

A Guide to Solent's Grants, Bursaries and Scholarships 2023- 24



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What funding is available from Solent University?

Solent University is committed to encouraging students from all backgrounds, to enter higher education. We offer a number of **non-repayable** grants, bursaries, and Scholarships to support our students during their studies. This leaflet provides a brief overview of some of them. Please look at our webpages for more information:

- www.solent.ac.uk/finance/grants-bursaries-scholarships/university-grants
- www.solent.ac.uk/finance/grants-bursaries-scholarships/bursaries
- www.solent.ac.uk/finance/grants-bursaries-scholarships/scholarships

Solent University offers the following scholarships

(Please always check the eligibility criteria for each scholarship before applying, to avoid disappointment).

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are awarded to athletes competing at national and international levels in a variety of sports.

- We offer scholarships from £1,000 up to a maximum of £5,000
- Focus sport services packages
- Individual bespoke athlete services packages

Applicants must be full-time or part-time undergraduate or postgraduate students. For full details and eligibility criteria please go to this [link](#)

BLACK, ASIAN, AND MINORITY ETHNIC (BAME) SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships provide eligible **first year** undergraduate students, from specific ethnic backgrounds, £1,000 each to use towards their university tuition fees or accommodation. For full details and eligibility criteria please go to this [link](#)

SOLENT SANCTUARY SCHOLARSHIP

In support of our vision and values, each year Solent University awards one Solent Sanctuary Scholarship consisting of a full yearly fee waiver and a £3,000 grant to a person seeking sanctuary studying on a three-year undergraduate programme. For further information or to request an application form, please contact Rozenn Ghorbanian, Senior Partnerships Officer

at sanctuary@solent.ac.uk For more information and eligibility criteria please go [here](#)

UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIP (UAMS)

The University offers an Undergraduate Academic Merit Scholarship to reward applicants who have demonstrated outstanding academic ability.

These are awarded automatically (no application necessary) based on final results. For full details and eligibility criteria please go [here](#)

POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS (PAMS)

The University offers, as a tuition fee reduction, a limited amount of postgraduate academic scholarships. These are open to all students who are self-financing (not sponsored by their government or employer). However, if you are a Solent graduate eligible for an alumni discount you would **not** be eligible for a PAMS scholarship too. For full details and eligibility criteria please go to this [link](#)

DIRECT ENTRY ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIP (DAMS)

The University offers a Direct Entry (Year 3 and Top-up) Academic Merit Scholarship as a way to reward students who have demonstrated outstanding academic ability. These are awarded automatically (no application necessary) based on final results. Scholarships will be awarded as a tuition fee credit between £500 and £1,000. For full details and eligibility criteria please go to [this](#) link

GREAT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JUSTICE AND LAW

The GREAT Scholarships for justice and law is a new time-limited programme from the Study UK campaign and the Ministry of Justice. The GREAT Scholarships for justice and law are jointly funded by Solent University, with the UK government's GREAT Britain campaign and the British Council. This year, in partnership with the British Council and the GREAT Britain Campaign, Solent University is offering one scholarship of £10,000 to students from Kenya. This scholarship scheme is part of the GREAT Scholarships 2023 campaign, which has been launched by the British Council together with UK universities to support more students to access excellent UK higher education opportunities. The GREAT Scholarships scheme offers an exciting opportunity for students from Kenya to get financial support to pursue postgraduate study in the UK. For more details and eligibility criteria, use this [link](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MSC APPLIED AI AND DATA SCIENCE

Solent University has secured 36 scholarships (£10,000 each) as part of the £13million Office for Students (OfS) funding initiative. These scholarships are to assist applicants from under-represented groups in AI and data science areas and are available for full and part-time routes of this course.

Before applying for a scholarship, you must have applied for the course and provided all the required documents, including reference letters.

For full details, application form and eligibility criteria please go to this [link](#)

Funds administered by Solent's Student Funding Team

Note – Opening and closing dates may be subject to change at short notice.

