

Funding for Placements Years 2024-25



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Work Placements

A Sandwich placement year (also referred to as an "Internship" or "Industrial Placement") is a validated work experience opportunity which forms part of a university degree programme. This leaflet aims to give you some basic information on the funding available to you whilst on a placement. We always advise you contact your relevant funding body (SFE, SAAS, SFW etc.) **BEFORE** you take on your placement to establish what you can get. More information is also available via the web addresses provided in this leaflet.

Full years' work placement - *tuition fees*

- Students undergoing a full academic year placement are required to pay a reduced rate of tuition fee. Eligible students can apply for a tuition fee loan for work placement years.

For **2024 / 2025** the placement year will be charged the following in fees:

- UK/Channel Islands/EU (settled status) £1,580
- International £2,095

All students are advised to check their Tuition Fee liability with Student Registry. For the Tuition Fees guide please go to [here](#)

Full years' work placement - Maintenance Loan

UK Home students doing a full year's work placement will be entitled to a reduced rate of maintenance loan for living costs, during a paid/unpaid work placement year. Student Finance may count as income any fixed/regular payments you receive (usually meant to pay for something specific) which may affect your funding entitlement.

Reduced Rate - Maintenance Loan

This depends on where you are living and what course year you are in while you are doing your placement:

2024/25 figures

- UK Parental Home - Full Year up to £2,324
- Students undertaking their placement in London - £4,350
- UK Elsewhere (and overseas)- Full year up to £3,098

You will not be entitled to the full maintenance loan or any supplementary grants i.e. Parent's Learning Allowance, Adults Dependents Grant, Childcare Grant, unless you are undertaking a specific unpaid service placement (see section below).

Specific types of unpaid service placements

The placements below usually attract the full 100% Maintenance Loan subject to income-assessment, plus any supplementary grants (e.g. Parent's Learning Allowance, Adults Dependents Grant, Childcare Grant) you would normally receive.

However, only certain types of work / research count for the purposes of receiving this full support:

- Unpaid service in a hospital or in a public health service laboratory or with a clinical commissioning group in the UK.
- Unpaid service with a local authority in the UK in work that relates to the care of children and young persons, health or welfare, or with a voluntary organisation providing facilities or carrying out similar activity in the UK.
- Unpaid service with a local authority in work that relates to public health functions in the UK.
- Unpaid service in the prison or probation and aftercare service in the UK.
- Unpaid research in a UK institution or, in the case of a student attending an overseas institution, as a part of their UK course.
- Unpaid service with a Special Health Authority, the NHS Commissioning Board, the National Institute for Care and Excellence, the Health and Social Care Information Centre, a Local Health Board; a Health Board or a Special Health Board in Scotland, or a Health and Social Services Board in Northern Ireland
- Unpaid service in the UK Parliament

It is essential that you check with your funding body that your placement qualifies before you commit yourself to it. They may require written confirmation from your

academic department that your placement qualifies as one of these areas of unpaid work.

Part year work placement funding

If you will be attending the university for more than 10 weeks, in total, in an academic year (for example if you undertake a placement for one semester) you will be entitled to the same funding package as you have been entitled to in previous academic years (provided your household income remains the same).

Therefore, apply as normal for your funding via the [website](#)

Overseas study placements - Turing Scheme

Students can apply for Turing funding if they plan to work, study or volunteering abroad for placements from 4 weeks to a year.

There is also funding for Graduates for internships for up to a year after graduation. This funding ranges and is dependent on destinations and the personal circumstances of the students, with additional contribution towards travel and exceptional costs for students from disadvantaged backgrounds. For further information you can look at the Government website. [Turing Scheme: international study and work placements](#)

University Mobility team

- Email International Mobility [here](#)

- phone: +44 (0) 23 8201 3063
- Solent Online Learning Pages using this [link](#)

Don't forget!

- Apply for student funding **as soon as possible** you can reach the website by clicking [here](#)
- Always check with your Student Finance body as to your eligibility for funding **before** enrolling onto a year of study.
- Check the University Fees booklet on the university website [here](#)

Please note that the information in this guide is intended for Students applying for finance through the Student Finance England system, if you have applied for funding through the Welsh, Irish, Scottish or EU systems the regulations may differ. We have made every effort to ensure that the information contained in this leaflet is accurate. However, we cannot be held responsible for any omissions or errors.