

Student Life and Wellbeing

Postgraduate study

Student Funding



**Northumbria
University**
NEWCASTLE

Financial Planning



- Identify the Tuition Fee cost
- Consider full or part-time study (spread the cost)
- Identify Funding (if any)
 - for tuition fee
 - for living costs
 - for course expenses
- From
 - Government Funding Body (e.g. Student Finance England)
 - University
 - Employer
 - Self/family
 - Lenders
 - Grant-giving bodies
 - Crowd funding

Tuition Fees*



- Identify fee bill from course offer or [webpages](#)

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/fees-funding/

- FT and PT UK PG students: Full payment on or before enrolment; or three equal instalments

- Scholarships and Tuition Fee discounts - **See our webpages for 2022 applicants, which is regularly updated with current information.**

<https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/fees-funding/pg-fees-funding/masters-funding/>

- Master's Scholarships currently available for the 2022/23 academic year:

- [Alumni discounts](#) of 20%
- [Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship](#) (£2750 fee discount)
- [Santander University Scholarship](#) (£2000 cash award)
- [The Hachette UK MA Publishing Scholarship](#) for September starting *MA Publishing*
- [MSc Global Sustainable Business Management](#) – Tuition Fee discount (studying at Amsterdam Campus)
- [The Bar Course Scholarship](#)

All Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the University and eligibility decisions are final.

Financial planning resource guides



- “Portfolio-funding” from several sources

- UK Govt.

www.gov.uk/funding-for-postgraduate-study

- Northumbria University

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/postgraduate-study/financial-support/funding-your-postgraduate-study/

- Prospects

www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/funding-postgraduate-study

- Research Degrees; PhD, DBA/DBL

www.northumbria.ac.uk/research/postgraduate-research-degrees/

Statutory Funding



- Statutory funds are available for taught Masters in:
 - PG Social Work (NHS Social Work Bursary) www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/social-work-students
 - Allied Health Professions; PG Nursing, physiotherapy etc. via SFE undergraduate! (+ additional support from NHS Learning Support Fund: <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/career-planning/study-and-training/considering-or-university/financial-support-university>)
- PGCE for
 - Initial Teacher Training www.gov.uk/teacher-training-funding - via SFE undergraduate funding + Teacher training bursary: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-your-training>
- Student Finance England “Masters” Loan
 - Maximum £11,836 per applicant for whole course (2022/23 figures)
 - Paid in 3 instalments (per academic year)
 - Students responsible for paying their own Tuition Fee
 - Courses funded via UG SFE are not eligible (e.g. NHS courses)
 - Full info including eligibility at <https://www.gov.uk/funding-for-postgraduate-study>



Statutory Funding



- NHS professional Masters from Autumn 2021
- English domiciled students new to a Postgraduate Healthcare course from AY 21/22 will be eligible for the standard undergraduate package of support.
- To be eligible to attract this package of support, these Postgraduate Healthcare courses must meet the following criteria:
 - A designated pre-registration course in nursing, midwifery or allied health professional subjects
 - A Level 7 Postgraduate Masters or Postgraduate Diploma
 - Full-time
 - Not distance learning
 - Must be a minimum of two academic years.

PG courses funding from other UK regions?

- **Northern Ireland Assembly fee loan** (*information and figures based on 21/22*)
 - full-time or part-time postgraduate Master's degree, PG Diploma, or PG Certificate
 - You can apply for a Postgraduate Tuition Fee Loan of up to £5,500
 - If your course costs more than this you'll need to pay the difference directly to your university yourself
 - Non means-tested
 - PGCE and Integrated masters students can apply for the undergraduate package
- Full info including eligibility at www.studentfinancenir.co.uk

PG Courses- funding from other UK regions?



