellence in a beautiful, student-friendly capital city"

Minimum bursary
£500

Max income for min bursary
£35,000

Maximum bursary
£500

Max. income for max, bursary
£35,000



Conservatoire for Dance and Drama

The Conservatoire comprises eight specialist schools delivering world-leading education and vocational training in the performing arts including dance, drama, circus arts and technical theatre.

Minimum bursary
£2,000

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£2,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



Coventry University

The origins of Coventry University can be linked to the founding of the Coventry School of Design in 1843.

Minimum bursary
£1,000

Max income for min bursary
£16,000

Maximum bursary
£1,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£16,000



De Montfort University

De Montfort University in Leicester, UK offers a range of undergraduate, postgraduate and research courses

Minimum bursary
£3,000

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£3,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



Edge Hill University

Edge Hill University is a campus-based university in Ormskirk, Lancashire, which opened in 1885 as the first teacher training college for women, before admitting its first male students in 1959.

Minimum bursary
NA

Max income for min bursary
NA

Maximum bursary
NA

Max. income for max, bursary
NA



Edinburgh Napier University

"At Edinburgh Napier University, we nurture talent and create knowledge that shapes communities all around the world."

Minimum bursary
£1,000

Max income for min bursary
£42,600

Maximum bursary
£2,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



Falmouth University

Falmouth University is a specialist university for the creative industries based in Falmouth and Penryn, Cornwall.

Minimum bursary
£250

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£500

Max. income for max, bursary
£16,500



Glasgow Caledonian University

"As the University for the Common Good, we are shaping society, influencing governments and transforming people's lives around the world."

Minimum bursary
£2,500

Max income for min bursary
£34,000

Maximum bursary
£2,500

Max. income for max, bursary
£34,000



Goldsmiths University of London

Located in south-east London and specialising in the study of creative, cultural and social subjects.

Minimum bursary
£500

Max income for min bursary
£35,000

Maximum bursary
£500

Max. income for max, bursary
£35,000



Harper Adams University

Harper Adams University is a university located close to the village of Edgmond in Shropshire. The college is a specialist provider of higher education for the agricultural and rural sector.

Minimum bursary
£5000

Max income for min bursary
£25000

Maximum bursary
£5000

Max. income for max, bursary
£25000



Herlott-Watt University

"Heriot-Watt is valued for its pioneering research informed by the global needs of business and industry. Our campuses in Edinburgh, Scottish Borders and Orkney each offer bespoke facilities and a distinctive learning environment."

Minimum bursary
£1100

Max income for min bursary
£42600

Maximum bursary
£3100

Max. income for max, bursary
£25000



Imperial College London

Imperial College London is a Russell Group university. Imperial grew out of Prince Albert's vision for an era of culture, including the Royal Albert Hall, V&A Museum and the Natural History Museum

Minimum bursary
£1,000

Max income for min bursary
£70,000

Maximum bursary
£5,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£16,000



Keele University

A research university in Keele, approximately three miles from Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire.

Minimum bursary
£1500

Max income for min bursary
£62,343

Maximum bursary
£1500

Max. income for max, bursary
£25000



King's College London

King's was established by royal charter in 1829 under the patronage of King George IV and the Duke of Wellington.

Minimum bursary
£1,200

Max income for min bursary
£42,875

Maximum bursary
£1600

Max. income for max, bursary
£25000



Kingston University

Kingston University London is a research university located within the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, in South West London. Its roots go back to the Kingston Technical Institute.

Minimum bursary
£2,000

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£2,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



Lancaster University

Lancaster University has ambitions to be "a 'go to' university for teaching that transform lives, communities, practices and thinking across the globe."

Minimum bursary
£1,000

Max income for min bursary
£30,000

Maximum bursary
£1,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£30,000



Leeds Arts University

Leeds Arts University is a specialist arts further and higher education institution, based in the city of Leeds, West Yorkshire.

Minimum bursary
£250

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£500 (this is given in third year not first)

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



Leeds Beckett University

Leeds Beckett University, formerly known as Leeds Metropolitan University, is a university in Leeds, West Yorkshire. It has campuses in the city centre and Headingley

Minimum bursary
£1,500

Max income for min bursary
£27,500

Maximum bursary
£1,500

Max. income for max, bursary
£27,500



Leeds Conservatoire

Leeds Conservatoire is a higher education music conservatoire based in the Quarry Hill district of Leeds

Minimum bursary
£400

Max income for min bursary
£42,875

Maximum bursary
£800

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



Leeds Trinity University

Leeds Trinity University is a university in Horsforth, Leeds. It now offers foundation, undergraduate, and postgraduate degrees in a range of humanities and social sciences

Minimum bursary
£500

Max income for min bursary
£25000

Maximum bursary
NA (Bursary is offered in Level 5)

Max. income for max, bursary
£25000



Liverpool Hope University

Liverpool Hope University is a university with campuses in Liverpool.

