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# Introduction to student finance

**Pete** – School and  
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University  
of Exeter

# What we're here for

- To explore the main costs associated with university
- To consider the types of financial support available
- To consider what financial planning is needed before and during attending university



# What are the two main costs associated with university?

- Tuition fees
- Living expenses



# Tuition Fees

- £6,000 - £9,535 per year
- Exceptions: BMBS Medicine, courses with a year abroad or a year in industry and Foundation year courses
- Fees don't need to be paid up front



# Student living costs

Accommodation

Books and equipment

Food and drink

Clubs, societies and sports

Clothes, toiletries and haircuts

TV/music subscriptions

Travel home

Phone and internet

Social life

House deposit



# Student living costs (per year)

Self-catered accommodation (40 weeks) £6,589.80

Socialising £1268.40

Entertainment, going out, travel, food £999.60

Supermarket spend £1761.12

Clothing and fashion £1479.60

Household bills £1488.96

**Total £13,587.48**



*Accommodation cost based on University of Exeter average (Exeter campuses), Sept 2025. Other costs based on the Natwest Student Living Index, August 2025.*



# Sources of income: government

Type of funding	Amount (per year)	Repayable	Non-repayable	Means-tested	Non-means-tested
Tuition fee loan	Up to £9,535	✓			✓
Maintenance Loan	Up to £10,544*	✓		✓	

\*If living away from home at the University of Exeter (or another university outside of London). Amounts differ for those living at home or studying in London.

# Maintenance loan and household income

Household income	Living at home while studying	Living away from home while studying	Living and studying in London
£25,000 or less	£8,877	£10,554	£13,762
£35,000	£7,387	£9,038	£12,231
£45,000	£5,897	£7,532	£10,700
£55,000	£4,407	£6,026	£9,168
£65,000	£3,907	£4,915	£7,637
£75,000	£3,907	£4,915	£6,853

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# Extra help

You might be able to get extra money if you:

- Are a care leaver, or are under 25, have no contact with parents and support yourself
- have a health problem, disability or learning difficulty - Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)



# How and when to apply for financial support

- Student loan applications usually open in March
- The deadline is usually May
- Apply online through Student Finance England
- This varies for other forms of financial support



# Paying back your government loans

<b>Annual salary</b>	<b>Total monthly repayment</b>
£25,000 or less	£0
£28,000	£22
£31,000	£45
£33,000	£60
£35,000	£75
£45,000	£150



# Sources of income: universities

Type of funding	Amount (per year)	Repayable	Non-repayable	Means-tested	Non-means-tested
Fee waivers and bursaries	Varies		✓	✓	
Scholarships/awards	Varies		✓		✓

# Support from the University of Exeter

- The Access to Exeter Bursary
- Support for specific groups of students
- Sports scholarships
- Choral scholarships
- Travel scholarships
- Entrance scholarships



# The Access to Exeter Bursary

<b>Household income</b>	<b>Bursary (all years)</b>
£16,000 and below	£2,300
£16,001- £25,000	£1,340
£25,001 - £30,000	£850
£30,001 - £35,000	£500



# Other support from the University of Exeter

Available for:

- care leavers
- estranged students
- asylum seekers / refugees
- carers
- students who fall into unexpected hardship



# Sports and other scholarships

## Scholarship Scheme:

- Sport Scholarship
- Sport Performance Bursary
- Partnership Bursary

## Seven Performance Sports:

- Cricket
- Golf
- Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Netball
- Rugby
- TASS Sailing Hub



# Other sources of income

- Charities and trusts
- Employer sponsorship
- Other scholarships
- **Part-time work** and savings





Support related to specific courses

# Sources of information

- Student Finance England
- The Student Room and UCAS website
- University websites
- Online directories for scholarships and charitable funding
- Propel, Stand Alone, and Disability Rights UK





## Key things to remember

# For Supporters

We encourage parents and supporters to engage through our regular communications and webinars, which will keep you informed about the latest developments, opportunities, and resources at the university.

Sessions include; student finance, degree apprenticeships, supporting your student, preparing for results day and more.

More information for supporters  
and all sessions can be found at  
[exeter.ac.uk/supporter](https://exeter.ac.uk/supporter)



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