

Fees and funding
*A guide for UK
undergraduate students
starting in 2013*



Make an investment in *your future.*

Going to university is an investment in your future. People with a degree earn an average of £12,000 a year more than people without one.

Having a degree can help to fast-track you into more senior roles. Many organisations have recruitment programmes aimed at new graduates.

And university's a uniquely brilliant experience. You'll meet people you never would have met otherwise, make friends for life, and fill your CV with a huge range of experiences.

Get the facts on fees, funding and finance.

This guide gives you all the information you need about fees, funding and finance if you're starting university in 2013. It gives you details of our tuition fee and the scholarships and bursaries available at Sheffield Hallam.

It also includes tips on how to manage your money when you're a student.

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Your tuition fee

At Sheffield Hallam your tuition fee includes

- a full waiver for placement years – so if you spend a year doing a work placement you won't pay the fee for that year, but you'll still have access to our range of support services
- membership fees for professional bodies (where your membership is relevant to your course and your future employment)
- any UK field trips which are a required part of your course

If you take out a tuition fee loan to cover your fees, you don't start to repay it until after you've finished your course and you're earning over £21,000.

Our full-time undergraduate tuition fee for UK and EU students starting in September 2013 is £9,000. (In subsequent years this may rise in line with inflation and any other permitted increases announced by the government.)



Pay nothing until you're *earning over £21,000*

Under the university funding system, you don't have to pay anything upfront. Instead, you take a loan from the government which you repay gradually through monthly repayments. These begin after you have completed your course – and only if you are earning over £21,000.

The amount you repay each month is based on how much you're earning, not the size of your loan. So you'll pay the same amount each month whatever the tuition fees for your course.

The repayment will be 9% of your earnings over £21,000. So if you're earning £21,588, for example (that's currently the salary of a newly qualified teacher) you would make repayments of £4.41 a month.

You won't start repaying your loan until the April after you leave university, even if you're earning over £21,000. The money will be deducted automatically from your wages, just like tax and national insurance.

You'll stop making repayments if your salary drops below £21,000, even if only for a short time. And any unpaid balance will be written off after 30 years.

Students on health courses

This information is based on the 2012–13 academic year and is still to be confirmed for 2013–14.

You don't usually have to pay tuition fees if you're studying • diagnostic radiography • midwifery • nursing • occupational therapy • operating department practice • paramedic practice • physiotherapy • radiotherapy and oncology.

Instead, your fees are paid for you by the Department of Health or a partner ambulance trust.

You could also qualify for an NHS bursary, but you won't be eligible for some of the other bursaries and scholarships in this guide.

On all our health courses you spend time on placement in hospitals and other working environments to help you put your learning into practice and prepare for your career. If your placement is based outside Sheffield, you may be able to claim back any additional expenses, such as travel.

For more information, go to **www.shu.ac.uk/feesandfunding**

How to get funding

To access the government's tuition fee loans, and other loans and grants to help with living costs, you need to apply to Student Finance England (or Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland).

You apply online at **www.gov.uk/studentfinance**

Depending on what you're applying for, you might have to give details of your parents' or partner's income.

Don't wait until you have a place at university confirmed before you apply for student finance – the sooner you apply, the sooner Student Finance England can complete their assessments and make sure your funding's ready when you start your course.



Scholarships and bursaries *at Sheffield Hallam*

Here's a round-up of all the scholarships and bursaries available at Sheffield Hallam University. Unlike loans, you don't have to pay these back.

As well as those listed here, extra financial support is available to some students, including a bursary package for students who are care leavers, have a disability or are in short-term financial difficulties. For more information call 0114 225 2184 or email sfs@shu.ac.uk

National Scholarship Programme

Who is it for? New students with a household income of £25,000 or less.

There are 1,164 of these scholarships available. If we have more than 1,164 students with a household income of £25,000 or less, we give priority to looked-after children and those joining us from an Access to Higher Education qualification. We've developed a scoring system to ensure the most deserving 1,164 students receive the award.

