



Financial Support

Care experienced students/care leavers

The University offers:

Student Finance: Care experienced students/care leavers are eligible for the maximum tuition fee loan (£9,250 for the academic year 2019/2020) and the maximum maintenance loan (£8,944 for the academic year 2019/2020) from the Student Loans Company (SLC). This will be similar for many care experienced students although for those back with their family it will depend on their "household" income. N.B.: This is not the case for students on NHS courses that started prior to 2017.

 Further information

 Terms and conditions

The Manchester Bursary: Care leavers and most care experienced students will be eligible for The Manchester Bursary of £2,000 (household income related) for the duration of their course. This bursary is awarded by the University and does not have to be paid back. Students do not have to apply for the bursary and will automatically be contacted if eligible. N.B.: Students on NHS courses that started prior to 2017 are not eligible.

Undergraduate Access Scholarship: This is a £1,000 scholarship per year of study, which is in addition to the income assessed bursaries that the University offers. Some form of proof of local authority care is required and students should be contacted about this if they have indicated their time in care on their UCAS form although if not then approach the care leaver contact directly. N.B.: Students on NHS courses that started prior to 2017 are not eligible.

 Further information

Erasmus, Study Abroad or Work Placements: The University awards bursaries of up to £2,000 to students studying abroad or going on placement.

 Further information

Manchester Master's Bursary: The University offers a £3,000 Master's bursary. Students who have spent a minimum of three months in public care since they have turned 11 and are undertaking a postgraduate taught Master's degree are one of the prioritised groups to receive the award.

 Further information

Subject specific awards: The University offers subject-specific awards that range from £1,000 to £10,000 per year. Most of these awards are aimed at overseas students. However, some are open to everyone who demonstrates academic excellence.

 Further information

For help with award applications students can contact the Careers Service.

 Appointment booking

Budgeting: The University has a useful website which offers advice on how to make the most of your money.

 Visit the website

The University's Students' Union has a team of advisors which can offer support in regards to financial matters.

 Contact an advisor

Facing a crisis? Living Cost Support Fund: Care leavers are one of the priority groups for the University's Living Cost Support Fund and, therefore, if they experience any financial difficulties as a result of an unexpected event, they can make an application to the University's Living Cost Support Fund.

 Further information

The Students' Union also offers short term loans of £100 and has a team of advisors (including a qualified debt counsellor) that can help.

 Further information

Other resources to be aware of:

Turn2us Search for Grants: This website allows students to find grants offered by local charities that can help paying for books, course materials, clothes etc.

 Search for grants

The Spark Foundation: This foundation offers one-off grants of up to £600 to young adults under the age of 26 who have been in care in England or Wales.

 Apply

Capstone Care Leaver Trust: The Capstone Care Leaver Trust offers financial support to care leavers aged 17-25 to access further and higher education as well as buying a laptop, household goods or paying for a driving licence.

 Further information

If students from a care leaver background are not being provided with what they are legally entitled to you should advise them to contact **Coram Voice** - a National Advocacy and Advice service for care leavers 