Minimum bursary
NA

Max income for min bursary
NA

Maximum bursary
NA

Max. income for max, bursary
NA



Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts

The Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts is a performing arts higher education institution in Liverpool, founded by Paul McCartney and Mark Featherstone-Witty and opened in 1996.

Minimum bursary
£560

Max income for min bursary
NA

Maximum bursary
£560

Max. income for max, bursary
NA



Liverpool John Moores University

Liverpool John Moores University is a research university in the city of Liverpool, England. The university can trace its origins to the Liverpool Mechanics' School of Arts, established in 1823.

Minimum bursary
£500

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£500

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art

The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art is a drama school located in Hammersmith, London. It is the oldest specialist drama school in the British Isles.

Minimum bursary
£3000-£15000

Max income for min bursary
NA

Maximum bursary
£3000-£15000

Max. income for max, bursary
NA



London Metropolitan University

London Metropolitan University, commonly known as London Met, is a research university in London.



Minimum bursary
NA

Max income for min bursary
NA

Maximum bursary
NA

Max. income for max, bursary
NA

London School of Economics and Political Science

LSE is a social science specialist university. It describes itself as having a global community in the heart of London and a commitment to shape the world.



Minimum bursary
£500

Max income for min bursary
£42,875

Maximum bursary
£4,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£18,000



London South Bank University

London South Bank University is a university in Elephant and Castle. It is based in the London Borough of Southwark, near the South Bank of the River Thames.



Minimum bursary
£10,000

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£10,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000

Loughborough University

Loughborough University describes itself as "proud of our hard-earned global reputation for sport. From elite-level athletes to trying to keep fit, we ensure that everyone at the University can enjoy sport regardless of ability or interest."



Minimum bursary
£1,200

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£1,200

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



Manchester Metropolitan University

The UK's Number 1 Sustainable University (People and Planet) - making an impact on Manchester and beyond.



Minimum bursary
£750

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£750

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



Middlesex University

Middlesex University London is a research university in Hendon, northwest London.



Minimum bursary
NA

Max income for min bursary
NA

Maximum bursary
NA

Max. income for max, bursary
NA



Newman University

Located in a quiet residential area only a few miles from Birmingham City Centre, which it describes as creating a tranquil and focused learning environment for students.



Minimum bursary
NA

Max income for min bursary
NA

Maximum bursary
NA

Max. income for max, bursary
NA

North East Surrey College of Technology

The North East Surrey College Of Technology is a large further education and higher education college in Epsom and Ewell, Surrey.



Minimum bursary
NA

Max income for min bursary
NA

Maximum bursary
NA

Max. income for max, bursary
NA



Norwich University of the Arts

Norwich University of the Arts is a university in Norfolk. It specialises in art, design and media.

Minimum bursary
£200

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£500

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



Nottingham Trent University

Nottingham Trent University's roots go back to 1843 with the establishment of the Nottingham Government School of Design, which still exists within the university today.

Minimum bursary
£750

Max income for min bursary
£27,500

Maximum bursary
£750

Max. income for max, bursary
£27,500



Open University

The Open University is the largest university in the United Kingdom by number of students. Most study is off-campus; many of its courses can be studied anywhere in the world.

Minimum bursary
NA

Max income for min bursary
NA

Maximum bursary
NA

Max. income for max, bursary
NA



Oxford Brookes University

Oxford Brookes University is a university in Oxford. It is a new university, previously Oxford School of Art.

Minimum bursary
£500

Max income for min bursary
£34,999

Maximum bursary
£3000

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



Plymouth College of Art

Arts University Plymouth is an independent art university established in 1856, offering extended diplomas, BA degrees, masters and more in subjects such as art and design.

