

POSTGRADUATE FUNDING GUIDE 2020/21



UNIVERSITY
of York

UK/EU STUDENTS



PLANNING YOUR FINANCES

Find out about your options for funding a taught or research degree and get top tips from our students.

At York you'll benefit from excellent teaching, outstanding facilities, and a dynamic environment to develop and learn.

This guide will help you break down any financial barriers and plan your route to York.



WHERE TO START

For full and up-to-date information visit our website york.ac.uk/pg-money.

Find out your fees

Tuition fees cover the cost of your study with us and can vary by course.

Make a budget

Take time to consider what your costs will be and how you'll meet them. Our living costs guides will help you with this at york.ac.uk/pg-money.

Check funding deadlines

Start researching your funding options a year before applying to a course. To be eligible for funding you normally need to hold an offer of study.

Consider part-time study

You can study part-time for some of our taught and research degrees, enabling you to balance other commitments while studying.

Keep looking

If you miss a specific studentship funding deadline, keep looking as other opportunities may become available throughout the year. They are advertised on department web pages.

STUDENT MONEY- SAVING TIPS

Zaki shares his top tips on managing your money while you study.



Create a budget

Make a weekly budget including food, transport, going out, etc, and try to stick to it. It's not easy and you might slip up at the beginning, but in the long run you'll save lots of money.

Get a part-time job

I work part-time at the University as a Student Ambassador and that suits my schedule quite well. I can pick and choose my hours and do more during the holidays.

Plan your food and drink

There are lots of ways to save money through changing your food and drink habits. Making your own packed lunch each day can save huge amounts of money. I would also recommend taking your own coffee and tea bags to the library - there's a hot water dispenser so you can make your own hot drinks.

Zaki, LLM Legal and Political Theory

FIND OUT MORE

As a Student Ambassador you can help prospective students understand what it's like to be a postgraduate student at York. The role is a paid, flexible, part-time position, which could easily fit around your study.

Find out more at
york.ac.uk/pg-ambassador

UNIVERSITY AND GOVERNMENT FUNDING

From scholarships to loans, there are various options to help you fund your studies. But remember, apply as early as possible.

Postgraduate taught students

A number of subject-specific scholarships are on offer at York, as well as scholarships funded by generous donations from our alumni. You could also be eligible for a Government Masters Loan to help fund your studies.

York Graduate Loyalty Discount

If you've completed an undergraduate degree at York you could be eligible for a ten per cent fee discount for postgraduate taught courses.

Postgraduate research students

We offer an impressive range of Research Council funding and studentships at York. You can find funding through our research centres, major research units and Doctoral Training Programmes. There are also a number of subject-specific scholarships on offer at York. You could be eligible for a Government Doctoral Loan to help fund your postgraduate studies. There are also Government Masters Loans available to MPhil or MA/MSc by Research students.



£12m

investment in postgraduate
research studentships each year*

*Based on our 2017/18 figures -
£7m came from UK Research and Innovation,
£4m from University funding and £1m
from charities and industry.

FIND OUT MORE

Postgraduate taught funding
york.ac.uk/pgt-funding

Postgraduate research funding
york.ac.uk/pgr-funding

York Graduate Loyalty Discount
york.ac.uk/pgt-alumni-discount

STUDENT MONEY-SAVING TIPS

Annis shares her top tips on funding postgraduate study.



Get help when you need it

If you experience financial difficulties, there is financial support which you can apply for through the Student Hub. When I applied, the advisers were kind and helped me complete the application.

