This publication went to print March 2015. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this publication. However, as our fees and services are regularly reviewed and updated, some details may change. Please check the website for further information (www.plymouth.ac.uk/money).

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There are a number of ways to fund postgraduate study at Plymouth University, from scholarships to bank loans, or grants from charitable trusts. Here are some of the ways in which you can fund your studies.

**SOURCES OF FUNDING**

Grants and awards

Student Finance England does not give mandatory awards for postgraduate study in the UK, with the exception of the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE).

PGCE teacher training

PGCE students receive the same package of financial support as undergraduates. Home and EU students will be able to take out a tuition-fee loan from Student Finance England to cost the difference in fee level. Information about the means-tested tax-free grants to help cover living costs. Home students can also apply for a maintenance loan and a maintenance fee loan. 

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University research scholarships

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Career development loans

The UK government offers professional and career development loans, which can fund postgraduate study, to home students for vocational education or training. Application packs are available by calling 0800 586505 from within the UK or emailing: cdl.learning.providers@sfic.gov.uk.

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The British Council offers a number of awards for international students studying in the UK. Details may be obtained from your nearest regional office in your country of residence. Further details can be obtained from www.britishcouncil.org

Plymouth University Financial Support Fund.

Students in hardship can apply for additional financial support once they have taken up all other available sources of funding. Updated information will be available on the Plymouth University web page.

Employer sponsorship

Many employers sponsor employees as part of their career development. Candidates who are in employment should consider asking their employers whether they can assist with the funding of postgraduate study.

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Trusts and charities

Some trusts and charities may be able to contribute to the costs of postgraduate research. Useful publications such as the Awards Almanac, the Educational Grants Directory and the Grants Register provide further information and are available in libraries and careers offices.

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Additional fees

Some programmes, particularly professional business courses, may charge a different fee from the standard, and confirmation should be sought from the appropriate faculty. Some taught programmes have field trip expenses in addition to tuition fees. Some research programmes have additional bench fees to cover laboratory/workshop costs.

Living expenses

Accommodation, meals and other personal expenditure are not included in fees. We recommend a minimum maintenance allowance of at least £3,600 each year for a single student (for the full calendar year) and more for students with families or dependants.

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