

Applying for a Postgraduate Loan 2017/18

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Thinking about starting a postgraduate Master's course?

**A Postgraduate Loan is available to help you pay for your
Master's course.**

Student Finance England is a service provided by the Student Loans Company (SLC).

We provide financial support on behalf of the government to students in England studying in the UK.

Can I get a Postgraduate Loan?

You must normally live in England and be under 60 at the start of the first academic year of your course.

You have to be studying a taught or research postgraduate course in the UK that leads to a Master's qualification, for example:

- Master of Science (MSc)
- Master of Art (MA)
- Master of Law (LLM)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)

You can find more details about which courses qualify for a Postgraduate Loan at

www.thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance

If you're studying a full-time course it can last for one or two years. If you're studying a part-time course it can last for up to four years. You should check with your university that you can get a Postgraduate Loan for your course.

If you're an EU national and have lived in the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland for at least three years before the start of your course, you may be able to get a Postgraduate Loan for a Master's course in England.

For more information about who can get a Postgraduate Loan go to

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Postgraduate Loan

What can I get?

You can apply for a loan of up to £10,280 as a contribution towards your course and living costs. Your payments will be spread over the length of your course and will be made in three instalments throughout the academic year. For example, if your course is two years you'll get up to £5,140 in your first year and up to £5,140 in your second year. The amount you can get doesn't depend on your household income.

If you have a disability, including a long-term health condition, mental-health condition or specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia or dyspraxia, you might be able to get Disabled Students' Allowances. These don't have to be paid back. You can apply for a Postgraduate Loan from June.

How do I apply?

If you're a new student you can apply online once the application service opens at www.gov.uk/postgraduateloan

You should apply as early as possible once the application launches to make sure your loan is ready for the start of your course.

Once you apply

Remember to print your student declaration form, sign and return it to us.

If we ask you for any evidence, send this as quickly as possible to avoid delays with your application.

What happens if my details change?

If your personal details, course or university changes you must let us know. You can check how to do this by logging in to your account at: www.gov.uk/postgraduateloan before you start your course.

When will I get paid?

We'll send you a payment schedule to let you know when you'll be paid. Once you've registered on your course we'll pay your Postgraduate Loan into your bank account in three instalments each year.

All Postgraduate Loan policy is subject to Parliamentary approval.

For more information about Postgraduate Loans, visit SFE's dedicated student finance zone on The Student Room at www.thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance

When it's time to apply go to www.gov.uk/postgraduateloan