



Making the Most of... Open Days

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Before You
Get There

Six Key Areas

After You
Leave

Planning and Prep

Before (and after)

Sign Up/ Look at the Programme
Plan Your Day and Journey
Take somebody and pen/ paper
Think of Questions
Consider: Personal Statement
Reflect, Compare, Contrast



Must Do
at the Event

Six Key Areas

The Point of Engagement With...

**Non-Academic
Areas**



**Academic
Areas**



**Student
Ambassadors**

Accommodation
Student Support
Careers
Finance and Funding
Students' Union
Admissions

Talk and Facilities Tour
Course Content
Teaching and Assessment
Industry and Employment
Accreditation
A Strong Applicant has...

Campus Tours
Own Journey
Own Experiences
Support Available
Future Aspirations
Their Advice/ Top Tips

Six Key Areas

Insider Questions
to Ask

Questions

What are the top things you are looking for in an applicant?

What is student life like at the uni?

What jobs/ professions are open to me after graduation?

What different accommodation options are there?

What scholarships/ bursaries can I apply for?

How will I study and be assessed?

What is the added value?
(ie staff, industry, global opps)

What will I actually be studying?!

Exploring the
Location

Six Key Areas



Home
vs
Away

Rural
vs
City
vs
Campus*

15 minute walk (0.7 miles)
from the town centre
to our University

Six Key Areas

Virtual
Experiences



Student Finance and Budgeting

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**Presentation based on most up-to-date
information available**

**Various figures/ policy subject to
parliamentary approval**

The Basics



Tuition Fee
Loan

Maintenance
(Living) Loan

Other
support

Repayment

The Basics



Main Student Finance Application

Other support

Repayment

Logistics: When To Apply

Separate to UCAS Application

Opens some point February/ March

Do not need a confirmed place to apply

Apply with your preferred choice and
change later if needed

Do not rush the application

Relies on a number of people

'Deadline' usually May

Logistics: Where To Apply

www.gov.uk/student-finance

Overview

You may be able to borrow money to help pay for university or college tuition fees and to help with living costs.

You might get [extra money](#) on top of this, for example if you're on a low income, are disabled or have children.

You may be able to get student finance even if you're not from the UK.

[Find out if you're eligible.](#)

If you're a continuing student or you've already created an account, [log in to your account.](#)

Before you apply

You start repaying once you earn over a certain amount. The size of your monthly repayments will depend on how much you earn, not what you owe.

You'll be charged interest on the loan from the day you take it out. The terms and conditions can change.

[Student loans: a guide to terms and conditions 2024 to 2025](#)

[Student loans: a guide to terms and conditions 2025 to 2026](#)

The rules are different [if your course started before September 2016.](#)

Read the [student finance privacy notice](#) to find out how the information you provide will be used.

You can [give someone permission to act on your behalf](#) (for example using Power of Attorney) if you want them to apply for you.

How to apply

Find out [how to apply](#) for student finance.

If you're under 25 and have no contact with your parents, you might be able to apply as an ['estranged student'](#).

Part of

[Get undergraduate student finance: step by step](#)

[Show all steps](#)

1 **Check if you're eligible**

[Show](#)

2 **Find out how much loan you could get**

[Show](#)

and **Check if you can get extra help**

[Show](#)

3 **Prepare your application**

[Show](#)

4 **Apply online**

[Show](#)

or **Apply by post**

[Show](#)

5 **Update your details if your circumstances change**

[Show](#)

6 **Make sure you can be paid**

[Show](#)

7 **Check what to do while you're studying**

[Show](#)

Logistics: Queries and Tracking

W: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/student-finance-england-how-to-guide>

T: 0300 100 0607

Checking the status of your application in real time:
Apply to Pay

Your status



What happens next

1. We're checking your application - we'll email you if we need anything else from you.
2. We'll email you updates about the progress of your application.

