Financial Support for Part-Time Study

UK Regional student funding providers will also fund part-time study. Please note that it is the designation of the course and not the teaching hours that dictate whether an applicant applies for funding under the respective full-time or part-time student funding system.

At present there is one exception to this rule; students resident in Northern-Ireland studying a flexible PGCE have been assessed for Student Finance Northern Ireland’s full-time funding package. Prospective students applying for funding for a course of this type should contact their regional funding provider directly.

It is assumed that part-time students enrolled with Northumbria University will be living in the region and so the following information is based on Student Finance England’s part-time funding.

Tuition Fee Loan - Undergraduate Study

A part-time student (including EU students studying in England) can apply for a loan which will be paid directly to the University. The Tuition Fee Loan isn’t based on household income and there’s no upper age limit for applying. The maximum fee loan is limited to the lesser of your annual fee bill or the maximum fee loan of £6750, see www.gov.uk/student-finance/parttime-students

Part-time EU students can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan if they meet certain conditions, see www.gov.uk/student-finance/eu-students

To qualify you must be studying a course intensity of at least 25% of the full-time equivalent per year; therefore it must take no more than four times the length of the equivalent full-time course to complete (up to a maximum of 16 years).

If you already hold a qualification equal to or higher than the one you are studying for, you won’t normally be eligible for a Tuition Fees Loan though there can be exceptions to this rule. Please note: this differs for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Part-time students cannot apply for Maintenance Loans or other specialist grants except Disabled Students’ Allowance. It is assumed that part-time students will use earnings from employment towards funding these costs for the duration of their course.

Tuition Fee Loan - Postgraduate Study

A loan is available for Tuition Fees for taught postgraduate programmes, eg Masters level courses. For further information please visit: www.gov.uk/student-finance

This loan is available to eligible postgraduate Masters students who are ordinarily resident in England and studying towards their first such qualification on either a part-time or full-time basis and is for a maximum of £10,000.
Financial Hardship

Please see our website for details of how to overcome financial hardship:
www.northumbria.ac.uk/financialsupport

Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA)

Some part time students may be entitled to Disabled Students’ Allowance.

What is the DSA?

The DSA can help to pay for extra costs you may incur in attending your programme as a direct result of your disability or medical condition. The allowances can help with the cost of a non-medical personal helper, major items of specialist equipment, travel and other costs.

DSA is a non-repayable form of support and your award is not based on your household income. See www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas

Further Information on DSA

For more information about the DSA and relevant eligibility criteria, you should contact the Disability and Dyslexia Support Team on: (0191) 227 4127.

How to contact the Welfare, Immigration and Funding Team

Online

- Email us direct at sv.welfareandinternational@northumbria.ac.uk
- Visit our website at northumbria.ac.uk/financialsupport

At City Campus

- Come to the Student Support and Wellbeing Centre, Ground Floor, Northumberland Building, open 9am - 5pm (Monday to Friday)
- Telephone us on 0191 227 4127

We operate a drop-in service, which means that you don’t need to make an appointment to speak to one of our Advisers. You can visit us and speak to an Adviser any time from 10am - 4pm, Monday to Friday (1 - 4pm on a Wednesday).

At Coach Lane Campus

- Visit the Ask4Help desk in Coach Lane Library
- Telephone us on 0191 227 4127

At London Campus

- Visit the Ask4Help desk on the Ground Floor

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