

2026/27 Guidance for Payment of Tuition Fees

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Summary

This document sets out the University's expectation and guidance relating to payment of tuition fees.

Glossary of Terms

Lifelong Learning Entitlement (LLE)

a UK Government funding package that is due to launch in academic year 2026/27 for learners studying courses on or after January 2027 and administered by Student Finance;

Self-funding

students who are not in receipt of a tuition fee loan, have no contractual sponsorship for payment of their tuition fee and/or who have opted to make direct payment towards their fee;

Sponsored

if an employer or other organisation agrees to pay all or part of a 'home' student's tuition fee, the university will refer to them as sponsored;

Student Finance

the UK Government agency set up to consider applications and determine funding for study. For academic year 2026/27 this will include assessment for Lifelong Learning Entitlement (LLE) for all new, undergraduate, English resident students, with continuing undergraduate and postgraduate students applying for Higher Education Student Finance (HESF) through Student Finance England. Welsh, Northern Irish and Scottish students will apply through the devolved agencies to Student Finance Wales, Student Finance Northern Ireland or the Student Awards Agency Scotland respectively;

Student Loans Company (SLC)

The UK Government agency which provides funding to students in the UK for study purposes, as deemed eligible by Student Finance.

Purpose

These guidance notes are intended to help students understand how and when to make payment of their tuition fee. They provide options that may be available and clarify how and when they operate.

Guidance

Students assessed as having a 'home' residential status, on a **full-time undergraduate** programme with tuition fee liability are generally eligible for a tuition fee loan from the UK Government, unless excluded because of previous study. **Part-time undergraduate** students registered for at least 25% of a full-time programme may also apply for a non-means tested tuition fee loan. Applications are made via [Student Finance](#). The university expects new and continuing students who intend to fund their studies with Student Finance funding, to meet deadlines for their funding

applications and have funding in place prior to enrolment. Once awarded (HESF or LLE), the tuition fee loan is paid directly to the university by the Student Loans Company (SLC), on behalf of the student. **Students who have not secured funding at the start of their programme must engage with payment of their tuition fee** and are expected to evidence and communicate the actions they are taking towards securing funding. Where students do not demonstrate engagement with an external funding provider for payment of their tuition fee (including formal appeals) and/or where there is known previous study, the university will consider initiating withdrawal within term one, or at the earliest opportunity thereafter if there is no agreed payment plan in place.

UK domiciled **postgraduate** students may apply for a contribution towards the cost of their studies in the form of a loan from the government, subject to meeting defined eligibility criteria. Applications for a [Postgraduate Masters](#) or [Doctoral](#) Loan are made via Student Finance. Dependent upon UK residency, postgraduate loans are paid directly to the student in instalments. Students must make a personal commitment at enrolment to pay their tuition fee directly to the university by the published dates listed below, also provided within the Confirmation of Enrolment email. By exception, Northern Ireland students have their tuition fee paid to the university as part of their funding arrangement.

Undergraduate or postgraduate students may have their fee **sponsored** or **part-sponsored** by an employer or other organisation. Students who are receiving sponsorship must provide, in advance of their studies, written notification from the sponsor on official letterhead, or purchase order, confirming the amount they are contributing towards the tuition fee. **Confirmation of sponsorship must be provided for each academic year of study and relate to the registered course or modules for that period only.** Further guidance may be viewed on our [Finance webpage](#). **Regardless of sponsorship, students remain personally liable for payment of their tuition fee and will be pursued in the event of non-payment from a sponsor or funder. This includes research students in receipt of external studentships and professional learning students, where employers have initiated study. Family and friends are not considered to be sponsors.**

Students' resident in **Jersey, Guernsey and Isle of Man** may apply for funding from their respective governments. In some cases, this may include a self-funding contribution from the student, based upon household income. In such cases, students will be expected to adhere to the university's scheduled payment dates.

All undergraduate and PGCE/Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching (Further Education and Skills) students, including MSc Nursing (English residency), not in receipt of a tuition fee loan are regarded as **self-funding**. Due to funding arrangements, postgraduate taught and research students, including those undertaking professional development, are also regarded as **self-funding**, except for postgraduate taught students domiciled in Northern Ireland.

The University offers two payment arrangements:

- Payment in full at enrolment by debit or credit card
- Recurring card payment in three equal instalments, which falls due as follows:

Foundation Degree, Undergraduate (including Foundation Year), Integrated Masters, PGCE/Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching (Further Education and Skills) and MSc Nursing

August - September 2026 start	15 October 2026
	15 January 2027
	15 April 2027
January 2027 start	15 February 2027
	15 May 2027
	15 August 2027

Postgraduate taught

September – October 2026 start	30 September 2026 MSc Physician Associate Studies only
	15 October 2026 except MSc Physician Associate Studies
	6 January 2027
	7 April 2027

Postgraduate research (PhD, MRes and LLM)

September – October 2026 start	15 October 2026
	6 January 2027
	24 March 2027

Postgraduate taught and research

January - February 2027 start	to be confirmed
	to be confirmed
	to be confirmed
February 2027 start	to be confirmed
	to be confirmed
	to be confirmed

Payment is due on the above dates or the first working day thereafter.

Faculty of Health, Social Care and Medicine Continuing Professional Development

all intakes	payment due 30 days from invoice date
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Students will be notified separately during enrolment if payment arrangements differ to those outlined above.

Please visit the University's [secure website](#) to pay in full or set up a recurring card payment for the above dates.

The university reserves the right to amend a recurring card payment arrangement, without direct notice, where students adjust their curriculum affecting tuition fee liability, and where students granted the Progress to Postgraduate Award do not meet eligibility criteria relating to payment of their tuition fee. Likewise, where modules are cancelled, or following withdrawal or interruption, scheduled payments will be reviewed. In all cases, the card holder will be notified of the change via their personal email address provided during the plan set up.

Self-funding students are required to set up a new recurring card payment for each year of study.

Failure to pay tuition fees may result in exclusion from the University and referral for external recovery of the debt. Please see the University's [Student Debt Policy](#) for more detailed information.

Key to Relevant Documents

This guidance document refers to the following documents, which you may find useful.

[Student Debt Policy](#)

[Home Tuition Fee Liability Procedure](#)

Annexes

This guidance does not contain any additional information.

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