Bursary FAQs

Please click on the questions below to reveal the answers. If you are unable to find the answer to the question you would like to ask, please email us from your student email account, at sfsu@york.ac.uk, quoting your nine digit student number in the email title.

General

How do I apply for a bursary?
You do not have to apply for a bursary. The University uses the assessment of household income carried out by Student Finance to automatically assess UK and EU undergraduate students for bursary eligibility.

When will I find out if I qualify for a bursary?
We aim to let the majority of students know by mid-October of their award. If eligible, you will receive confirmation by email. If you were expecting a bursary and have not received an email by the end of October, please email sfsu@york.ac.uk and we will investigate for you.

Can I get my bursary payment early, before the set date?
Unfortunately bursary payments cannot be made before the fixed instalment dates as advised in your award letter.

My student finance application is still in process, does this mean that I won’t receive my bursary this year?
We check for new household income information every week throughout the year up until 30 June. If you have applied late for student finance for any reason we will assess you as long as the information is received by 30 June 2021. You will not be able to receive a bursary until we have received the information from your funding provider.

I don’t want to apply for Student Loans, how do I apply for a bursary?
The only way the University can assess students for the York Bursary is if your household income is means tested by Student Finance England

You will need to fill in the paper form (you will need to print this out) as if you are applying for student finance, but put £0 in the amounts your are requesting (page 17) and write a cover letter indicating that you only wish to be means tested for the purposes of Bursary Administration. You will need to send the completed form and your cover letter to: Student Finance England PO Box 210 Darlington DL1 9HJ
You will not be borrowing any funds.

I’m not a UK or EU postgraduate student, will I receive a bursary?
No, the bursary scheme is for UK and EU undergraduate students only.

**Care Leavers and Estranged Student Bursary**

I think I qualify for the Estranged Student Bursary

Please email [student-independent@york.ac.uk](mailto:student-independent@york.ac.uk) who will establish your eligibility. You can also contact them if you need assistance in establishing estrangement status with your student finance provider.

**Foundation Bursary**

Do I need to notify the Student Loans Company that I have received a fee reduction from the University of York?

No; the University will automatically apply any fee reduction you may be eligible for as well as notify the Student Loans Company (SLC) on your behalf. The SLC will then adjust the amount of the loan you have taken out and will send you a letter informing you of the adjustment.

The University will inform the Student Loans Company (SLC) on a weekly basis of all fee reductions that have been processed. The SLC will update their records and send a revised financial notification to students to confirm the adjustment to their tuition fee loans.

I am sponsored by the MOD for my fees, will I be eligible for the Foundation Year Bursary?

If the student’s tuition fees are paid by external sponsor, they will not be eligible for a bursary

Will I receive the York Bursary as well as the Foundation Year Bursary?

No, students can only receive one type of Bursary each year. When you progress onto the next year you will then become eligible to be assessed for the York Bursary.
HYMS Bursary

Will I receive the York Bursary as well as the HYMS Bursary?
No, students can only receive one type of Bursary each year. If you are a medical student you will be assessed for the HYMS bursary only.

I’m aged 25, how do I get a HYMS bursary?
The HYMS bursary is for students with a household income of £25,000 or less. It is not assessed on age.

If you are aged 25 or more at the beginning of the academic year (2020/21), so on 1 September 2020, you will be able to apply for student finance as an independent student. This means that your income will be means-tested by Student Finance England, rather than your parents' household income. If your income next academic year is assessed as less than £25,000 then you will qualify for the HYMS Bursary.

I am a fifth year medical student, how do I obtain a means test?
Clinical medical students who receive an NHS Bursary (students in their fifth year) must request means-testing to be undertaken by their Student Finance agency or regional equivalent in order to be considered for the HYMS Bursary. The bursary will be based on the level of household income only (ie no deduction will be made for NHS Bursary).

To request this you must submit (preferably all together as this will help it being processed correctly at SLC):

- a PR1 to renew your student finance application for 20-21 (if not already completed)
- a Non Means Tested to Means Tested form
- a cover letter explaining that you wish to be means tested for bursary purposes and, if you are a dependent student, a PFF2 form

Return your completed form to: Student Finance England PO Box 210 Darlington DL1 9HJ
if you are a dependent student, a PFF2 form

Refugee Bursary

I think I qualify for the Refugee Student Bursary
For eligibility enquiries, please contact by email student-advisers@york.ac.uk
York Bursary

How do I know if I am eligible for a bursary?

In order to be eligible for a bursary, students must:

- Be resident in the UK or EU,
- Be studying an undergraduate level course (including integrated Masters programmes),
- Be studying full time,
- Be liable for the full £9,250 tuition fees for the year,
- Not be studying on a placement year, a year in industry or a year abroad for the current academic year,
- Not be in receipt of an NHS Social Work bursary,
- Not be in receipt of an NHS Nursing bursary,
- Not be from the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

Students studying on a Degree Apprenticeship are not eligible for a bursary as they are not liable for the full £9,250 tuition fee amount.

