

Sources of financial support which may be available to students

If you are a student in receipt of an NHS Bursary or are eligible for support from the Learning Support Fund (LSF) and you find yourself facing extra costs in completing your course, or you get into financial difficulties while studying, you may be able to access other financial support.

Please note the financial support available:

NHS Bursaries

[Help with childcare costs](#)

[Disabled student allowances](#)

Learning Support Fund

[Child Dependents Allowance](#)

[Exceptional Support Fund](#)

Further advice for students is available from:

Student Central (<https://www.brookes.ac.uk/students/student-central/>)

Tel: 01865 483455

Email studentcentral@brookes.ac.uk

This service includes a team providing dedicated advice on:

Financial Aid (<https://www.brookes.ac.uk/studying-at-brookes/finance/financial-aid/>)

Tel: 01865 483850

Email finaid@brookes.ac.uk

Student Support Coordinators (<http://www.hls.brookes.ac.uk/student-support-coordinators>)

Email studentsupport-marston@brookes.ac.uk / hls-swindon-ssc@brookes.ac.uk

Student Loans

If you are an *income assessed* NHS Bursary student you may be entitled to a reduced rate student loan to provide an additional source of income while you study. If you are entitled to a loan, your Local Authority (LA) will tell the Student Loans Company (SLC) (<https://www.slc.co.uk/>) the maximum amount to which you are entitled. You can then decide how much of the available loan, if any, you want. Your LA or the Student Loans Company will be able to give you more detailed advice and a loan application form, or go to

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/UniversityAndHigherEducation/StudentFinance/fs/en>

Some of the trade unions can also be a source of information, for more information, help and support you can contact:

UNISON – The Public Service Union

Website: www.unison.org.uk/healthcare

UNISON, which is a registered charity, has a large welfare section, from which all members can seek assistance. Included within these services are: - financial hardship and debt advice. To find out more information regarding UNISON's welfare services email welfare@unison.co.uk or visit the website www.unison.org.uk/welfare.

National Union of Students www.nus.org.uk

You may find the Money and Funding site helpful <https://www.nus.org.uk/en/advice/money-and-funding> which provides a guidance on how to find scholarships, grants and bursaries, including a database to search, including thousands of smaller charities and trusts offering educational grants.

The Student Room (TSR) (<https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/>)

Is an online student community and you may find their Student Finance Zone helpful, which includes guidance and advice on a wide range of financial help (<https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/student-finance/>)

Royal College of Nursing www.rcn.org.uk

The welfare service provides expert advice and information on benefits, debt, housing and more. The Lamplight service (<https://www.rcn.org.uk/get-help/member-support-services/lamplight>) may be able to help students on pre-registration UK nursing degree programme

Royal College of Midwives www.rcm.org.uk

The Benevolent Fund (<https://www.rcm.org.uk/make-an-application-to-the-benevolent-fund>) may be able to help student midwives in unanticipated and exceptional circumstance.

You could also contact the **National Association of Student Money Advisers www.nasma.org.uk** which provides alternative support (not related to the NHS Bursary Scheme)