

Applying for your student loan/s (and/or grant/s) – 2019-20 Entry

For information about Student Finance, how it works, eligibility and how to apply, visit the website at www.gov.uk/student-finance

If you are a UK/EU/EEA national and wish to apply for a student loan to pay the tuition fees for the first year of your Higher Education course, you do not have to wait until you have had an offer of a place.

To complete the loan application you will need your:

- current, valid UK passport (if you have one)
- National Insurance number
- course information
- Customer Reference Number (CRN) – IF you have already had a student loan to pay for any part of an HE course, your CRN will be on any correspondence you received from the Student Loans Company

To apply for an HE loan, go to: <https://logon.slc.co.uk/cas/login>

If you have already had a student loan, use your Customer Reference Number and login details from before. If you have never received a student loan, **Create an account**.

To apply for your tuition fee loan successfully, ensure you click on:

- **Apply for student finance**
- **Higher Education** (NOT Further education/24+ Advanced Learning loan)
- the correct attendance rate (**FULL or PART**-time)
- the correct academic year (**2019/2020**)
- the correct Higher Education Institution (select **Bedford College** or **Tresham College** from the search results, NOT University of Bedfordshire)
- **the correct course** from the search results, e.g. *'Teaching in Post-Compulsory Education (PGCE)'* **OR** *'Teaching in Post-Compulsory Education (CertEd)'* **OR** *'Diploma in Education (DET)'*
- the correct course *type* (e.g. **Initial Teacher Training**)

You will then be asked how much you will be charged in tuition fees for year 1, if you wish to apply for the tuition fee loan and how much of the tuition fees you want to borrow as a **HE loan** (the correct tuition fee is already set-up for you & most students apply for the maximum, but you can request a lower amount).

If you are a UK student studying full-time, you will then be asked if you wish to apply for the optional **maintenance loan** (which can help you with living costs). **Maintenance loans are available for part-time course commencing from 2018 and the pro-rate rate is 50% intensity**. Maintenance loans are means tested and you will be required to provide evidence of taxable income.

You might get [extra non-repayable help](#) on top of this, for example if you have a disability/specific learning difficulty, or have children or adult dependants. You can find out more by going to:

- Childcare Grant: www.gov.uk/childcare-grant
- Parents' Learning Allowance: www.gov.uk/parents-learning-allowance
- Adult Dependant Grant: www.gov.uk/adult-dependants-grant
- Disabled Students' Allowance: www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas

Once your loan application has been submitted, keep logging-in to your account here: <https://logon.slc.co.uk/cas/login> and complete any outstanding tasks required to get your loan approved.

Student Finance England may require original documents from you to help make a decision on your application.

When you receive your Student Finance England 'Notification of entitlement' letter, remember to sign and return your Student Loan Declaration form! (on the back page of your letter)

- You may be approved for a loan, but no money will be awarded without your signature on the declaration form.