



## Facing Financial Difficulty?

Contact:

### **Financial Support and Scholarships:**

Via myHWU

### **Student Wellbeing**

[studentwellbeing@hw.ac.uk](mailto:studentwellbeing@hw.ac.uk)

### **Student Success Advisors**

[studentsuccess@hw.ac.uk](mailto:studentsuccess@hw.ac.uk) (Edi) or [sbc.wellbeing@hw.ac.uk](mailto:sbc.wellbeing@hw.ac.uk) (SBC)

### **Student Union Advice Hub**

[advice.hub@hw.ac.uk](mailto:advice.hub@hw.ac.uk)



For further information on the support available take a look at Heriot-Watt's Cost of Living webpage:



# A Student Guide To Financial Support At Heriot-Watt

The UK is currently undergoing significantly increased cost of living expenses, and Heriot-Watt is acutely aware of the impact rising bills will have on student life. We are here to help. We have a range of resources to assist you in your studies, as well as information to support you with advice and funding.



Any students experiencing financial hardship should contact Financial Support and Scholarships via myHWU

## Support Available to All Students

### Hardship Fund



The University has funding available to assist students who are experiencing financial difficulty. Money is awarded for help with living costs (not tuition fees) and is paid as a grant.

### Emergency Support



If you are in financial crisis you should contact student wellbeing and you can discuss your situation with a member of staff, who may be able to authorise a £50 next day payment, if appropriate.

### Scholarships & Bursaries



All students looking for financial support should look carefully through the Scholarships page to see if there is any available bursary or scholarship you may be eligible to apply for.

### De Lima Award



This Fund is to help Widening Participation students alleviate unfortunate circumstances including, health conditions (physical or mental), counselling, study equipment, accommodation, food, situational crisis help, etc.

### Care Experienced Students



If eligible for SAAS students can apply for the Care Experienced Bursary. They may also be eligible for the Care Experienced Accommodation Grant over the summer months to help with certain types of accommodation costs.

### Estranged Students



If eligible for SAAS, students can receive support as an independent student. This usually means that you'll be entitled to the maximum Independent Student Bursary (ISB) and student loan for living costs.

## Widening Access Support

Heriot-Watt is committed to helping students reach their full potential and welcome people from all backgrounds. We want to make your journey through university as easy as possible and offer additional support to certain student groups to support you with this. To find out if you identify with one of our widening participation categories, and are therefore eligible for our widening access bursaries, visit <https://www.hw.ac.uk/uk/student-support.htm> or email [studentsuccess@hw.ac.uk](mailto:studentsuccess@hw.ac.uk).

### Childcare Fund



If you are a full-time home student, funded by any UK government, you can apply for assistance to help towards the cost of formal childcare.

### Access Bursary



Eligible students from widening participation backgrounds can apply for the access bursary (min £1000 per year of study), this must be done before studies commence.

### HWU Expenses Bursary



For some students the cost of attending university can be overwhelming. To help with this we are offering eligible students a bursary to cover costs.

## Disabled Students

### Lead Scotland



Students with disabilities can explore this guide to educational grants available across Scotland.

### Disabled Students Allowance



Students with disabilities should contact the Disability Service at [disability@hw.ac.uk](mailto:disability@hw.ac.uk). You may be eligible for DSA funding, which can help towards the cost of any support needed to enable your studies.

## External Funding and Financial Advice



### Turn 2 Us

Information on funding sources for grants or benefits



### Student Cash Point

Guides & links to information on surviving as a student



### Money Saving Expert

Excellent and expert advice and tips for students



### Funds Online

A database of 8,000 funders