

Postgraduate Guide to Student Finance Wales

Student Finance Wales (SFW): The Basics

SFW offers a Postgraduate Master's Loan for students studying postgraduate degrees. This is intended to help cover tuition fee costs.

The Postgraduate Master's Loan will be paid into your bank in three installments, usually once at the start of each term.

The maximum amount of Tuition Fee Loan is currently £19,255, although please do check studentfinancewales.co.uk for the most up-to-date figures.

To be eligible for this loan, you must:

- Meet the nationality and residency criteria (please see further details on the SFW website.)
- Be studying a full standalone Master's course, which is no longer than 2 years for full-time study and 4 years for part-time study
- Be studying in the UK, in an institute that is designated for funding by the Welsh Government
- Be under 60 on the first day of the first academic year of your course
- Have not had a Postgraduate Loan or already studied a master's degree previously

You can apply online for the Postgraduate Master's Loan, although paper application forms are still available. You must apply no later than 9 months after the start of the final academic year of your course. You do not need a confirmed place at university or college to apply.

Further Support

SFW 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.

You can apply to DSA using the DSA1 application form, which can be downloaded from www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

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. SFW suggest using the GOV.UK repayment guide to keep up-to-date on repayment information.

Choosing your Course

You do not need a confirmed place to apply for Student Finance, and it is important to apply and provide evidence early, so you can receive your first payment on time. Applications usually open around March or April.

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



You can also visit studentfinancewales.co.uk for more useful information on applying for a Master's loan. The QR code will take you to their Master's Loan page, which has useful information on loan entitlement, how to apply, and extra support available.

You can alternatively contact SFW on 0300 100 0494 (Monday to Friday, 8:00 - 18:00)