How much is it? It's a package worth £3,000 – consisting of £1,000 cash, a £1,500 fee waiver and £500 to spend on a choice of options, from a first-year accommodation discount to products and services in the University and Students' Union, or to top up your fee waiver to £2,000.

Any small print? You must be ordinarily resident in England. You're not eligible if your course is funded by the Department of Health. And you must not have studied at university previously. This is a one-off scholarship provided for the first year of your course only. EU and part-time students are eligible for the fee-waiver element only and this will be awarded on a pro rata basis.

How do I apply? If you're a full-time student, we automatically assess whether you're eligible for the scholarship using the income assessment details you provide to Student Finance England (SFE) when you apply for government funding. You need to have consented to SFE sharing this information with us and have applied to SFE by 31 May 2013.

If you're a part-time or EU student you must complete an application form before 23 August 2013 and provide evidence of your household income, to be checked by our Student Financial Support Centre.

When will I know if I get it? We'll identify eligible students during August 2013 and the scholarships will be allocated in September. If you've been awarded the scholarship we'll contact you to let you know.

If you meet the income criteria, are a full-time UK student, but don't get a scholarship, you'll receive the Sheffield Hallam £500 Bursary instead.

Where can I find out more? www.shu.ac.uk/feesandfunding/nsp

Sheffield Hallam £500 Bursary

Who is it for? If you meet the income-based criteria for the National Scholarship Programme and you're a full-time student but you don't get one of the 1,164 scholarships, you'll receive the Sheffield Hallam £500 Bursary instead.

How much is it? £500 cash.

Any small print? You must have a household income of £25,000 or less. You must be ordinarily resident in England. You're not eligible if your course is funded by the Department of Health. And you must not have studied at university previously. This is a one-off scholarship provided for the first year of your course only.

How do I apply? If you're a full-time student, we automatically assess whether you're eligible for the scholarship using the income assessment details you provide to Student Finance England (SFE) when you apply for government funding.

When will I know if I get it? Once we've allocated the National Scholarship Programme awards we'll know who's eligible for this bursary. If you've been awarded it we'll contact you to let you know.

Where can I find out more? www.shu.ac.uk/feesandfunding/nsp



High Achievement Scholarship

Who is it for? You'll receive this scholarship if the grades you achieve to get into university are

- A level grades ABB or higher
- BTEC grades DDM or higher
- specified grades in other equivalent qualifications

How much is it? £1,000 in cash.

Any small print? You must have made Sheffield Hallam your firm choice on your UCAS application and be starting your first full-time undergraduate higher education course. You're not eligible if you're on teacher training or a course funded by the Department of Health.

Only the specified grades, combinations and qualifications are accepted. This is a one-off scholarship provided for the first year of your course only.

How do I apply? You don't need to apply. Once your course place is confirmed and we've received your final grades we'll know if you qualify for this scholarship.

When will I know if I get it? If you qualify for the scholarship we'll contact you to confirm and you'll receive the scholarship in the February after you start your course.

Where can I find out more? www.shu.ac.uk/feesandfunding/has

Performance Athletes Support Programme

Who is it for? Students who are currently competing at the top level of their sport at professional, national or international level.

How much is it? Up to £6,000 each year to help with costs such as your course fees, accommodation fees, sport science support and competition expenses. You also get a comprehensive performance support package, including access to gym facilities, strength and conditioning training, and physiotherapy.

Any small print? You must be enrolled on a current undergraduate or postgraduate course – either part-time or full-time – and competing at junior or senior international level in your sport or discipline.

How do I apply? Complete an application form by the deadline of 27 July 2013.

When will I know if I get it? We'll let you know by September if you've been successful for a sports scholarship.

Where can I find out more? Go to www.shu.ac.uk/sport/team/performance or contact Helen Roberts on 0114 225 6401 or h.a.roberts@shu.ac.uk



Sheffield Hallam PGCE Scholarship

Who is it for? Students starting a PGCE course in 2013–14 with a household income of £25,000 or less.

How much is it? A fee waiver of £500 and £1,000 cash.

Any small print? Part-time and EU students are eligible for the fee waiver element only, on a pro rata basis.

