FUNDING YOUR STUDY
UK/EU POSTGRADUATE FINANCIAL GUIDE 2017/18

Find out about your options for funding a taught or research degree
**Government Postgraduate Loans**
In June 2016 a new system of Postgraduate Loans was introduced for Masters degrees (taught and research-based) in the UK. You can borrow up to £10,000 to cover course fees and living expenses for the duration of your course. There are eligibility criteria to meet: for example, students who already hold another Masters qualification are not eligible. Visit [gov.uk/postgraduate-loan](http://gov.uk/postgraduate-loan).

**Our scholarships**
We offer a number of scholarships; some are centrally managed and others are offered directly through individual departments, often for specific courses. You will need to hold an offer from York to apply. Details are published on department web pages and at [york.ac.uk/pgt-uk-eu-funding](http://york.ac.uk/pgt-uk-eu-funding).

**Charitable funding**
Many charities offer financial support for postgraduate students. Although the awards are often small and targeted at particular groups of students, they are worth exploring to see if you fit the criteria. Some are listed on the Alternative Postgraduate Funding Guide website: most UK universities, including York, subscribe to this site, giving students free access. Visit [postgraduate-funding.com](http://postgraduate-funding.com).

**York graduate loyalty discount**
If you have successfully completed an undergraduate degree at York, you could be eligible for a ten per cent discount on fees for a postgraduate taught course. The discount will be applied automatically when you make your application. Visit [york.ac.uk/pgt-discount](http://york.ac.uk/pgt-discount).

**Career Development Loans**
Professional and Career Development Loans are bank loans that can be used to help pay for work-related learning. These are commercial loan products and, ideally, you should only consider them as an option once you’ve explored all other student funding options. The University of York’s provider number is 4357. Visit [gov.uk/career-development-loans](http://gov.uk/career-development-loans).

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*The MA is only one year, which made it easier for me to get by on savings and odd jobs. Some of my friends did their Masters part-time, which made this kind of workload more manageable and left them able to enjoy the course even while working.*

Adam, MA Modern and Contemporary Literature and Culture
RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

Information and advice about course fees and living expenses are given on our website. You can apply to various sources for funding, depending on your area of research and your circumstances. UK/EU research students at York receive a total of £17m of bursaries, scholarships and fee waivers each year.

UK research councils and CDTs
The main external sources of funding for UK/EU research students are the scholarships offered by the central government research councils:

- Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)
- Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)
- Economics and Social Research Council (ESRC)
- Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)
- Medical Research Council (MRC)
- Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)
- Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC).

Most of this funding is awarded to universities through Centres for Doctoral Training (also known as CDTs or DTCs) and Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTPs), which offer flagship doctoral training programmes and funding opportunities. You apply to these centres or partnerships rather than directly to the research councils, e.g., AHRC research degree scholarships are awarded by the White Rose College of the Arts and Humanities. Details are on department web pages and at york.ac.uk/pgr-uk-eu-funding.

White Rose University Consortium Network studentships
Each year we collaborate with the Universities of Leeds and Sheffield to offer a number of research studentships that cover tuition fees and a stipend. Visit york.ac.uk/white-rose-studentships.

Government Postgraduate Loans
If you’re intending to study for an MA/MSc by research or an MPhil, you may be eligible for a Postgraduate Loan as described for taught courses (see opposite).

Our scholarships
Many of our academic departments offer subject-specific funding opportunities. Visit their web pages to read about these and for advice on other potential sources of funding.

Charitable funding
You may be able to secure a charitable grant for fees, maintenance or specific expenses such as conference travel. Look at the website referred to for taught programmes (see opposite).

Postgraduates who teach (PGWT)
We encourage our research students to take advantage of opportunities to teach and share their expertise with our undergraduates. Visit york.ac.uk/research/graduate-school/pgwt.

Applying for funding can be a daunting experience, because there are so many weird and wonderful options. It’s very important to identify a supervisor and ask for support with your application. Making that link early is crucial to creating the best possible research proposal and the greatest likelihood of being offered funding.”

Annis, PhD Education
TOP TIPS FOR FUNDING YOUR POSTGRADUATE DEGREE

- Plan ahead
  Take time to consider what your costs will be and how you will meet them. Make a budget plan.

- Start researching funding opportunities as early as possible
  If you're applying for a research degree, apply early. Most postgraduate research studentships are advertised on our funding web pages in early November and the majority of application deadlines are in early February.

- Check your eligibility before applying
  You don't want to go through a funding application process only to find that you are not eligible for that particular studentship. Seek advice if you are unsure.

- Study part-time
  You can study part-time for some of our taught and research degrees, enabling you to earn some income or meet other commitments while studying. If this would suit you, check whether it's offered for your programme.

- Find part-time employment
  You can look for a part-time job to help fund your studies and gain skills and experience. Our Careers team offers information about local part-time work. Visit york.ac.uk/work-and-study.

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