Minimum bursary
NA

Max income for min bursary
NA

Maximum bursary
NA

Max. income for max, bursary
NA



Queen Margaret University

Queen Margaret University is a university, founded in 1875 and located in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Minimum bursary
£500

Max income for min bursary
£42,600

Maximum bursary
£2000

Max. income for max, bursary
£20000



Queen Mary, University of London

Queen Mary University of London is a research university in London. It dates back to the foundation of The London Hospital Medical College in 1785.

Minimum bursary
£1,000

Max income for min bursary
£35,000

Maximum bursary
£1,700

Max. income for max, bursary
£20,000



Queen's University Belfast

A Russell Group UK university in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Minimum bursary
£475

Max income for min bursary
£19,203

Maximum bursary
£475

Max. income for max, bursary
£19,203



Ravensbourne

Ravensbourne University London is a digital media and design university, with vocational courses in fashion, television and broadcasting, interactive product design, architecture, graphic design, animation and music production



Minimum bursary **£500**
Max income for min bursary **£25,000**
Maximum bursary **£500**
Max. income for max, bursary **£25,000**



Robert Gordon University

Robert Gordon University, commonly called RGU, is a university in the city of Aberdeen, Scotland.



Minimum bursary **£1,000**
Max income for min bursary **£20,999**
Maximum bursary **£1,000**
Max. income for max, bursary **£20,999**



Roehampton University

Boasts a parkland campus in the middle of south-west London.



Minimum bursary **£1,000**
Max income for min bursary **£25,000**
Maximum bursary **£1,000**
Max. income for max, bursary **£25,000**



Rose Bruford College

Rose Bruford College is a drama school in the south London suburb of Sidcup. The college has degree programmes in acting, actor musicianship, directing, theatre arts and various disciplines of stagecraft.



Minimum bursary **£600**
Max income for min bursary **£32,300**
Maximum bursary **£600**
Max. income for max, bursary **£32,300**



Royal Academy of Dramatic Art

The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art is a drama school in London, England, that provides vocational conservatoire training for theatre, film, television, and radio.



Minimum bursary **£3,000**
Max income for min bursary **£45,000**
Maximum bursary **£3,000**
Max. income for max, bursary **£45,000**



Royal Academy of Music

The Royal Academy of Music in London, England, is the oldest conservatoire in the UK.



Minimum bursary **£2,000**
Max income for min bursary **£33,500**
Maximum bursary **£3,000**
Max. income for max, bursary **£25,000**



Royal Agricultural University

The Royal Agricultural University, formerly the Royal Agricultural College, is a university in Cirencester, Gloucestershire. Established in 1845, it was the first agricultural college in the English-speaking world.



Minimum bursary **£1,000**
Max income for min bursary **£25,000**
Maximum bursary **£3,500**
Max. income for max, bursary **£42,875**



Royal Central School of Speech and Drama

Founded in London in 1906 to offer a new form of training in speech and drama for young actors and other students.



Minimum bursary **£1,250**
Max income for min bursary **£35,000**
Maximum bursary **£1,250**
Max. income for max, bursary **£35,000**

Royal College of Music

The Royal College of Music is a conservatoire in London. It offers training from the undergraduate to the doctoral level in all aspects of Western Music including performance, composition, conducting, music theory and history.



Minimum bursary
NA

Max income for min bursary
NA

Maximum bursary
NA

Max. income for max, bursary
NA

Royal Holloway, University of London

Royal Holloway is formed from two colleges, founded by two social pioneers, Elizabeth Jesser Reid and Thomas Holloway. They were among the first places in Britain where women could access higher education. Today it fosters "A community inspiring education."



Minimum bursary
£3,500

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£3,500

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000

Royal Northern College of Music

The Royal Northern College of Music is a conservatoire located in Manchester. RNCM is one of the UK's busiest and most diverse performance venues.



Minimum bursary
£510

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£1,490

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



Royal Veterinary College

The Royal Veterinary College is a veterinary school located in London. It describes itself as the "world's leading specialist veterinary institution".



Minimum bursary
£1,000

Max income for min bursary
£35,000

Maximum bursary
£1,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£35,000



Sheffield Hallam University

"Whatever you study, you'll be able to take on real-world problems and do industry-relevant work experience in every year of your course."



Minimum bursary
£600

Max income for min bursary
£62,343

Maximum bursary
£2,100

Max. income for max, bursary
£42,875



SOAS, University of London

Based in London, SOAS is one of the world's leading institutions for the study of Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.



Minimum bursary
£1,500

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£1,500

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



Solent University

Solent University has approximately 10,500 students. Its main campus is located on East Park Terrace near the city centre and the maritime hub of Southampton.