How do I apply? If you're a full-time student, we automatically assess whether you're eligible for the scholarship using the income assessment details you provide to Student Finance England (SFE) when you apply for government funding. You need to have consented to SFE sharing this information with us.

If you're a part-time or EU student you must complete an application form before 23 August 2013 and provide evidence of your household income, to be checked by our Student Financial Support Centre.



Sheffield Hallam Partnership Bursary

Who is it for? You'll receive this if you join us from a school or college which is a member of our Associate Schools and Colleges Partnership.

How much is it? £300 cash.

Any small print? You must be a new undergraduate student, starting a full-time course in 2013. You're not eligible if you're on teacher training or a course funded by the Department of Health.

How do I apply? You don't need to apply. We'll use the details provided on your application to know if you qualify for this bursary.

When will I know if I get it? You'll receive the bursary in the first year of your course.

Where can I find out more? Go to www.shu.ac.uk/partnerschools to check if your school or college is a member of the Associate Schools and Colleges Partnership.

What funding can I apply for?

Do you live in a household where the income is £25,000 or less?

Yes

From Sheffield Hallam

You may be entitled to

- National Scholarship Programme Scholarship or Sheffield Hallam £500 Bursary (see page 6)
- Sheffield Hallam PGCE Scholarship (see page 10)

From the government

You will be entitled to

- Tuition fee loan • Maintenance loan
- Maintenance grant

No

Will you get ABB+ or equivalent in your final exams?

Yes

From Sheffield Hallam

You may be entitled to

- High Achievement Scholarship (see page 8)

From the government

You will be entitled to

- Tuition fee loan • Maintenance loan

You may be entitled to

- Maintenance grant

No

Is your school or college a member of the Associate Schools and Colleges Partnership?

Yes

From Sheffield Hallam

You may be entitled to

- Sheffield Hallam Partnership Bursary

From the government

You will be entitled to

- Tuition fee loan • Maintenance loan

You may be entitled to

- Maintenance grant

No

Do you compete at professional, national or international level in your sport?

Yes

From Sheffield Hallam

You may be entitled to

- Performance Athletes Support Programme (see page 9)

From the government

You will be entitled to

- Tuition fee loan • Maintenance loan

You may be entitled to

- Maintenance grant

No

From the government

You will be entitled to

- Tuition fee loan • Maintenance loan
- You may be entitled to
- Maintenance grant

Our top 5 money-saving tips

For many students, going to university means moving away from home for the first time and living independently.

Managing and being responsible for your own finances is a massive part of university life – and an important life skill. So here's some advice.

- 1) Make sure you're receiving all the funding you're entitled to – including loans, grants, bursaries and scholarships.
- 2) Find out when you'll receive payments and budget accordingly. Most student funding is paid in three instalments – in September or October, in January and in April. Each instalment has to last about 12 to 14 weeks, so plan ahead to make it last.
- 3) Pay your accommodation costs first – this is likely to be your largest expense. Most landlords will ask for their rent to be paid in termly instalments to coincide with your student funding payments.
- 4) Open a student bank account. Banks offer lots of different incentives to get you to open your student bank account with them, so shop around for the best deals. Look for an interest-free overdraft so you don't incur charges or interest if you dip into the red.
- 5) Paying for food shopping with housemates or buying textbooks with your coursemates can save you a lot of money.

Our financial support team can give you specialist advice throughout your time here – and even before you get here. Just call them on 0114 225 2184 or email sfs@shu.ac.uk

Next steps

Look up the scholarships and bursaries that you may be entitled to – go to www.shu.ac.uk/feesandfunding for the latest detailed information.

If you haven't already, register on the Student Finance England website to start your application for student loans.

If you're likely to get at least A level grades ABB, BTEC grades DDM or the equivalent in your final exams (and meet the other specified eligibility criteria), don't forget you need to make Sheffield Hallam your firm choice to receive the £1,000 High Achievement Scholarship.

Useful contacts

Student Financial Support at Sheffield Hallam University

Phone 0114 225 2184

Email sfs@shu.ac.uk

Sheffield Hallam fees, scholarships and bursaries information

www.shu.ac.uk/feesandfunding

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