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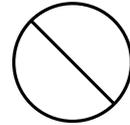
Other
support

Repayment

Tuition Fee Loan



Tuition Fees
up to £9,535
per academic year



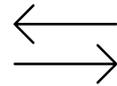
NO
UPFRONT
COSTS



Tuition Fee Loan to
cover. Action
required each year



Non-means tested
(not based on
household income)



Paid directly
to the
university



'Longer-term
funding for HE... set
out in due course'

An Investment

Links with
Industry

Employability

Admin
support

Pastoral
support

Expertise/
Experience

24/7 ICT
facilities

Research

Facilities

Super-curricular activity
(Academic)

Students'
Union

Subject
specific
equipment

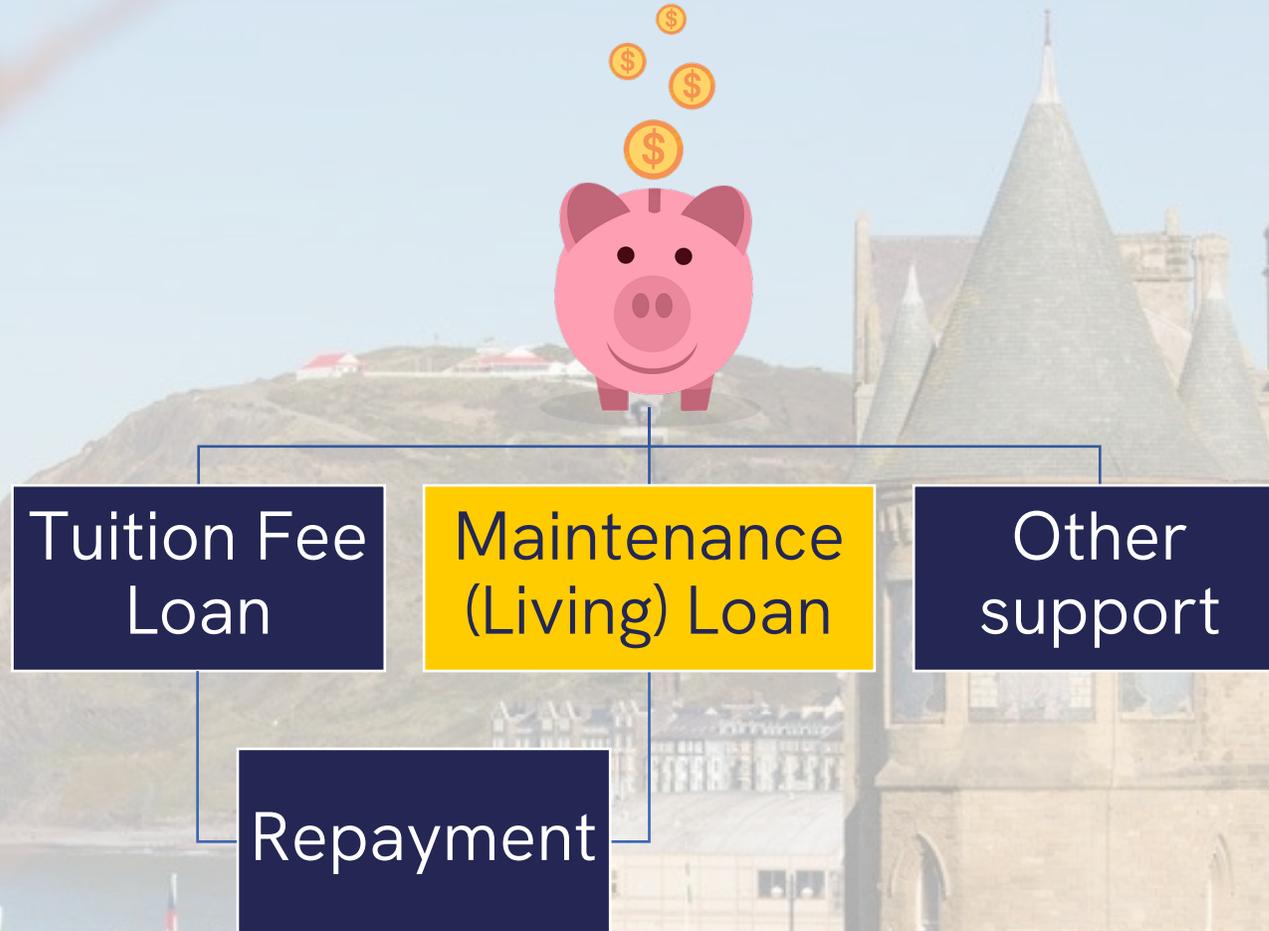
Teaching

Personal
Tutor

Library,
books,
journals



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Maintenance (Living) Loan

Where you live

	Parental Home Rate: Live at home while you study	£8,877
	Elsewhere Rate: Live and study away from home outside London	£10,544
	London Rate: Live and study away from home in London	£13,762

Household Income

*NB: lower amounts for Final Year students

Maintenance (Living) Loan

Household Income*	Home	Elsewhere	London
≤£25,000	£8,877	£10,544	£13,762
£30,000	£8,132	£9,791	£12,997
£35,000	£7,387	£9,038	£12,231
£40,000	£6,642	£8,285	£11,465
£45,000	£5,897	£7,532	£10,700
£50,000	£5,152	£6,779	£9,934
£55,000	£4,407	£6,026	£9,168
£60,000	£3,907	£5,273	£8,403
	£3,907	£4,915	£6,853

*Applying for 2025/26 entry?

Household Income provided for tax year 2023/24

It's Your Money!

Budgeting

Maximise and minimise

Restrict yourself!

Saving money everywhere!

Pay for what and when?

It's Your Money!

Income

Maintenance (Living) Loan
Bursary/ Scholarship
Sponsorship
Part Time Job
Savings
Parents/ Supporters

Outgoings

Accommodation/ Travel
Food/ Essentials/ Toiletries
Tech
Books/ Equipment/ Field Trips
Social Life
Emergencies

It's Your Money!

Budgeting

