

**2016/17 Part Time Undergraduate Funding**

**SCOTTISH/EU**

Full details of SAAS Funding for part time study can be found on the SAAS website: [www.saas.gov.uk/part\_time/ug/index.htm](http://www.saas.gov.uk/part_time/ug/index.htm)

**RUK**

Part Time Funding for students from the Rest of the UK may vary. Please contact your funding provider directly for details.

**SAAS Part Time Fee Grants**

**TUITION FEES**

SAAS offer non repayable grants up to £1805 for tuition fees to part time students who meet the following criteria.

* **Income** – Individual income of less than £25,000 per year
* **Course** – SCQF level 7-10 and 30-119 credits
* **Residency** – Students must meet the normal SAAS residency criteria

Residency eligibility criteria applies to all SAAS funding –full details can be found on the SAAS website at<https://www.saas.gov.uk/part_time/ug/index.htm>

**(Nursing students are not eligible for the part time fee grant)**

All Tuition Fee Grants are paid directly to the University.

If you haven’t received your award letter when you start your course you may still register as a SAAS Funded student and update the Finance Office when your application has been processed.

**LIVING COSTS**

SAAS do not offer statutory living cost funding such as bursaries or loans for part time students.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applications must be printed from the SAAS website and completed carefully using the notes for guidance which advises on the evidence required to support the application.

Once complete the original application must be submitted with **photocopies** of the required evidence to the Advisory Team to be endorsed (address at end of this information sheet). The Advisory Team will send the application to SAAS by recorded delivery.

**Applications must reach SAAS no later than 3 months after the start date of the course.**

**Alternative Funding - Trust Funds and Charities**

There are many trusts and charities that offer non repayable support to students under various criteria. Identifying and applying for grants from alternative sources will take time but as the support is non-repayable it is a worthwhile avenue for consideration.

All funding opportunities the Advisory Service are involved in or made aware of are posted on the Advisory Facebook and Twitter pages.

[**www.facebook.com/AbertayAdvisory**](http://www.facebook.com/AbertayAdvisory)

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Online searches for other alternative funding opportunities can be carried out using the websites below as a starting point:

[www.family-action.org.uk/section.aspx?id=21211](http://www.family-action.org.uk/section.aspx?id=21211)

[www.turn2us.org.uk/grants\_search.aspx](http://www.turn2us.org.uk/grants_search.aspx)

[www.scholarship-search.org.uk](http://www.scholarship-search.org.uk)

[www.unigrants.co.uk](http://www.unigrants.co.uk)

[www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk/subject/all-subjects/pgt](http://www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk/subject/all-subjects/pgt)

[www.saas.gov.uk/\_forms/ree1.pdf](http://www.saas.gov.uk/_forms/ree1.pdf)

[www.scotland.org/study-in-scotland/scholarships](http://www.scotland.org/study-in-scotland/scholarships)

[www.britishcouncil.org/study-work-create/practicalities/funding-studies](http://www.britishcouncil.org/study-work-create/practicalities/funding-studies)

[www.educationuk.org/global/articles/scholarships-financial-support/](http://www.educationuk.org/global/articles/scholarships-financial-support/)

<https://beta.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/funding-postgraduate-study>

[www.grantsforindividuals.org.uk/default.aspx](http://www.grantsforindividuals.org.uk/default.aspx)

[www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/who-else/employment/grants-funding](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/who-else/employment/grants-funding)

[www.findamasters.com/funding/postgraduate-masters-scholarships/](http://www.findamasters.com/funding/postgraduate-masters-scholarships/)

[www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/](http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/)

[www.ahrc.ac.uk/funding/](http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/funding/)

[www.iefa.org/](http://www.iefa.org/)

[www.dsc.org.uk/publication/the-directory-of-grant-making-trusts-201617/](http://www.dsc.org.uk/publication/the-directory-of-grant-making-trusts-201617/)

[www.trustfunding.org.uk/search.aspx](http://www.trustfunding.org.uk/search.aspx)

Below are some specific grants to consider looking into:

* Scottish International Educational Trust
* **City of Dundee Educational Trust**
* **Angus Educational Trust**
* **Perth and Kinross Educational Trust**
* Fife Educational Trust
* East Lothian Educational Trust
* West Lothian Educational Trust
* The Highlands & Islands Educational Trust Scheme
* Hilda Martindale Educational Trust
* All Saints Educational Trust
* The Anglo-Jewish Association
* Google Europe Scholarship for Students with Disabilities
* The Sidney Perry Foundation

**Discretionary Funds**

As part of the financial support package available to students, SAAS provide additional funding for UK students who are experiencing hardship. UK students are defined as those who meet the student support residency criteria as outlined by SAAS, Student Finance England, Wales and Northern Ireland with the exception of Nursing Students.