Minimum bursary
£1,000

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£1,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



St Mary's University College

St Mary's University College is a university college in Belfast, Northern Ireland.



Minimum bursary
£

Max income for min bursary

Maximum bursary
560

Max. income for max, bursary
19203



St Mary's University, Twickenham

St Mary's University, Twickenham is a university in Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, in South West London.



Minimum bursary
£2,000

Max income for min bursary
£15,000

Maximum bursary
£2,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£15,000



Staffordshire University

"We are the Connected University. We're connected to the needs of our students, to business and to society."



Minimum bursary
£750

Max income for min bursary
£24,999

Maximum bursary
£750

Max. income for max, bursary
£24,999



Stranmillis University College

Stranmillis University College is a university college of Queen's University Belfast. "Located on the banks of the River Lagan, Stranmillis University College campus is a stunning peaceful haven of woodland, lakes and historic buildings."



Minimum bursary
£500

Max income for min bursary
£19203

Maximum bursary
£500

Max. income for max, bursary
£19203



Swansea University

"At the cutting edge of research and innovation since 1920".



Minimum bursary
NA

Max income for min bursary
NA

Maximum bursary
NA

Max. income for max, bursary
NA

Teesside University

Teesside University is a university with its main campus in Middlesbrough, North Yorkshire.



Minimum bursary
NA

Max income for min bursary
NA

Maximum bursary
NA

Max. income for max, bursary
NA

The University of West London

The University of West London is a research university with campuses in Ealing and Brentford in Greater London, as well as in Reading, Berkshire.



Minimum bursary
£1,000

Max income for min bursary
£25000

Maximum bursary
£1,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£25000



Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance

Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance is a music and dance conservatoire based in London



Minimum bursary
£1,250

Max income for min bursary
£30,000

Maximum bursary
£1,250

Max. income for max, bursary
£30,000



Ulster University

A multi-campus university located in Northern Ireland.



Minimum bursary
10% of yearly fees

Max income for min bursary
£19,203

Maximum bursary
10% of yearly fees

Max. income for max, bursary
£19,203

Univeristy of Dundee

A research university in Dundee, a city in the east central Lowlands of Scotland. It was founded as a university college in 1881 with a donation from the prominent Baxter family of textile manufacturers.

Minimum bursary
£2000

Max income for min bursary
£25000

Maximum bursary
£2000

Max. income for max, bursary
£25000



University Centre Weston

A University in North Somerset offering a huge range of degrees and higher education apprenticeships in Weston-super-Mare.

Minimum bursary
£2,000

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£2,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University College Birmingham

Based in the heart of the UK's second biggest city, University College Birmingham is respected by employers for providing career-focused education.

Minimum bursary
£300

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£800

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University College London

University College London, known as UCL, is a research university in London. It is the second-largest university in the United Kingdom by total enrolment.

Minimum bursary
£1,000

Max income for min bursary
£42,875

Maximum bursary
£3,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£16,000



University for the Creative Arts

The University for the Creative Arts is a specialist art and design university in Farnham.

Minimum bursary
NA

Max income for min bursary
NA

Maximum bursary
NA

Max. income for max, bursary
NA



University of Aberdeen

The University of Aberdeen was founded in 1495, making it the 5th oldest university in the English-speaking world. It was awarded the Queen's Anniversary Prize for research and teaching in Soil Science in 2021.

Minimum bursary
£3,000

Max income for min bursary
£22,020

Maximum bursary
£3,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£22,020



University of Bath

Received its Royal Charter in 1966 and describes itself as a top 10 UK university with a reputation for research & teaching excellence.

Minimum bursary
£2,750

Max income for min bursary
£30,000

Maximum bursary
£2,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£30,000



University of Bedfordshire

Has Luton, Aylesbury, Bedford and Milton Keynes campuses. describes itself as a vibrant, ambitious academic community celebrating diversity and the transformative power of education.

Minimum bursary
£500

Max income for min bursary
NA

Maximum bursary
£800

Max. income for max, bursary
NA



University of Birmingham

The original 'redbrick' University, and part of the prestigious Russell Group; The university is proud of the 10 Nobel Laureates. Alumni have contributed to some of science's greatest discoveries, including the Higgs Boson and Gravitational Waves.



