

Student Wellbeing Services



Examples of successful applications to the Financial Assistance Fund

Student A, undergraduate year 3, Business

This student was fully sponsored, however, due to a change in government administration in their home country it was unclear if the original terms of the sponsorship would be honored. Fee payments had been withheld and there was some uncertainty as to whether further funds would be transferred to the student for living costs. At the time of applying the student had no funds remaining in their bank accounts. Given the immediate hardship and unexpected nature of the situation the student was **loaned £655** to assist with basic living costs and one month's worth of rent until they were able to provide an update on the situation with their sponsor.

Student B, postgraduate year 2, Architecture

This student was in receipt of a tuition fee loan and their family were contributing to cover their living costs. The student was working part-time to supplement their income but this was becoming increasingly difficult to balance alongside their studies given that they were in final year. As a final year architecture student they were also subject to high course costs. Unexpectedly the student's mother lost her job as they were nearing the end of their course and the student received much less funding from family than expected. The student was **awarded £649** to assist with rent and living costs to help them complete their course.

Student C, undergraduate, MBBS

This student received an award of £750. The student was funding their studies through financial contributions from their long-term partner and family. Part-way through the academic year the student separated from their long-term partner. As their parents had already funded the tuition fee costs they were unable to offer further financial assistance to help towards living costs. The student was offered an award to assist with rent and living costs until they secured alternative funding. They were advised to try and obtain paid work to supplement their income as well as trying to find someone to move into the property to half the cost of the remaining rent.



Examples of unsuccessful applications to the Financial Assistance Fund

Student A, undergraduate stage 1, Modern Languages

This student commenced their course without adequate funding in place. They had applied for a scholarship but had not received an outcome before beginning the course. The scholarship was available on a competitive basis and their application was unsuccessful. The student had no alternative sources of funding in place and no means in which to cover the cost of their tuition fees or living costs. As the student had £1,000 available to them at the time of application they were not in immediate hardship so there was no need to offer any short-term assistance.

Student B, postgraduate stage 3, Computing Science

This student was fully sponsored for the duration of their PhD by the government in their home country. Due to the ongoing political turmoil in their home country there was some difficulty in funds being transferred to both the University to cover their tuition fees as well as the monthly allowance payable to them to cover their living costs. Whilst the assessment team were very sympathetic to the situation at the time of applying the student still had access to over £2,000. The application was unsuccessful due to the student not being in hardship but they were invited to keep the team updated of the situation and advised to reapply if they exhausted their remaining funds and no further funds had been received from their sponsor.

Student C, undergraduate stage 3, Biomedical Sciences

This student was self-financing their studies with their family covering all of their living costs and tuition fees for the duration of their course. At the time of application this student had over £3,000 of funding still available to them. They were not deemed to be in hardship or experiencing financial difficulties due to the level of funds remaining in their bank accounts. There had not experienced any unexpected circumstances but had hoped that FAF would be able to replace some of the funds from their family.