Maximise and minimise
Restrict yourself!
Saving money everywhere!
Pay for what and when?

A bank account for you

Shop around
Restrict yourself!
Overdrafts need to be repaid
Other support

Part Time Work

What do the figures say?!
University support
Linked to your course
Be careful

Opportunities at Uni: Work



Student Ambassador	£
Retail/ Hospitality	P
Ikea Flat Pack Assembly	A
Residence Assistant*	I
Web Design	D
Film/ TV Extra	£

U	Mentoring
N	Student Representative
P	Community Work
A	RAG/ Fundraising
I	Matchday Media Officer
D	Mascot Actor

Money, money, money



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Specialist
equipment

Non-medical
helpers

BSL Interpreter
Note taker

Travel

Other support

Additional copies
for proof-reading

Other Support Available

DSA: non-repayable
Targeted Gvt support (ie NHS)

Scholarships and Bursaries

Aber Scholarships and Bursaries



Aberystwyth University
Scholarships and
Merit Awards
(Entrance Examinations)

**Up to £1000 a year
+ Unconditional Offer**

Academic
Excellence
Award

£2000 in Year 1

AberCares
Bursary
(Care Leavers,
Young Adult Carers,
Refugees and
Estranged Students)

**£1250 a year
+ £500 grad boost**

Music
Scholarships
(any course)

£650 a year

Subject-specific
Awards
(Welsh, Maths,
Physics, Agriculture)

Various

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Figures combined

Other support

Repayment

Repayment

Repayment level dependant on income, not loan amount

'Interest' (RPI) accumulates from when a payment is made to you/ uni

Start repaying when earning $>£25,000$

Taken at source, like Income Tax and NI

Outstanding: written off after 40 years where not repaid

What happens if salary $\leq£25,000$?

Repay 9% of salary over $£25,000$

Repayments due to start April after graduation

Our next Open Day

Saturday 05 July

www.aber.ac.uk/opendays



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UNIVERSITY