Minimum bursary
£2,000
Max income for min bursary
£60,000
Maximum bursary
£2,000
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Bolton

The University of Bolton is a university in Bolton, Greater Manchester. It has approximately 6,000 students and 700 academic and professional staff.



Minimum bursary
NA
Max income for min bursary
NA
Maximum bursary
NA
Max. income for max, bursary
NA



University of Bradford

The University of Bradford is ranked 1st in social mobility. Its research generates technological advancements, societal improvements, and healthcare & policy developments.



Minimum bursary
£500
Max income for min bursary
£30,000
Maximum bursary
£700 (Y3)
Max. income for max, bursary
£30,000



University of Brighton

The University of Brighton is a university based on four campuses on the south coast. Its roots can be traced back to 1858 when the Brighton School of Art was opened in the Royal Pavilion.



Minimum bursary
£500
Max income for min bursary
£25,000
Maximum bursary
£500
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Bristol

The University of Bristol is a red brick Russell Group research university in Bristol.



Minimum bursary
£3,855
Max income for min bursary
£25,000
Maximum bursary
£3,855
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Cambridge

The University of Cambridge is a collegiate research university. Founded in 1209 and granted a royal charter by Henry III in 1231, Cambridge is the world's third-oldest surviving university.



Minimum bursary
£100
Max income for min bursary
£62,215
Maximum bursary
£3,500
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Central Lancashire

Founded in 1828, UCLan has campuses in Preston, Burnley, Cumbria & Cyprus.



Minimum bursary
£500
Max income for min bursary
£20,000
Maximum bursary
£500
Max. income for max, bursary
£20,000



University of Chester

The university originated as the first purpose-built teacher training college in the UK. As a university, it now occupies five campus sites in and around Chester.



Minimum bursary
NA
Max income for min bursary
NA
Maximum bursary
NA
Max. income for max, bursary
NA



University of Chichester

The University of Chichester became a university in 2005. Campuses are based in the city of Chichester, Bognor Regis, and an associate campus for commercial music on the Isle of Wight.



Minimum bursary
£300

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£300

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Cumbria

Nestled in the heart of the Lake District, Cumbria is the only UK university campus located in a UNESCO World Heritage site.



Minimum bursary
£1,000

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£1,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Derby

The University of Derby is a university. It traces its history back to the establishment of the Derby Diocesan Institution for the Training of Schoolmistresses in 1851. The university provides over 300 study programmes at undergraduate level.



Minimum bursary
£600

Max income for min bursary
£36,592

Maximum bursary
£1000

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Durham

Durham University is a collegiate research university in Durham, founded by an Act of Parliament in 1832.



Minimum bursary
£700

Max income for min bursary
£62,342

Maximum bursary
£2,670

Max. income for max, bursary
£30,000



University of East Anglia

The University of East Anglia is a research university in Norwich, England. Established in 1963 on a 320-acre campus west of the city centre, the university has four faculties and 26 schools of study.



Minimum bursary
£800

Max income for min bursary
£20,000

Maximum bursary
£1,300

Max. income for max, bursary
£16,000



University of East London

University of East London is a university located in the London Borough of Newham, based at three campuses in Stratford and Docklands.



Minimum bursary
£100

Max income for min bursary

Maximum bursary
£3,000

Max. income for max, bursary

University of Edinburgh

"We're ranked 4th in the UK for research power, and have the highest rating possible for our student learning experience."



Minimum bursary
£1000

Max income for min bursary
£33999

Maximum bursary
£3000

Max. income for max, bursary
£20999



University of Essex

Essex is one of the original "plate glass" universities. It describes itself as "a bunch of risk-takers and opinion-makers, stereotype-breakers and world-shakers."



Minimum bursary
£1000

Max income for min bursary
£35000

Maximum bursary
£3000

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Exeter

The University of Exeter is a Russell Group university in Exeter and Falmouth. It offers research and study in sciences, social sciences, business and humanities.

Minimum bursary
£800
Max income for min bursary
£30,000
Maximum bursary
£2,130
Max. income for max, bursary
£16,000



University of Glasgow

The University of Glasgow is the fourth-oldest university in the English-speaking world and one of Scotland's four ancient universities.

Minimum bursary
£3,000
Max income for min bursary
£25,001
Maximum bursary
£3,000
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,001



University of Gloucestershire

University of Gloucestershire describes itself as a diverse, vibrant community of 12,000 students and 1,500 staff with campuses in Cheltenham and Gloucester.

