



UCFB Means Tested Bursary

The Means Tested Bursary is intended to help level the playing field and to ensure that higher education is available to everyone. Assessments will be made based on your specific personal circumstances, household income, expected accommodation/travel/studying related costs and the expected amount of maintenance loan you would be eligible for as well as based on a range of contextual factors with awards prioritised from disadvantaged or underrepresented backgrounds.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

Applicants should be classified as home or EU students (£9,250 capped fees eligibility) and meet the campus specific requirements:

UCFB Wembley: annual household income of **£40,000 or less** - award **up to £2,000** for their first year

UCFB Etihad Campus: annual household income of **£30,000 or less** - award **up to £1,500** for their first year

APPLICATION DATES

Online applications to open in 2 rounds throughout the year;

Round 1 = 14th May – 4th July 2021

Round 2 – 16th August – 19th September 2021

BURSARY PAYMENTS

1. Awards are paid in 3 equal instalments, typically in of November, February and April.

No money is paid prior to formal enrolment as a student at UCFB in September, this includes any monies towards initial accommodation deposits.

2. All awards are contributions towards the cost of award option and will not cover the full cost

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are asked to complete an online bursary application form through the UCFB learner portal:

<https://www.ucfb.ac.uk/apply/how-to-apply/scholarships-and-bursaries/>

AWARD OPTIONS

ACCOMMODATION BURSARY Contribution towards accommodation costs)

Students who apply for the accommodation bursary may need to be staying at UCFB partner accommodation:

First Way (Wembley campus)

Mill Point (Etihad campus)

TRAVEL BURSARY

Contribution towards the cost of travel from term time address to campus for 1 academic year

COST OF STUDY

Contribution towards costs of studying (e.g. course material, equipment to support learning, specialist software, travel to the training grounds, accommodation costs for independent learners, etc.)

TUITION FEE REDUCTION

Only for applicants not eligible to receive a tuition fee loan from Student

RENEWAL INTO FURTHER YEARS

A **Means Tested Bursary** can be renewed into future years of a degree programme with UCFB following a reassessment.

The baseline amount when you renew your bursary for the first time (from Year 0 to Year 1 or Year 1 to Year 2) may be between 20% -30% lower than what you have originally received.

You will have an opportunity to engage in university life and the bursary students ambassadors programme to influence the renewal amount.

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UCFB Means Tested Bursary 2021 FAQs

1. What is the difference between a scholarship and a bursary?

A Means Tested Bursary is issued in order to assist undergraduate applicants who genuinely require financial assistance with the cost of studying at UCFB. Scholarships are looking to assist a student in their personal development and increase a student's opportunities whilst also assisting with the cost of University.

2. Can I apply for the Means Tested Bursary and scholarships at the same time?

Applicants can apply for different scholarships and a bursary at the same time, however due to limited number of awards UCFB may not be able to issue more than one award per applicant

3. When will I find out if I will be awarded a Means Tested Bursary?

Applicants will typically receive a response within 6/8 weeks, however it may take longer for us to issue the final decision if we need to request further information to complete your assessment.

4. How much money will I receive?

The award amount per student will vary depending on your financial circumstances, the information you provide in your application and your chosen campus. The maximum award is only issued in certain circumstances and many awards will be lower.

5. What if I don't meet my offer conditions and don't get a place to study at UCFB?

Your award will be withdrawn for that academic year; however, you would be welcome to re-apply for assistance the following year.

6. What if I decide to defer my application?

You will need to reapply for a bursary the following year. Awards made cannot be carried over when deferring.

7. What if I change campus?

Applicants who change their campus after an award has been made will be subject to a reassessment of their cost of living and award amounts may be reduced or increased.

8. What happens if I leave UCFB midway through a year?

Applicants who withdraw or have their enrolment terminated midway through the year will not receive any further bursary payments towards travel or accommodation.

9. When will my bursary be paid?

Awards are paid in three equal instalments, typically November, February and April. No money is paid prior to your formal enrolment as a student at UCFB, including towards initial accommodation deposits.

10. How is a travel bursary paid?

You will receive money towards the cost of travel for each term from your term time address to the Stadium (London = Wembley Stadium, Manchester = Etihad Campus).

11. Can I renew awards into my future years at UCFB?

A Means Tested Bursary can be renewed into years two and three of a degree programme with UCFB following a reassessment. Students will have an opportunity to engage in university life and the bursary students ambassadors programme to influence the renewal amount.

12. Will I receive more money if I don't apply for a student loan?

Bursary applicants who are eligible to receive maintenance loan through Student Finance England/Wales/Northern Ireland, Student Awards Agency For Scotland, must apply for one in order to receive a means tested bursary. As part of the SFE application, the applicant will need to allow SFE to share financial information with their university.

Applicants who are ineligible to receive an award (e.g. EU students who do not meet the residency requirements or self-funding students) may still apply but will not receive a higher award than they would have received alongside student maintenance loans.

13. Do you have anything for Care Leavers and/or Estranged Students?

UCFB is committed to supporting care leavers, those who have experienced living in a care environment at some point in their life and students estranged from their parents in accessing higher education and the transition to student life. If you are unsure if this applies to you, please get in touch with the Scholarships and Bursaries team at scholarships@ucfb.com and we will be happy to help you.