



University Studies

Bursary 2025 - 26

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Bursary Information for 2025 / 26

The University Studies at West Suffolk College aims to provide targeted financial assistance to eligible students, helping to cover the costs of higher education. It is available to new, full-time and part-time, undergraduate, home students entering higher education for the first time. A bursary is money from the institution, and it doesn't have to be paid back. It's in addition to government funding.

Eligibility

We use the details you submit to Student Finance England or equivalent assessing agency (for undergraduate means-tested maintenance support) to assess your entitlement for the University Studies at West Suffolk College Bursary Scheme. **You do not need to apply for this bursary.** If you're eligible, you will receive the awards as detailed below. If eligible, you'll receive this bursary for each year of your course.

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| Less than or equal to £20,000 | Band 1 | £750 | Pro rata for part-time |
| £20,000 to £25,000 | Band 2 | £500 | Pro rata for part-time |

To be eligible for the University Studies at West Suffolk College Bursary, you need to meet all the following criteria:

- Be studying full-time or part-time (studying at least 50% of the Full Time Equivalent) towards a Bachelor degree or Higher National Certificate/Diploma
- £25,000 or less as at the bursary closing date
- Having lived in the UK for three years
- Not to have withdrawn from or suspended your studies

Terms and conditions applicable to all University Studies at West Suffolk College Bursary

- A bursary is money from University Studies at West Suffolk College for students and it doesn't have to be paid back (unless your circumstances change). It is in addition to government funding.
- The bursaries are paid each year of your course and University Studies at West Suffolk College will reassess your eligibility for a bursary for each year of your course.
- Awards will not be assessed and paid until after the registration start date and when you are fully registered.
- To be considered for a bursary, you must be eligible for and have applied to Student Finance

England or equivalent assessing agency to receive a tuition fee and means-tested maintenance loan via the undergraduate funding system. Those students undertaking a second degree may find that they are not eligible for loans, grants or bursaries.

- If you do not wish to take out a loan, you can still apply for a household income assessment by Student Finance England (or equivalent regional funding body) and request a £0 loan - this allows us to assess you for the bursary without you receiving any loan.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that you have had your household income assessed correctly by your funding body and the University Studies at West Suffolk College.
- If you withdraw from your course or transfer to another university, you may have to repay a percentage of your bursary that you received in that academic year.
- If you take an Interruption to Study during the year, you won't have to repay the bursary you have already received; however, you won't be eligible to receive any further instalments due to be paid.
- If your circumstances change, for example, if your household income is reassessed by Student Finance England, the bursary amount that you are eligible for may be affected in future years. If this is the case, you will not have to repay any of your bursary you have already received.
- Bursary awards must be assessed and paid within the academic year and cannot be backdated for previous years.

Bursary Payment Dates

Awards are paid in two equal instalments, based on the month in which your course started, see below:

| Course Start Month | Bursary Payment Dates (last working day of) |
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| September | Jan & Jun of the following calendar year |
| February | Jun & Dec of the same calendar year |

If you have any queries, please contact. universitystudies@easterneducationgroup.ac.uk