Minimum bursary
NA
Max income for min bursary
NA
Maximum bursary
NA
Max. income for max, bursary
NA



University of Greenwich

The University of Greenwich is a university located in London and Kent. The university's main campus is at the Old Royal Naval College.

Minimum bursary
£700
Max income for min bursary
£25,000
Maximum bursary
£700
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Hertfordshire

The University of Hertfordshire began life as a Technical College on land donated by the then Chairman of the de Havilland Aircraft company. Many of its courses were directly related to industry, with an emphasis on mechanical and aeronautical engineering.

Minimum bursary
£1,000
Max income for min bursary
£30,000
Maximum bursary
£1,000
Max. income for max, bursary
£30,000



University of Huddersfield

The university describes itself as growing its reputation as a leader in the field of enterprise.

Minimum bursary
£1,000
Max income for min bursary
£25,000
Maximum bursary
£1,000
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Hull

The University of Hull is a research university in Kingston upon Hull, a city in the East Riding of Yorkshire. The main university campus is located in Hull and is home to the Hull York Medical School, a joint initiative with the University of York.

Minimum bursary
£2,400
Max income for min bursary
£25,000
Maximum bursary
£2,400
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Kent

The University of Kent is a semi-collegiate research university based in Canterbury, Kent.

Minimum bursary
£2000
Max income for min bursary
NA
Maximum bursary
£2000
Max. income for max, bursary
NA



University of Leeds

The University of Leeds is one of the largest higher education institutions in the UK and part of the Russell Group of leading universities.



Minimum bursary
£1,000
Max income for min bursary
£36,000
Maximum bursary
£2,000
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Leicester

"We are Citizens of Change."

Minimum bursary
£1,000
Max income for min bursary
£25,000
Maximum bursary
£1,000
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Lincoln

The Times and Sunday Times Modern University of the Year.



Minimum bursary
£500
Max income for min bursary
£45,875
Maximum bursary
£500
Max. income for max, bursary
£45,875



University of Liverpool

For the advancement of learning and ennoblement of life since 1881



Minimum bursary
£750
Max income for min bursary
£35,000
Maximum bursary
£2,000
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Manchester

Part of the prestigious Russell Group of universities, The University of Manchester is the largest single-site university in the UK.



Minimum bursary
£1,000
Max income for min bursary
£35,000
Maximum bursary
£2,000
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Newcastle

Newcastle University is a research university in Newcastle upon Tyne. It has overseas campuses in Singapore and Malaysia. The university is a member of the Russell Group.



Minimum bursary
£1,000
Max income for min bursary
£35,000
Maximum bursary
£2,000
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Northampton

The University of Northampton is a university based in Northampton, Northamptonshire. It was formed in 1999 by the amalgamation of a number of training colleges.



Minimum bursary
£400
Max income for min bursary
£25,000
Maximum bursary
£400
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Northumbria at Newcastle

Northumbria University, in Newcastle upon Tyne, is a UK Top 25 university for Research Power, with an expanding multicultural learning community.



Minimum bursary
£4000 (total in Y1, Y2, Y3 installments)
Max income for min bursary
£35,000
Maximum bursary
£4000 (total in Y1, Y2, Y3 installments)
Max. income for max, bursary
£35,000

University of Nottingham

Nottingham University describes itself as a top 20 UK University. Part of the Russell Group and with a branch campus in Malaysia.



Minimum bursary
£1,000
Max income for min bursary
£35,000
Maximum bursary
£1,000
Max. income for max, bursary
£35,000



University of Oxford

The University of Oxford is a collegiate research university in Oxford, England. Describes as the oldest university in the English-speaking world and the world's second-oldest university in continuous operation.



Minimum bursary
£1,020
Max income for min bursary
£50,000
Maximum bursary
£4,080
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Plymouth

"The university of pioneers, advancing knowledge and transforming lives"



Minimum bursary
£400
Max income for min bursary
£35,000
Maximum bursary
£1,000
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Portsmouth

"We excel in research areas from cosmology and astrophysics to cyber security, forensics and sport science."



Minimum bursary
£750
Max income for min bursary
£25,000
Maximum bursary
£750
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Reading

"At the forefront of UK higher education for nearly a century. Over the decades we have become innovators and pioneers, pushing academic boundaries and leading social change."



Minimum bursary
£1,100
Max income for min bursary
£27,000
Maximum bursary
£1,100
Max. income for max, bursary
£27,000



University of Salford

Based one mile west of Manchester, "The University draws on its heritage of industrial links to offer real world learning and create highly-employable graduates."