SUPPORT GRANT

This means tested grant is for students who are experiencing financial difficulty and who have exhausted all other sources of funding. It can be used to help towards rent, food, utility bills, course costs etc.

'Home' UK and eligible EU*, full-time and part-time undergraduate (U/G) and postgraduate (P/G) students can apply. All applicants must be in receipt of their FULL funding entitlement of tuition fee loan and maintenance loan or postgraduate loan. Applications open Monday 16 October 2023 to Friday 21 June 2024. For full details, application form and eligibility criteria please go to this [link](#)

*EU students **with settled status** and in receipt of their full UK student funding (Maintenance Loan (ML) or Postgraduate loan (PGL)).

SUMMER GRANT

This fund **may** be available during the summer vacation (July & August) for continuing students who cannot work e.g., lone parents, disabled students, or those re-sitting exams. The eligibility criteria are the same as for the Support Grant. Dates will be published in 2024. For full details, application form and eligibility criteria please go to this [link](#)

UNDERGRADUATE QAHE FINANCIAL SUPPORT GRANT

A non-repayable means-tested grant is available to students who require extra financial support to help meet costs which are not already being met from other statutory courses of funding or who have an unexpected financial crisis.

To be eligible, students must have **home** fee status, enrolled on a full-time undergraduate course and receive the maximum maintenance loan that they are eligible for. **Students must have received the first loan instalment before applying. PLEASE NOTE: EU STUDENTS WITH PRE-SETTLEMENT/INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY**

COURSE COSTS GRANT

This is a means-tested grant to help support students who have **compulsory** course costs and/or final major project costs (not general costs such as books, stationary etc). The eligibility criteria are the same as for the Support Grant. Applications open Monday 2 October 2023 to Friday 21 June 2024. For full details, application form and eligibility criteria please go to this [link](#)

UNPAID PLACEMENT GRANT

This grant is available to support students who have been offered a **short-term unpaid placement** which lasts a minimum of 10 working days (or 100 hours) and a maximum of 20. If over 20 days, students can still apply but we will only assess up to 20 working days' worth of costs. It is not for whole year placements, social work, or nursing placements.

Only full time 'home' UK and EU (U/G and P/G) are eligible to apply. You can only apply once during your course for this grant. Applications open from Monday 16 October 2023 to Friday 12 July 2024* For full details, application form and eligibility criteria please go to this [link](#)

* If you arrange your placement **after** the closing date but it's before 31 August 2024, please contact student.funding@solent.ac.uk for advice.

ACCESSIBLE NEEDS SUPPORT GRANT

This grant is a contribution to support students requiring a diagnostic assessment in order to receive support from the university and the 'disabled students' allowance'. The eligibility criteria are the same as for the Support Grant. Students can also apply for financial support with the Blue Badge student parking permit. Applications open from 2 October 2023 until 21 June 2024. For full details, application

form and eligibility criteria please go to this [link](#)

INTERNATIONAL MARKETING PLACEMENT GRANT

This grant is available to support students who have been offered to take part in the International Marketing Week programme. The grant can help towards placement costs and travel. Once students apply for their placements, they will be given details how to apply for funding support. Full time 'Home' UK and EU (U/G and P/G) are eligible to apply.

CARE LEAVERS, FOYER FEDERATION AND SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION BURSARIES

Care leavers are recognised as a priority group as part of the university's admissions procedure for contextual offers. Our support package includes a **£1,500** bursary each academic year along with other support.

We also provide additional support to students who have lived in **Foyer Federation/supported accommodation**. This includes an annual bursary of **£1,500** each academic year. For full details, application forms and eligibility criteria please go to this [link](#) or [download our information leaflet](#)

If successful, you will receive the bursary in instalments over the academic year, providing you remain on, and demonstrate an acceptable level of engagement, with your course. The deadline to submit applications is 21 June 2024.