Funds are administered by the University on a discretionary basis and applications are lightly means tested. Awards made will not provide full living cost support and cannot be made to meet the cost of tuition fees.

**International and Nursing Students**

The University have set up their own Discretionary Fund in order to offer support to EU, Overseas and Nursing students experiencing hardship during their course. These funds are limited and are reserved for exceptional circumstances to ensure that students have food and shelter.

**Childcare Costs**

Within the SAAS Discretionary Fund the University is able to offer support with childcare costs for UK students as defined above. At Abertay students may receive an award of **up to 100%** of their formal childcare costs depending on their financial circumstances, their mode of study and their course.

Students who are eligible for childcare support from the childcare element of Tax Credits or through Early Learning and Childcare funding must claim this first. An award from the Discretionary Fund will be considered based on the balance that the student has to pay.

**Financial Support from Other Sources**

**Child Tax Credits and Child Benefit**

Students with dependent children are usually entitled to Child Benefit and Child Tax Credits. Most parents already claim these benefits. If you think you may be entitled and have not yet claimed please contact the relevant department for more information.

Child Benefit Office: **0300 200 3100**

Tax Credit Helpline: **0345 300 3900**

**Working Tax Credits**

Student who are working at least 16 hours a week especially those with children, may be entitled to Working Tax Credits. Tax Credits are based on household income.

Working Tax Credits eligibility table – number of hours of work required per week:

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| **Age and Circumstances** | **No Children** | **With Children** |
| Single Under 25 | Not eligible | 16hrs+ |
| Single 25-59 | 30hrs+ | 16hrs+ |
| Single 60+ | 16hrs+ | 16hrs+ |
| Couple Under 25 | Not eligible | 24hrs+ total (1 person working at least 16hrs) |
| Couple 25-59 | 30hrs+ | 24hrs+ total (1 person working at least 16hrs) |
| Couple 60+ | 16hrs+ | 16hrs+ (1 person working at least 16hrs) |
| Single 16+ (with a disability) | 16hrs+ | 16hrs+ |
| Couple 16+ (with a disability) | 16hrs+ | 16hrs+ |

There are some exceptions to the number of hours required for couples to claim WTC, for example if your partner is in receipt of Carer’s Allowance. Full details can be found online at [**www.gov.uk/working-tax-credit/eligibility**](http://www.gov.uk/working-tax-credit/eligibility)

**The Childcare Element of Tax Credits**

Students who are eligible for Working Tax Credits may also be eligible for the Childcare Element of Tax Credits which can cover up to 70% of eligible weekly childcare costs.

More information can be found online at [**www.gov.uk/childcare-tax-credits/eligibility**](http://www.gov.uk/childcare-tax-credits/eligibility)or by contacting Tax Credits direct on **0345 300 3900.**

**Housing Benefit**

Most full time students are not entitled to Housing Benefit but there are some exceptions to this rule:

* Students with dependent children
* Students with a non-student partner living at the same address
* Disabled students

Part time students are entitled to claim Housing Benefit.

Housing Benefit is applicable to people living in rented accommodation and is based on household income. Full eligibility details, applications and guidance can be obtained from your Local Authority.

**Personal Independence Payment**

Personal Independence Payment was introduced in 2013 to replace Disability Living Allowance to support people with long term health conditions or disabilities who have difficulties with activities related to ‘daily living’ and/or mobility.

More information can be found online at: [**www.gov.uk/pip/overview**](http://www.gov.uk/pip/overview)or by calling the General Helpline on **0345 850 3322.**

**Independent Benefit Advice**

Free independent advice and information about benefits and welfare can be obtained through your local Citizen’s Advice Bureau and Welfare Rights Department.

**Planning Ahead**

Creating a monthly income and expenditure plan and ensuring that outgoings are kept to a minimum where necessary is key to ensuring that student finances are manageable throughout any period of study.

Advice and support with all aspects of funding and budgeting is available from the Advisory Team.

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