Minimum bursary
£500
Max income for min bursary
£25,000
Maximum bursary
£500
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Sheffield

"Six members of our staff have been awarded a prestigious Nobel Prize."



Minimum bursary
£250
Max income for min bursary
£40,000
Maximum bursary
£1,000
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of South Wales

A university in Wales, with campuses in Cardiff, Newport and Pontypridd offering vocationally focused courses and degrees.



Minimum bursary
NA
Max income for min bursary
NA
Maximum bursary
NA
Max. income for max, bursary
NA

University of Southampton

"We are a research-intensive university and a founding member of the Russell Group."



Minimum bursary
£1,000

Max income for min bursary
£30,000

Maximum bursary
£2,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£16,000



University of St Andrews

The oldest of the four ancient universities of Scotland and, following Oxford and Cambridge universities, the third-oldest university in the English-speaking world.



Minimum bursary
£51.25

Max income for min bursary
£39,999

Maximum bursary
£3,955

Max. income for max, bursary
£20,999



University of St Mark and St John

A university based primarily on a single campus on the northern edge of Plymouth, Devon.



Minimum bursary
NA

Max income for min bursary
NA

Maximum bursary
NA

Max. income for max, bursary
NA



University of Stathclyde

A research university located in Glasgow, Scotland.



Minimum bursary
£1000

Max income for min bursary
£42,641

Maximum bursary
£3000

Max. income for max, bursary
£25000



University of Stirling

Located in the Central Belt of Scotland, built within the walled Airthrey Castle estate.



Minimum bursary
£2,500

Max income for min bursary
£34,000

Maximum bursary
£2,500

Max. income for max, bursary
£34,000

University of Suffolk

The institution was founded as a unique collaboration between the University of East Anglia and the University of Essex.



Minimum bursary
£500

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£500

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000

University of Sunderland

"We've been providing higher education in the city since 1901, and we're proud to be an innovative, accessible and inspirational university."



Minimum bursary
£1,000

Max income for min bursary
£47,500

Maximum bursary
£2,000

Max. income for max, bursary
£27,500

University of Surrey

The university is closely linked to industry and employment through partnership with more than 100 companies at the Surrey research Park



Minimum bursary
£2,500

Max income for min bursary
£25,000

Maximum bursary
£2,500

Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Sussex

The University of Sussex is located in Falmer, East Sussex. It is mostly within the city boundaries of Brighton and Hove but extends into the Lewes District in its eastern fringe.



Minimum bursary
£500
Max income for min bursary
£25,000
Maximum bursary
£1,000
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of the Arts London

University of the Arts London is a collegiate university, specialising in arts, design, fashion and the performing arts.



Minimum bursary
£1,300
Max income for min bursary
£25,000
Maximum bursary
£1,300
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of the Highlands and Islands

The University of the Highlands and Islands is a tertiary institution composed of academic partners, being 13 colleges and research institutions located in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, that deliver further education and higher education.



Minimum bursary
NA
Max income for min bursary
NA
Maximum bursary
NA
Max. income for max, bursary
NA

University of the West of England, Bristol

A research university, located in and around Bristol.



Minimum bursary
£500
Max income for min bursary
£25,000
Maximum bursary
£500
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Wales Trinity Saint David

The University of Wales Trinity Saint David is a multi-campus university with three main campuses in South West Wales, in Carmarthen, Lampeter and Swansea, a fourth campus in London, England, and learning centres in Cardiff, Wales, and Birmingham, England.



Minimum bursary
NA
Max income for min bursary
NA
Maximum bursary
NA
Max. income for max, bursary
NA

University of Warwick

"We believe in education as a positive force."



Minimum bursary
£1000
Max income for min bursary
£35,000
Maximum bursary
£2,000
Max. income for max, bursary
£16,000



University of West of Scotland

The University of the West of Scotland, formerly the University of Paisley, is a university with four campuses in south-western Scotland, in the towns of Paisley, Blantyre, Dumfries and Ayr, as well as a campus in London.



Minimum bursary
NA
Max income for min bursary
NA
Maximum bursary
NA
Max. income for max, bursary
NA

University of Westminster

"We started out 180 years ago to educate the working people of London. Today we continue to build on this reputation, helping students from a variety of backgrounds to realise their full potential."



