

Postgraduate Guide to Student Awards Agency Scotland

Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS): The Basics

SAAS offers two different types of loans for postgraduate Master's students. The available loans are:

1. A Tuition Fee Loan

The Tuition Fee Loan covers the fee for your course. This is up to £7000, and is paid directly to your University if you are eligible. Please see the specific Tuition Fee 'cut off' dates on the SAAS website

2. A Postgraduate Living Cost Loan

The postgraduate living-cost loan is intended to help with living costs. This loan can be up to £6,900. £2,400 of this is a Special Support Loan, which is available for students who are eligible for welfare benefits. You must be under 61 years old by the start of your course to eligible for this loan.

To find out whether you are eligible for the Tuition Fee Loan and Postgraduate Living Cost Loan, SAAS suggest that you complete an application for on their website.

Please note that SAAS do not provide loans for students who are on a part-time course.

Further Support

SAAS also offers Disabled Students Allowance (DSA). DSA is a non-repayable grant which can help with the extra costs you may have in relation to your course as a direct result of your disability, long-term health, mental-health condition or specific learning difference. The specific support you receive is determined by a Study Needs Assessment.

Your DSA Application will be separate from your other SAAS funding, and should be completed with a Disability Advisor at your University.

Repayments

For your Postgraduate Loan, you will repay 6% of whatever you earn above a yearly threshold of £21,000. This will automatically be taken from your monthly pay the April after you graduate.

Please note that this figure can change. SAAS suggest using the GOV.UK repayment guide to keep up-to-date on repayment information.

Choosing your Course

SAAS notes that it is important to apply and provide requested evidence early, to ensure you receive your funding on time. Applications usually open around the end of April and take around four weeks to process.

Please note that when entering the university institute name and course details on your student finance application form, **you need to use the institute name “University of East London”, not UCFB.**

Need Further Guidance?

If you have any further questions that you need answers to, please scan the QR code opposite which will take you to the UCFB website where you can find more information and advice and contact details for other teams within UCFB.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact us at StudentFinance@ucfb.ac.uk or via 0333 241 7333 - Option 2 then Option 2 again



If you would like further guidance on postgraduate funding though SAAS, they have a useful overview of the process on their website, which you can see by scanning the QR Code.

You can also contact SAAS on 0300 555 0505 (from 9:00 - 16:00 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday), or visit their website saas.gov.uk