



SAAS Funding – Postgraduate Students

The Student Awards Agency Scotland is here to help you to find the right information, support and funding

- ✓ Informing Choices
- ✓ Funding Futures
- ✓ Supporting Success

Courses we fund

We fund courses at postgraduate diploma or masters level. We do not offer postgraduate funding for Graduate Diplomas, Postgraduate Certificates or PhDs. If you are studying a full-time PGDE teaching course, you'll receive the same funding arrangements as a full-time undergraduate course.



Funding is available for taught and research based courses, as well as certain courses delivered by distance learning. However, there must be a minimum amount of teaching or contact time between the student and teaching staff.

Other conditions for full-time courses

- Postgraduate diplomas must be no longer than 1 year
- Masters level courses must be no longer than 2 years

Other conditions for part-time courses

- You must take no longer than twice the length of the full-time equivalent course at the same university to complete your studies
- If there is no full-time equivalent course available at the same university, you must take no longer than 3 years to complete your studies
- The course must be delivered in Scotland

Funding available

Full-time courses

For eligible full-time courses you can apply for a tuition fee loan of up to £7,000 and a living costs loan of up to £6,900. If you study a 2 year full-time course, these amounts will be split equally across each year of the course.

Part-time courses

For eligible part-time courses you can apply for the tuition fee loan of up to £7,000.

This will be split between the number of years you study. Part-time students are not eligible to receive a living costs loan.

Other available funding

If you have a disability or additional learning needs, you may qualify for Disabled Students' Allowance. This is usually a non-repayable grant.

Visit www.saas.gov.uk for more information and to view our full eligibility criteria.

Funding at postgraduate level is not based on your household income.

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Applying for a student loan

You must apply to SAAS for a student loan. The Student Loans Company (SLC) will then process your payments and payment schedule.

You will not have to start repaying your loan until the April after you graduate or leave your course. You will be expected to pay 9% of any income you earn over £27,660 per year. This means if you earn £28,660 a year, you would repay £7.50 a month.



Previous study

We do not take into account any funding you have received at undergraduate level.

However, you will not be eligible for a tuition fee loan if you have already received funding from UK or other EU public funds for a course of postgraduate study and gained a qualification.

How to apply

You can apply to us at www.saas.gov.uk from **April**, as soon as you know the course you want to study. Do not wait for exam results.

If you don't get on the course you want, you can easily change or cancel your application online through your online SAAS Account.

You must submit your completed application at www.saas.gov.uk and send any supporting evidence via our SAAS document uploader. Remember to apply as early as possible and before **30 June** to ensure your funding is in place for the start of your course.

What you need to apply

- your current email address
- your SAAS reference number if you have applied before
- your National Insurance number
- your bank sort code and account number
- your college or university and course details

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Products are available in community languages and alternative formats on request.

Helpful resources for students

The Student Information Scotland **Health and Wellbeing** page provides a range of resources from trusted local and national sources.



Gender Based Violence (GBV support)

Universities and colleges should be places where students can live, study and research, free of sexual harassment and gender based violence.

<https://endgbv.uk/>

EmilyTest

Tackling Gender Based Violence in Education

Working to improve gender based violence prevention, intervention and support in FE and HE education.

www.emilytest.co.uk

SAMARITANS Samaritans

You can get in touch about anything that's troubling you, no matter how large or small the issue feels. Talk things over in complete confidence with an experienced listener or send an email.

www.samaritans.org

Phone: 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org



Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH)

Works to support people who experience mental health problems, homelessness, addictions and other forms of social exclusion.

www.samh.org.uk Phone: 0141 530 1000



Works to provide a wide range of mental health services for adults and young people.

www.penumbra.org.uk



www.lltff.com living life to the full

Based in Scotland, Living life to the full is an award-winning website providing easy access to cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) based resources for low mood and stress.

www.lltff.com



Breathing Space

A confidential helpline for people to call when they are feeling low, stressed or anxious.

www.breathingspace.scot

Phone 0800 83 85 87

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Other Available Postgraduate Funding

Details of Scottish trusts offering financial support to students:

[→ Register of Education Endowments](#)

Prospects Postgraduate Funding Guide

Information on all postgraduate funding available in the UK:

[→ www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)