Minimum bursary
£2400
Max income for min bursary
£25,000
Maximum bursary
£2400
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Winchester

"The place to be the difference"



Minimum bursary
£200
Max income for min bursary
£25,000
Maximum bursary
£200
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



University of Wolverhampton

The University of Wolverhampton is a university located on four campuses across the West Midlands, Shropshire and Staffordshire in England.



Minimum bursary
£200
Max income for min bursary
NA
Maximum bursary
£200
Max. income for max, bursary
NA

University of Worcester

The only university based in the counties of Worcestershire and Herefordshire. With a history dating back to 1946.



Minimum bursary
NA
Max income for min bursary
NA
Maximum bursary
NA
Max. income for max, bursary
NA

University of York

a Russell Group collegiate research university, in York. Established in 1963, the university has expanded to more than thirty departments and centres, covering a wide range of subjects.



Minimum bursary
£1,100 (amount offered after Y1)
Max income for min bursary
£25,000
Maximum bursary
£2,000
Max. income for max, bursary
£35,000



Wrexham Glyndwr University

Wrexham Glyndwr University is a research university, in Wales, with campuses in Wrexham, Northop and St Asaph.



Minimum bursary
NA
Max income for min bursary
NA
Maximum bursary
NA
Max. income for max, bursary
NA

Writtle University College

Writtle University College is a "leading provider of land-based, animal, environmental, design and sport education".



Minimum bursary
£200
Max income for min bursary
£42,875
Maximum bursary
£300
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



York St John University

York St John University, often abbreviated to YSJ, is a university located on a large urban campus in York, England.



Minimum bursary
£250
Max income for min bursary
£25,000
Maximum bursary
£250
Max. income for max, bursary
£25,000



Further Information

More information on funding and support

The best way to find out what scholarships and bursaries are available is to talk to the universities that you're interested in – it's a great question to ask at open days! Their websites will have up-to-date information on all the funding opportunities available too.

While we've tried to ensure the information included in this guide is accurate, it's a good idea to check with the university whether you're eligible for the funding. The current information available is for the 2024/2025 academic year and so some things may change in the future.

Useful Contacts

For information about bursaries, you can check out university webpages, or the access and participation plans at the Office for Students. For more information about this booklet, please email bursaries@taso.org.uk

FAQs

I don't know my household's income?

In most instances, universities will gather this information from Student Finance and so it's okay not to know the exact figure at this time. In order to get an idea of your income, it's a good idea to speak to the people in your household. If you're not sure what counts as 'household' income you can find out at www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance/household-income After you have applied for financial support through Student Finance England, they will ask people in your household to confirm their income and provide evidence.

Can I get more than one bursary from a university?

In a lot of instances you can only receive one bursary from the university so it's worth checking what else is on offer. Sometimes, for example, you cannot receive the NHS bursary and an income-contingent bursary. Ultimately, each university have their own criteria, so you should check their website and email them if you're still unsure.

Do I have to apply?

In most instances, you do not need to apply for the income-contingent bursary; it will be automatically given to you based on your household income assessment that is completed by your student loans awarding body. There are sometimes time limits on when you must have been assessed by and you can see these deadlines by visiting the university's website or contacting them.

What if I'm not eligible for any of the income-contingent bursaries?

If you are not eligible, you should check whether universities have other bursaries or scholarships that you could apply for.

Could the actual bursary be different to what is stated in this guide?

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I'd like to defer or take a gap year, will these bursaries be available to me?

The bursaries and scholarships available to you should be relevant for the year of study you're entering. Therefore, some of the bursaries available may change if you choose to delay your entry date.





THANK YOU

About this booklet

This booklet aims to provide information on the bursaries that might be available to you if you attend different universities, above and beyond standard student finance. It has been produced by a team at King's College London, and funded by Exogeneity.

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Vanessa Hirneis

Hi, my name is Vanessa and I am a social psychologist and researcher in the Experimental Government Team at King's College London. As a careleaver and the first one in my family to attend university, I heavily relied on financial support to fund my studies. Luckily, there are so many different resources available that can hopefully make this journey a little easier. I sincerely wish that this guide can help you assess your options - keep it up!



Aria Lao

Hi, I'm Aria and I am a master's degree student at King's College London and worked as a research assistant for this project. There are many resources available to students considering an undergraduate degree in each University. I hope this booklet provides you further clarity on what your first choice has to offer, to go to the perfect university for you!