



Financial Support

Estranged students

The University offers:

Student Finance: After proving proof of their estrangement, estranged students are considered as independent by the Student Loans Company (SLC) which means that their parental household income is not included in their financial assessment. Therefore, funding is provided based on the student's household income (which may be £0 if they are not working). Estranged students can be 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 SLC. N.B.: This is not the case for students on NHS courses that started prior to 2017.

 Further information

 Terms and conditions

Providing proof of estrangement can be an emotionally as well as practically challenging process. Organisations such as [StandAlone](#) provide excellent guidance.

 StandAlone guidance

 Factsheet on providing proof

The Manchester Bursary: Estranged students will almost certainly be eligible for The Manchester Bursary of up to £2,000 (assuming low household income) 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.

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: Although not part of the bursary criteria, estranged students may be eligible for a £3,000 Master's bursary that the University offers. When applying students are encouraged to provide as much detail as possible on how the Manchester Master's Bursary would support them in their studies. This bursary is only available for postgraduate taught Master's degrees.

 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: Estranged students 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

Buttle UK: Buttle UK is a charity that provides grants of up to £2,000 to under 21-year-olds facing financial difficulties. Grants can help towards buying equipment for studies (including computers), interview clothes, travel costs, accommodation, emotional as well as physical wellbeing (by financing e.g. counselling, gym memberships etc.).

 Apply for a grant

If estranged students are struggling with providing proof of estrangement or suffering emotional distress due to the process, you should advise them to contact **StandAlone** and **Coram Voice**.

 StandAlone - further information

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