If the student’s tuition fees are paid by an external sponsor, they will not be eligible for a bursary. This includes students sponsored by the MOD.

Students studying on a placement year, year in industry, or year abroad will not usually be liable for tuition fees of £9,250 and will not be eligible for a bursary.

How do I apply for a bursary?

To apply for a bursary, you need to apply to Student Finance England (or Student Finance Wales, Student Awards Agency Scotland or Student Finance Northern Ireland) for your student finance and be means-tested. Your household income will then be shared with the University of York. Using this information is the only way we will assess for a bursary. Only UK and EU undergraduate students are eligible to be assessed for a bursary.

You must also ensure you register with the University at the start of each academic year. No bursary can be awarded to a student until they have confirmed their attendance at the University.

What if I haven't been financially assessed by Student Finance?

In order to receive a Bursary you must have been financially assessed by Student Finance for student funding purposes before the bursary deadline of 30 June 2021.
I am an EU student, how do I obtain a means test?

If you have applied to Student Finance you should be sent a Higher Education Bursary Application Form (EU20B). If not, you will need to contact the EU team and request a EU20B form. EU students only need to request this assessment once.

If you need support with this please contact the Student Advice team using their self-referral form.

What happens to my bursary payments if I take a year abroad?
Students on a year abroad are not eligible to be assessed for the York Bursary.

What happens to my bursary payments if I have a year in industry?
Students on a year in industry are not eligible to be assessed for the York Bursary.

How do I know when I will receive my payments?
Please read your award letter in e:Vision. This letter sets out the payment dates and amounts you will receive. If you are unable to view this information on your letter, then it may not be compatible with the device (phone or tablet) you are viewing it on.

How do I submit my bank details for payment of my bursary?
Please use this link to submit your bank details securely to receive payments from the University.

Why doesn’t my accommodation invoice show my bursary details?
Your accommodation invoice is generated before the bursaries are awarded. As such your invoice will not reflect the award of your bursary.

We strongly suggest paying by direct debit to ensure that you do not accidentally overpay accommodation fees. You can set up your direct debit using e:Vision. Otherwise you will need to subtract your bursary award amount for the payment due to you, from the amount due on the invoice and pay the difference.

Please note, any refunds on overpayments cannot be paid back to students until the end of the academic year in July.

Why haven’t I received my bursary payment?
If you are a first year student in University accommodation, your payment will be made as a credit to your accommodation account.

Otherwise, make sure you’ve securely submitted your bank details to receive payments from the University.
Students will receive a remittance advice to their university email address a day or two before payment is made. Payments are always made on a Friday. Please check all your bank statements.

If you are still unsure why you have not received your payment, please email us at sfsu@york.ac.uk from your student email account, quoting your nine digit student number in the email title.

What happens to my bursary payments if I withdraw?
You will only be entitled to bursary payments for the time you are fully enrolled at the university. However, if you have received a payment after your last date of attendance, the University will not ask for this to be repaid.

I haven’t received a copy of my award email.
Your notification of award email will be sent to your University of York email address. We only email students who are eligible for the bursary. If you think you qualify and haven’t received an email by 31 October 2020 please email sfsu@york.ac.uk from your student email account, quoting your nine digit student number in the email title.

My household income has changed and I think I might now qualify for a bursary / be eligible for a higher award.
You will need to contact your Student Finance body and inform them of your change of circumstances. They will then reassess your household income if necessary.

Once any revised information is received by the University, we will reassess you for the York Bursary and notify you of any award or change of award. Please note, we need to receive this revised information by 30 June 2021. It can take up to eight weeks for household income to be reassessed and shared with the University of York.

I have been reassessed by Student Finance. What should I do?
Your updated household income details will be shared by Student Finance and we will reassess you for the York Bursary when the updated information has been received by the University of York. Please note, it can take up to eight weeks for the updated information to be received by the University.
My household income has been reassessed by Student Finance part way through the academic year and my household income has gone up. What will happen to the York Bursary I have already been awarded?

You would not be expected to repay any instalments of the bursary that you have already been paid at the point of your reassessment. Any remaining instalments that were due to be paid to you will be adjusted or removed accordingly.

I need evidence to prove I am receiving a bursary.
You can download a copy of your award letter by logging into e:Vision.

My household income is above the bursary threshold but I am in financial difficulty. Is there any other help available?
If you are not eligible for a bursary and find you are experiencing financial difficulties then, depending on your circumstances, you may be able to get help from the University’s Student Support Funds.

When is the deadline for bursaries to be awarded?
The deadline for the awarding of bursaries is 30 June 2021.