



Bursary and Scholarship Scheme

Definitions

A Bursary is financial support provided by the College to eligible students for which they are not required to pay back. A scholarship is a grant or payment made to support a student's education, awarded based on academic or other achievement or other eligibility criteria aimed at improving access to higher education. At LSME, our scholarships generally reduce the amount of tuition fee payable and may be aimed at diminishing the financial burden on students who intend to obtain a qualification but have limited means due to their social circumstances. Self-funded students with a good track record of academic achievements and professional recognitions may also be eligible for LSME scholarships.

LSME Bursaries and Scholarships are discretionary and provided only to eligible students. For some, student's Bursaries may be provided in addition to Government funding through the SLC. Others may receive Bursaries as well as scholarships. Students may receive this Bursary and/or scholarship for one year and it may continue for each year of their course depending on their eligibility. Bursaries and scholarships are subject to change each year.

For students who are recruited via our Access and Participation outreach projects, we use the details submitted during the admission process to assess their entitlement for the LSME Bursary and Scholarship. Hence these students do not need to apply for them. If a student is eligible, we inform them via email shortly after they start their course to receive the awards detailed below which are paid in three instalments. The first instalment will be paid in the first term.

Three award areas are as follows:

1. Discretionary Scholarships

There are two types of scholarships awarded in this category.

i. Discounted Tuition Fee

A student in receipt of this scholarship should satisfy our Access and Participation (AP) eligibility criteria. They must be UK-domiciled full-time student to receive a 50% discount on Tuition fee for our BSc or HND Programmes. This scholarship will be administered by the SLC. This scholarship could also be accessed by self-funded students with excellent academic standing.

ii. LSME Foundation Year Scholarship

This discretionary full scholarship is also awarded to students who are AP eligible, UK-domiciled and full-time students registered on our Foundation Year programme. These scholarships are administered directly by LSME or by the SLC. The full details of the AP eligibility are shown below.

2. LSME Discretionary Minimum Bursary

AP eligible students are supported with an annual Bursary of £350 split into three instalments irrespective of the programme you are enrolled on. This amount is received automatically by all eligible students and supports the purchase of stationery and transport cost to and from the College. This Bursary is administered by the SLC.

3. LSME Discretionary Means Tested Bursary or Hardship Fund

Students who are AP eligible are entitled to a one-off hardship fund of £500 per annum should they experience financial difficulties while studying with us. This amount is means-tested and will also be subject to the nature of the hardship and their circumstances. Students who are not AP eligible may also be offered this hardship fund under certain circumstances. This Bursary is administered by LSME or the SLC and is subject to approval by the Student Welfare Committee.

Bursary and Scholarships for Access and Participation (AP) Eligible Students

1. NEET Category (For all Bursaries and Scholarships)

Admitted from the Jobcentre or partnership referral organisations or through our external outreach programmes as Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) and have joined LSME on a Foundation Year programme having undergone a success contextual admission process. A full scholarship is awarded to the student during the Foundation Year of their studies.

- i. Young White British (preferably male)
- ii. Aged between 18 to 30 years
- iii. Household income of <£25,000 per annum.
- iv. Lives in deprived areas with low participation in higher education (Polar 4, Quintiles 1 or 2)

2. Disabled Students (For Discretionary Minimum Bursary only)

- i. Cognitive impairment such as dyslexia, dyspraxia and dyscalculia
- ii. Mild to moderate physical disabilities
- iii. Sensory disabilities including hearing and visual impairment
- iv. Chronic unseen disabilities

3. Asylum Seekers and Care Leavers (For Discretionary Minimum Bursary only)

- i. Household income of <£25,000 per annum.
- ii. Lives in deprived areas with low participation in higher education (Polar 4, Quintiles 1 or 2 or IMD Quintiles 1 or 2)

4. Other Mature Students Particularly Black Caribbean Learners and Asians (For Discretionary Minimum Bursary only)

- i. Household income of <£25,000 per annum.
- ii. Lives in deprived areas with low participation in higher education (Polar 4, Quintiles 1 or 2)

2. Bursaries for Non-AP Eligible Students

A one-off hardship fund will be given to students who are not recruited via the Access and Participation projects but are experiencing genuine financial hardships.

Students who wish to access this fund will need to provide supporting evidence of their hardship in a formal application process in which the student is required to provide full evidence of their financial hardship. Applications are assessed each term on individual basis.

Terms and Conditions

To be considered for a discounted fee scholarship with Bursary, you must be eligible for and have applied to Student Finance England or equivalent assessing agency for undergraduate means-tested maintenance support via the SLC. Those students undertaking a second degree may find that they are not eligible for Scholarships and Bursaries.

If you are eligible for a Bursary, we may contact you during your studies regarding other opportunities you might be interested in, such as other funding schemes available to UK students. Your data will not be passed to other parties.

There is no limit on the number of AP eligible students who can qualify for a Bursary.

The Bursaries are paid each year of your course while you are in attendance. It will discontinue as soon as you withdraw from the course or you are not able to maintain a minimum of 80% attendance record and fail to make any progress towards the achievement of your qualification.

If you take a leave of absence during the year you won't have to repay the Bursary you have already received, however, you won't be eligible to receive any further instalments due to be paid.

You're eligible to receive the Bursary each year of full-time study. If you repeat part of your course part-time, we may be able to consider you for a pro-rata award.

Bursaries do not normally have to be paid back, as they are a grant, not a loan. However, if you withdraw from your course or transfer to another College or University, you may have to repay a percentage of your Bursary that you received in that academic year. Your Bursary entitlement will be re-assessed in line with the Tuition Fee Refund Policy.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have had your household income assessed correctly by your Funding Body and College.

If your circumstances change, for example, if your household income is reassessed by Student Finance England, the Bursary amount that you are eligible for may be affected in future years. If this is the case, you will not have to repay any of your Bursary you have already received.

We will assess your postcode using POLAR4 and the Index of Multiple Deprivation Scales to determine if the environment you live in is deprived or not.

We will be running regular Bursary assessments from October to the end of April in each academic year. If you feel you are eligible for a Bursary after this point please contact admin for enquiry.

The last date for calculating Bursaries for the current academic year is Friday, the 30th of April 2021.

Bursary awards must be assessed and paid within the academic year and cannot be backdated for previous years.

Students on Foundation Year full scholarship must complete that year before their eligibility for a discounted fee is assessed.

Payment

All Bursary awards administered by LSME will be paid in a maximum of three instalments. Exact payment dates will be confirmed in your Bursary confirmation email.

Application and further information

To assess your eligibility or seek further information on the Bursary and Scholarship schemes, please contact 0208 594 8462 or email app@lsme.ac.uk.