

Undergraduate Support Scholarship

Terms and Conditions 2025/2026

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1. If you are a UK undergraduate student and you commenced your studies at Newcastle between the 2014/15 academic year and the 2025/26 academic year then you may be eligible for the UG Support Scholarship. You need to meet the conditions detailed in this document in order to be considered for the award.

2. You need to have a household income figure **between £35,001 and £40,000** to be considered for the UG Support Scholarship.

3. In order to be considered, you need to be income assessed by Student Finance England (SFE), Student Finance Wales, Student Finance Northern Ireland or the Student Awards Agency for Scotland.

There are no exceptions to this as the University does not complete income assessments.

4. When completing the income assessment you need to ensure that you have **consented to share** your household income details with the University in order to be considered for a bursary. If you are unsure if you have done this then you should contact the Student Loans Company (SLC) on 0300 100 0612.

5. If you have been classified as **independent** by SFE (or equivalent) then they will consider your household income to be your personal income (or your personal income and that of your partner). Any enquiries regarding a change of status should be directed to SFE (or the equivalent awarding body).

6. Once you have completed the steps above, we will review your eligibility for a scholarship. If you are eligible then you will receive an email from the SLC between registration and early November. This will be

sent to the email address that you have registered with the SLC.

If you think you are eligible for a scholarship and you have completed all required steps but you have not received an award letter by mid-November 2025 then please contact us at ukscholarships@ncl.ac.uk

7. If you are eligible for the award, you will receive a one off cash payment of **£500** due on **12th November 2025**.

There will be no early payments or exceptions to the stated payment dates. You should allow two working days for potential delays and carefully check all bank accounts before contacting us regarding any non-payment.

8. If you are approved for the UG Support Scholarship after the 28th October 2025 then you will receive the one off payment **10 working days** after your scholarship has been approved.

9. Students in receipt of any amount of Opportunity Scholarship will not be eligible to receive the UG Support Scholarship.

10. If you subsequently become eligible for the Opportunity Scholarship, the award given will be no more than £1,500 for a household income under £25,000 and no more than £500 for a household income between £25,001 and £35,000. No student is eligible for more than £2,000 across both the Opportunity Scholarship and UG Support Scholarship. Please refer to the [terms and conditions of the Opportunity Scholarship](#) for more detail on eligibility.

11. If you are on placement then you will **not** be considered for the UG Support Scholarship as you will be receiving a significant tuition fee discount. However, if you are studying a partial placement and you are liable to pay the full tuition fee then you **will** be considered for a scholarship.

12. If you are studying **Business Accounting and Finance** you will have a reduced fee liability in years 2, 3 and 4 as you will be on work placement. If you are eligible for the Opportunity Scholarship you will receive a pro rata award of either a **£500 cash bursary** or a **£333 cash bursary in years 2, 3 and 4** depending on your household income.

13. If you are **repeating part of a year** or you are **studying part time** then you will have a reduced fee liability. In this scenario you will receive a pro rata UG Support Scholarship (e.g. you are paying 50% of the total tuition fee then you will receive 50% of the scholarship).

14. If you withdraw or suspend your studies prior to the expected payment date, you will

no longer be eligible to receive the award.

15. You will not be considered for the UG Support Scholarship under the following circumstances:

- a.** You already hold a degree at honours level or equivalent.
- b.** You are receiving full or partial support from the NHS as a grant (e.g. you are studying **Speech and Language Science, Dental Hygiene** or you are in your **final year of Medicine or Dentistry**).
- c.** You are studying a course leading to a PGCE qualification.
- d.** You are already in receipt of the Promise Bursary, the Faraday Institution Bursary, the Stephen Lawrence Bursary Award or the Cowrie Scholarship.

Many of the allied health profession students can access support of at least £5,000 per year from September 2020 in addition to SLC finance. If you receive this bursary you will not be eligible for the NU UG Support Bursary. For more information about this grant visit the [NHS Health Careers website](#)

16. You will not receive the scholarship, or receive backdated payments if your income assessment is completed, or you are reassessed after **Friday 5th June 2026** or if you fail to provide your bank details to SFE (or equivalent) before then.