Welsh Assembly Masters Loan *(Figures based on 21/22)*

- Postgraduate Master's Finance will be paid directly to you as a contribution towards your course and living costs.
- You can apply for Postgraduate Master's Finance and receive up to £18,025 (whole course) as a combination of grant and loan. Proportion of this provided as a grant decreases as the household income goes up:
 - A maximum grant of £6,885 and loan of £11,480 if your household income is £18,370 and below.
 - A grant of £1,000 and loan of £17,025 if your household income is not taken into account or is above £59,200.
 - PGCE students can apply for the undergraduate package.
 - Full info including eligibility at <http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/postgraduate-students>

Scotland *(Figures based on 21/22)*

- £10,000 loan- £5500 fee and £4500 living-costs
- PGT Diploma or Masters. Also part-time option (fee loan only)
- Restriction on courses taught outside Scotland
- Full info including eligibility at <https://www.saas.gov.uk/full-time/postgraduate-funding-information>



Postgraduate Doctoral Loan



- Eligible individuals will be able to borrow up to £27,892 (*figures and info for 22/23*) for the whole course
- Non means-tested
- Applications open summer 2022
- Course length 3 to 8 years max (amount divided equally across each year then paid in 3 instalments per year)
- Loan is paid direct to you and is intended as a contribution to the cost of study rather than to specifically cover tuition fees or living costs
- Available to eligible students who are not in receipt of a Research Council studentship (including fees-only awards)
- Eligibility linked to course, age and nationality/residence (England) status
- Available to individuals studying a full, stand alone doctoral qualification
- The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) may take account of the loan when working out any benefits you receive.
- <https://www.gov.uk/doctoral-loan>
- Other UK regions- Wales, www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/postgraduate-students.aspx .



Other Funding options?



- Employer- part time study/fee contribution or full employer sponsorship
- Part-time employment- register with our Graduate Futures service
- Self/family
- Lenders
 - private lenders e.g. <https://www.futurefinance.com/>
- Borrow wisely
 - [themoneycharity.org.uk/advice-information/credit-due/](https://www.themoneycharity.org.uk/advice-information/credit-due/)
 - www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/articles/how-to-work-out-the-true-cost-of-borrowing
- Grant-giving bodies



Grant giving bodies – search tools



- Web e.g. <http://www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk/> *
- Reference examples
 - The Grants Register
 - Professional publications
 - Membership journals
 - Education supplement e.g. Times Higher Education
- Start searching now!

* several more links at NU PG web-page www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/fees-funding/pg-fees-funding/masters-funding/

Budget



- Have you worked out your monthly income-v-expenditure?
 - www.moneyadvice.service.org.uk/en/tools/budget-planner
 - www.savethestudent.org/money/student-budgeting/student-budget-calculators.html
- Access to Learning Fund; Hardship fund
 - must have made reasonable provision to cover known costs
 - www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/support-for-students/
- full-time students are exempt from council tax liability
- most full-time students cannot claim Universal Credit
- most full-time students cannot claim housing benefit
- supplement income with paid employment tax-free allowance



Support for Students



- www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/support-for-students/
- Welfare and health support
- Financial support
- International student support
- Disability and dyslexia support
- Counselling and mental health support
- Chaplaincy and faith advice
- Change of circumstances advice

International student support



- Visa extension support and advice
 - Student Life & Wellbeing
 - Individual visa application appointment
 - www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/support-for-students/international-student-support/
- Fee discounts
 - Alumni discount – 20% of Tuition Fee bill
 - Northumbria Global Scholarship - £2,000 fee discount for **new** EU/International students
 - [Asylum Seekers Sanctuary Scholarship](#) – 100% fee waiver and £1000 contribution towards studies. Deadline for applications for this Scholarship close at 16:00 on 08/04/2022.

www.northumbria.ac.uk/international/fees-scholarships-and-discounts/

Student Life and Wellbeing

Contact Us

At City Campus

Ask4Help Desk

Student Central, ground floor, City campus library building

Tel: 0191 227 4127 to arrange a call-back

External: sv.welfareandinternational@northumbria.ac.uk

Current students: as above or via Student Portal

At Coach Lane Campus

Ask4Help Desk,

Library (Ground Floor)

Tel: 0191 227 4646