

2015/16 Student Support Package (UK Full Time Undergraduate Students)

We have created a £1,000 per year non-repayable Student Support Package for **new full-time first year undergraduate students** to enable access to Higher Education to remain within reach for those who wish to go to University.

Our 2015/16 Student Support Package will mean that £1,000 per year of study is available to every UK undergraduate full-time student coming from a household with an income up to and including £25,000.

The £1000 package is available for each year of study on a full-time undergraduate course (including integrated Master's MChem and MEng degree courses) with fees of £9,000.

The £1,000 package will also be available to our new Foundation Year students (with fees of £6,000).

In order to be eligible for the MMU Student Support Package, you must meet all the following criteria:

- You are a **new MMU student** commencing **year 1** of your full undergraduate degree in the 2015/16 academic year.
- Or
- You were a new Foundation year student in 2014/15 academic year, progressing onto year 1 of your linked degree in 2015/16..
- You are paying tuition fees under the **new tuition fee regime** - £9,000
- Or
- You are a new student commencing a Foundation year and paying fees of £6,000 in 2015/16.
- Your course of study is **not** externally funded (e.g. through the NHS).
- Your **household income** is up to and including **£25,000** per year.
- You have applied online to be income assessed by **Student Finance** at <http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance>.

- You have a **UK Student Support Number** (English, Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish students).
 - You are not on a top up course.
 - **Further terms and conditions can be found at the end of this document.**
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How do I apply?

- You do not need to make a separate application to MMU. All the information we require to assess you for the Student Support Package is covered when you apply online to Student Finance for your tuition fee loan, maintenance loan or grant at <http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance>.
 - When making your application to Student Finance, you must **consent to share your household income** details with MMU. If your parent(s)/guardian/partner has been income assessed to support your application, **they must give their consent to share as well.**
 - If you have already processed your application, please check to ensure consent has been given to share the information with MMU prior to the start of the Academic year. If we cannot view your income, we cannot assess you for the Student Support Package. You can check your online account with Student Finance or for more information Student Finance can be contacted on **0300 1000612**.
 - If you have selected a Student Support Package option choice during your MMU Year 1 online enrolment, we will notify you by email during the first term to confirm whether or not you are eligible once your income details have been verified. If you remain eligible your support will automatically be topped up onto your met card after your first year.
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How can I use my Student Support Package?

- **Year 1:**

You can use your MMU Student Support Package in a combination of the following ways:

- An **accommodation fee discount of £1,000.** (Discount can only be used for MMU student accommodation contracts that are direct with the University and external Hall students when the accommodation has been arranged by MMU).
- Credit of up to **£1,000** on the **met card** (cash free facility).

You can use your met card at various locations check for the latest information at www.mmu.ac.uk/metcard. Updated FAQ's for 2015/16 will be available before the start of term at www.mmu.ac.uk/ask

You will receive the full year 1 allocation of £1,000 in two stages as follows:

- **£500 in term 1 – 30th October 2015**
- **£500 in term 2 – 29th January 2016**

Additional financial support of £1,000 top up onto **met cards** (50% in October and January) will also be in place for similarly eligible students who continue to progress each academic year on their full time study paying the full rate of tuition fees.

How do I select my Year 1 option?

During your **online enrolment**, you will be asked to select your option for how you wish your Student Support Package to be paid **if you are eligible**.

	Term 1 £500	Term 2 £500
Option 1	Accommodation	Accommodation
Option 2	Met Card	Met card

Please note:

- **All** new full-time undergraduate and foundation year students will be asked to select their option for the Student Support Package, however **not all students will be eligible**. If you **are** eligible, **MMU will contact you during the first term following your enrolment**.
- The option selected during online enrolment is final and **cannot be changed or amended later**.

Terms and Conditions

- You must complete the **full academic year** to be entitled to the full amount.
- **Your eligibility** for the Student Support Package **may change** during the academic year; for example, if Student Finance re-assesses your household income, or we receive relevant information about prior study resulting in Pre 2012/13 fees becoming chargeable. If this should happen, **MMU will notify you as soon as possible**.
- You should be aware that withdrawal/suspension from study may affect your eligibility for the award.

- If you receive an allocation to which you are not entitled, you **will** be required to repay this to MMU.
 - If you are paying your own fees to MMU and would like to discuss a tuition fee waiver please call into your Finance Service Centre (Righton Building Manchester campus or College House Cheshire campus).
 - Should you incur any **unpaid debts** to the University, MMU reserves the right to **withhold payment** of any entitlement until the debt is paid in full.
 - MMU may **withhold** your entitlement in the event of poor or non-attendance on your course.
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