

Applying for a Postgraduate Loan 2016/17

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Thinking about starting a postgraduate Master's course?

A Postgraduate Loan is now 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 the courses you can be studying 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 and 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 EEA or Switzerland for at least three years before the start of your course you'll 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

www.thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance

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What can I get?

You can apply for a loan of up to £10,000 as a contribution towards your course and living costs. If your course is longer than one year you can get up to £5,000 in your first year and the rest in your second year. If you're studying part time you can only get payments in the first two years of your course. The amount you can get doesn't depend on your household income.

If you have a disability including a 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.

When can I apply?

You can apply for a Postgraduate Loan from late June.

How do I apply?

You can apply online once the application service opens in late June 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 before you start your course: www.gov.uk/postgraduateloan

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