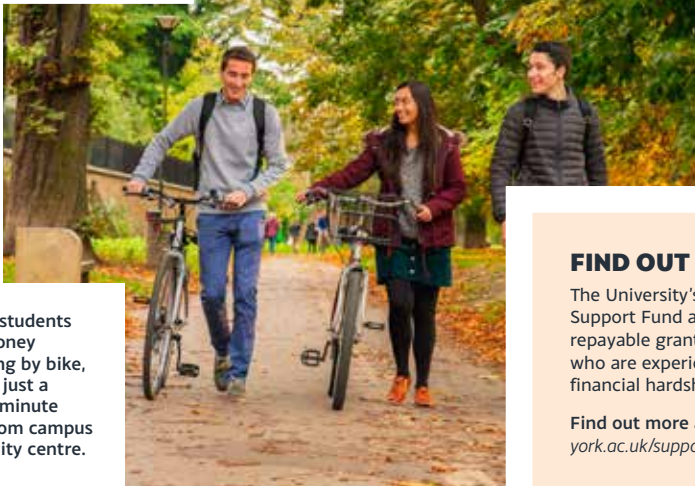
Find an internship

There are a number of paid internship opportunities advertised by the University. I applied for an internship and worked on a short research project running focus groups with York students. This meant I had a little extra cash over the summer and some research experience to add to my CV.

Become a Graduate Teaching Assistant

As a Graduate Teaching Assistant I taught three seminars per week during term time. This experience has been invaluable and has helped me to secure part-time lecturing in my department.

Annis, PhD Education



Lots of students save money travelling by bike, and it's just a fifteen-minute cycle from campus to the city centre.

FIND OUT MORE

The University's Student Support Fund awards non-repayable grants to students who are experiencing financial hardship.

Find out more at york.ac.uk/support

OTHER WAYS TO FUND YOUR STUDY

Top up your finances with part-time work and access specialist support if you need it.



Work while you study

If you're interested in part-time work during your studies, our Careers and Placements team can provide you with details of job vacancies and work experience. For the latest opportunities see york.ac.uk/careers/gateway.

Part-time internships

Our Student Internship Bureau advertises an exclusive programme of paid, part-time internships with local employers, enabling you to enhance your career prospects alongside your studies. Find out more at york.ac.uk/careers/sib.

Teaching

Take advantage of opportunities to teach and share your expertise with our undergraduates as a Graduate Teaching Assistant. See how you can get involved at york.ac.uk/pgr-teaching.

Charities and voluntary sector

Many charities offer financial support for postgraduate students. Some are listed on the Alternative Postgraduate Funding Guide at postgraduate-funding.com/gateway.

Specialist support

Our Student Hub staff provide advice and information on a range of issues including finance, childcare and state benefits. To find out more about the support offered visit york.ac.uk/support.

Disabled students

If you're a UK student, you may be eligible for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs). DSAs are grants that can contribute towards some of the additional costs of studying at university with a disability or long-term health condition. For more information see gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas.

State benefits

In certain circumstances, you may be able to claim benefits such as Universal Credit while you study. Check Government websites, the advice charity website turn2us.org.uk, or contact the Student Hub for more information.

FIND OUT MORE

Funding
york.ac.uk/pg-money

STUDENT MONEY-SAVING TIPS

Get the student view on making your money go further on a budget.



Shop around

When it comes to daily expenses, especially buying groceries, always make a list to keep track of what you're buying. Also, have a look at different stores (at least one or two), compare the prices and decide on which one is the best value.

Dilys, LLM International Corporate and Commercial Law

Eat in

Cooking my own meals instead of eating out has helped me save a lot of money while keeping myself healthy throughout the week.

Natasha, MSc Green Chemistry and Sustainable Industrial Technology

Look out for student discounts

There are lots of student discounts on offer. You could save a third on your rail travel with a 16-25 Railcard. You could also get help with the costs of prescriptions, dental treatments and eye tests through the NHS Low Income Scheme.

Keleisha, MA Applied Human Rights

Save on transport

I prefer to walk to the University, and into town, so this saves me a lot of money. I also take the free University bus around campus.

Syuhaida, PhD Environmental Science

FIND OUT MORE

Scoop is a student co-operative on campus, providing organic, exploitation-free and local produce at affordable prices.

Find out more at scoopyork.blogspot.co.uk

MEET US

Get to know us at events on campus or online, such as taster days, campus tours and Virtual Open Days. You can also visit us at study fairs in the UK and abroad. Find out more at york.ac.uk/openday-pg.

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york.ac.uk/postgraduate

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