

NHS Bursary and other NHS Funding

Which courses at the University of Manchester are currently eligible for NHS funding?

The below courses are eligible for NHS funding:

- Oral health Science
- Midwifery
- Nursing
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Medicine*
- Dentistry*

**5th year only – includes 1 year Masters Intercalations. Please see www.money4medstudents.org/ for further information.*

Please note that Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Profession (AHP) students on courses starting on or after 1 August 2018 are no longer eligible for a NHS Bursary—as of 2020, students on these courses are able to apply for the NHS Learning Support Fund.

What funding would I receive?

If you are a Home student and are studying on a NHS-commissioned healthcare professional course and have not previously been registered in that healthcare profession, you should be eligible to receive the following (please note that for the MA in Social Work, funding is different – please see further in this guide):

Tuition Fees

The full amount of tuition fees will be paid directly to the University by the NHS.

Maintenance

You may also receive the following support for your living costs from the NHS:

- A non-means tested grant
- A means-tested bursary (based on household income including your parents or partner).
- Means-tested dependants support (if applicable).
- Parents Learning Allowance (if applicable).
- Means-tested registered childcare support (if applicable).

The NHS have produced a series of useful calculators to determine your eligibility to apply for NHS funding and to give you an indication of how much you may receive:

www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/3941.aspx

In addition to the NHS bursary/grant, you can apply for a non-means tested reduced rate maintenance loan from Student Finance.

Please note that you would not be eligible to receive

additional maintenance loans.

How do I apply for funding?

To reapply for the NHS bursary and grant, please visit:

www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/3942.aspx

You will also need to apply separately to Student Finance for the loan. This can be done at:

www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance

Tips:

- *Please be aware of any relevant deadlines and ensure that you apply early to ensure that your funding is ready for the start of term.*
- *Applying for a student loan before applying for the NHS bursary may speed things up – Student Finance do not means-test your application so should return your documents to you quickly.*

How do I receive maintenance funding?

The NHS bursary and grant is paid directly to you in 12 equal monthly instalments however the Student Loan is paid in 3 instalments at the start of each term.

Do I have to repay this?

All NHS grants and bursaries are non-repayable. If you receive a Student Loan also however, this is repayable. Please see our Student Loan guidance pages for further information:

www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/a-z

I have to go on placement – can I receive any financial support for these costs?

You may be able to apply for means-tested travel expenses known as Practice Placement Expenses. For further information, please visit:

www.gov.uk/nhs-bursaries/further-information

I have a Disability/Specific Learning Difficulty – can I apply for additional financial support?

You may be able to apply for support through the NHS Disabled Students' Allowance scheme. For further information, please visit:

www.gov.uk/nhs-bursaries/further-information

I am an EU student – am I eligible for funding?

As an EU student, you may have been eligible for tuition fee support from the NHS however you would not usually qualify for maintenance support or a maintenance loan from Student Finance.

I was not eligible for NHS funding due to my household income – can I apply to Student Finance?

If you began your course before September 2019, unfortunately not as you cannot choose which funding stream to apply to. However, if you intend on joining a course from 2020 you will apply for funding through the usual Student Finance funding process.

Something unexpected has happened which has caused me financial hardship – what can I do?

The University's Living Cost Support Fund can help in situations when despite your best efforts; an unexpected event causes you financial concerns. For further information, please see our Living Cost Support Fund guidance:

<http://www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/funding-opportunities/all/living-cost-support-fund/>

Please note that the Living Cost Support Fund cannot pay for tuition fees and should not be viewed as a source of funding for your study in general terms.

Can I claim benefits?

Most full-time students are not eligible to receive benefits however students falling into certain groups may have some entitlement. For more information go to:

www.turn2us.org.uk/Benefit-guides/Full-time-students-and-benefits/

What happens if I interrupt my course?

For any change to your course, you will need to contact your School who can advise you on the administrative procedures required to inform the NHS however please see below for advice specific to your circumstances:

Interruption due to ill health

- If you interrupt/suspend your studies for up to 60 days due to ill health, you may be able to continue to receive your bursary. We would advise you to interrupt before the 60 days have expired in order to preserve your bursary.

Maternity Leave

- If you are having a baby you can take maternity leave and continue to receive your bursary for up to 52 weeks. Note: you will not receive any funding from Student Finance.

Other Information

Your bursary will be reassessed based on the last day that you attended – if you have received any funding which exceeds this entitlement, you may be asked to repay this.

Also, the NHS can only reinstate your funding after you have returned to the course and the University sends a Resumer Form to the NHS however you would not automatically receive funding for sections of the course that have to be repeated.

If you can demonstrate to the NHS that the suspension of your finance during your interruption would cause you financial hardship, they may allow you to continue receiving

payment of maintenance support for the duration of the interruption.

Students are entitled to 36 months of bursary. If you do not complete within this period, your School has to request an extension but is not automatically given.

Seconded students

If you are a seconded student (i.e. undertaking a course whilst remaining an employee), you would not be eligible for an NHS bursary for maintenance costs however you may be able to receive the following:

- *A salary from your employer*
- *Full student loan from Student Finance for living costs and additional options where applicable (i.e. childcare)*

We would however strongly advise you to check your individual circumstances with the NHS first as we have experienced some exceptions to this guidance in the past.

MA Social Work

For the MA Social Work, funding is different. You should still apply for a social work bursary with the NHS and you are also eligible for full support from Student Finance:

www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students/825.aspx

The above link also provides information regarding the amount you may receive if successful. Applications usually open in March/April and distribution of these awards is determined by the School (once the School has been advised by the NHS how many bursaries they will receive). Once the School has this information and has finished interviewing applicants, notification as to whether you will be nominated for a bursary or not will usually be made in June or July. For further information please visit:

www.bmh.manchester.ac.uk/nursing/study/masters/social-work/

I have previously been NHS-funded – can I reapply for funding for a new course?

You may be able to receive an NHS bursary however this is subject to your circumstances. Please see the table below for further information.

Starting the course again from the beginning (day 1, year 1)	Any previous funding from the withdrawn course will not be taken into account.
Resuming at a comparable point of the original course	Subject to any maximum funding available for that course (including extensions, repeats and any time limits imposed by the relevant professional body). Previous bursary received for that same course will be taken into account.
Previously received full funding for a NHS course and qualified	Funding can only be granted if the student has embarked on a completely different healthcare subject. A bursary would not be available to a student who had qualified and was available to register as a child nurse, but wanted to embark on a further pre-registration training course as an adult nurse, but a student who had qualified as a Physiotherapist but wanted to change to Midwifery could get a bursary.

What are my accommodation options?

If you are a Nursing/Midwifery student, you may be able to stay in University accommodation for longer than the standard 40 week contract. Please contact the Accommodation Office about this and note that it may not be in the Hall that you live in for the majority of the academic year:

www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk/

What is the Learning Support Fund?

The Learning Support Fund provides additional financial support for healthcare students and you will receive:

- *Travel grant and dual accommodation—students can apply for the reimbursement of travel costs and dual accommodation for practise placements from the NHS*
- *Childcare additional funds (if applicable) - for students with dependents*
- *Exceptional Support Fund—a limited hardship fund*

<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/learning-support-fund>

NHS Guidance

The NHS have put together a useful overview of bursaries which can be found at:

www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/healthcare-students

If your query is not answered here, please contact studentsupport@manchester.ac.uk

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