CARERS' BURSARY

This non-repayable bursary of **£1,200** per year is awarded to carers who continue to have significant caring responsibilities whilst studying at university. Students must have been recognised as a carer by their local authority. It is paid in instalments over the academic year directly into the student's bank account. The deadline to submit applications is 21 June 2024. For full details, application form and eligibility criteria please go to this [link](#)

Carers must be aware that they are **not eligible** to receive the **DWP carers allowance** whilst in full time education.

ESTRANGED STUDENTS' BURSARY

This is a non-repayable bursary of **£1,500** per year awarded to students who have been assessed as an **estranged student** by student finance and continue to be estranged from their parents whilst they are studying at university. You must be a **Home UK** or **EU national with settled status**, full-time undergraduate student who has taken out their maximum entitlement of maintenance loan for the academic year. The deadline to submit applications is 21 June 2024.

For full details, application form and eligibility criteria please go to this [link](#)

GYPSY, ROMA, TRAVELLER, SHOWMAN, BOATER COMMUNITY BURSARY

Solent University is committed to the [GTRSB into Higher Education Pledge](#) The University recognises the unique individual experiences of Gypsy, Traveller, Roma, Showman and Boater students and how these may inhibit access and participation in Higher Education. The University has introduced this bursary to provide additional financial **and pastoral support** to GTRSB students.

If you're from the Gypsy, Traveller and Roma community, we will offer you a bursary of £500 in each year of study.

To be eligible students must:

- disclose your ethnicity of GTRSB on your **UCAS application form** or to the **University upon enrolment**
- You must be enrolled on a full-time undergraduate degree
- Be a home UK student or have settled status paying £9,250 fees
- have a household income less than £25,000 and receive the maximum maintenance loan

You can apply from 2 October 2023 to 21 June 2024

PARENTS BURSARY

This bursary is for students with children who are in receipt of their maximum maintenance loan and Student Finance Parents' Learning Allowance (PLA) / or child benefit and postgraduate loan (if postgraduate). Successful applicants will be awarded a one-off payment of **£300** for the academic year.

You can apply from 2 October 2023 to 21 June 2024. For full details, application form and eligibility criteria please go to this [link](#)

LOCAL STUDENT BURSARY SCHEME

The Local Student Bursary Scheme is entirely funded by alumni, former Solent students, staff and friends of Solent University. Through their kind donations we are able to support local students. It opens for 1 month each year from October to November. To be considered for a bursary you must be a UK student enrolled on a full-time undergraduate degree at Solent University along with other criteria. For full eligibility criteria and how to apply, visit this [webpage](#)

TECHNOLOGY BURSARY

This bursary is to help towards the costs of IT equipment needed to enable students to study online. This is a one-off payment of **£400** given as a voucher. It is for new foundation and first-year students **only**. Please refer to the information on the university website for full eligibility criteria with this [link](#)

UTILITIES BURSARY

A non-repayable bursary of **£125** is available to students who are living in the private rented sector and paying utility bills (gas and electricity). To be eligible students must be **Home** fee status, enrolled on a full time UG course, have received the maximum maintenance loan, indicating a parental/spousal income of under £25,000 living in the private rented sector and have evidence of paying utility bills. Private Halls of Residence and University Halls of Residence are excluded.

UNDERGRADUATE APRENTICESHIP BURSARY

A non-repayable bursary of £200 is available to students who are on apprenticeship courses to assist with the costs of attending university. To be eligible students must have **home** fee status, be enrolled as an apprentice, and have a household income under £25000 per annum.

USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

➤ Solent's Student Funding Team:

- Tel: 023 8201 5200 or by [email](#)
- Visit the Student Hub in the Spark

➤ Student Finance England:

- Tel: 0300 100 0607
- Visit their [website](#)

➤ Student Finance Wales:

- Tel: 0300 200 4050
- Visit their website [here](#)

➤ **Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS):**

- Tel:0300 555 0505
- Visit their website [here](#)

➤ **Student Finance NI:**

- Tel: 0300 100 0077
- Visit their 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.