

Funding your postgraduate studies - Information for applicants 2021 entry

Quick guide

- You will need to make adequate provision for your tuition fees and living costs
- UK students can apply for a non-means tested Postgraduate Masters loan. The eligibility criteria and amounts available vary, according to where you live. See the table below.
- A bursary of £1,000 is available for up to 10 UK students, on MA Music course, from lower income households
- There are some external scholarships which you can apply for on a competitive basis, including full fee awards – read on to see what might apply to you. Note the deadlines!
- UK students with a disability or learning difficulty, may be eligible for the Disabled Students Allowance.

How much are the tuition fees?

Course	Home & EU students	International students
MA Music (3 semesters)	£11,000	£17,500
PGDip (2 semesters)	£7,000	£12,000

- International students undertaking the MA courses may be offered scholarship of £1,000, in the form of a partial fee waiver. This will be indicated in your offer letter.
- Tuition fees pay for the cost of teaching, assessment, validation, the facilities, support and administration of your course.
- Tuition fees for postgraduate courses are not regulated so fees vary between providers
- Tuition fees are payable by semester for Home students and in full before enrolment for international students

Alumni discount

A discount of 10% is available to students who have completed an undergraduate degree at Leeds Conservatoire and who subsequently proceed onto a Master's degree.

Postgraduate Masters Loan

Some of this information is applicable for 2020 entry – See the websites listed for updated information for 2021 entry in Spring 2021

Domicile	Funding available	Repayment system	Further information
England	Non-means tested loan for course and/or living costs - maximum £11,570 - Paid direct to student in 3 instalments.	Repay at 6% of income over the threshold – currently £21,000. Interest rate= RPI plus 3%	https://www.gov.uk/masters-loan

Wales	Up to £17,000 available as a combination of grant and loan dependent on household income, for tuition fees and living costs.	Repay at 6% of income over the threshold – currently £21,000. Interest rate= RPI plus 3%	www.studentfinancewales.co.uk
Northern Ireland	Tuition fee loan – Maximum £5,500 paid direct to conservatoire	Repay at 9% of income over the threshold – currently £18,935	www.studentfinancenir.co.uk/types-of-finance/postgraduate/
Scotland	Tuition fee loan – maximum £5,500 paid direct to conservatoire Maintenance – maximum £4,500	Repay at 9% of income over the threshold- currently £18,330	www.saas.gov.uk/full_time/pg

- The residence requirements are complex – please read the criteria before applying.
- Applicants must be aged under 60 on 1 September in the year of entry.
- The loans are available for the full time MA's only (not PG Dip)
- The loans are not be available to those who already hold an equivalent level qualification
- If you had an Undergraduate loan you should use the same Customer Reference Number.
You will need your passport number, National Insurance number, and bank account details.

Disabled Students Allowance

DSAs are non-repayable grants to help pay for essential costs which you might have as a direct result of a disability, including a long term health condition, mental health condition, or specific learning difficulty. DSA can cover costs such as personal support, travel, and assistive technology. You can apply for DSA if you meet the eligibility requirements for the Postgraduate loans and they are not means tested. To apply, use the links listed above.

Leeds Conservatoire Postgraduate Bursary

Home students who have an offer of a place on the MA Music course may apply for a cash bursary of £1,000 to help towards study and living costs. There are 10 bursaries available and applicants must **apply by 30th April 2021**. This is not an automatic entitlement- there are 10 bursaries available only. Priority is given to applicants from the lowest income households. For more information and the application form go to www.leedsconservatoire.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate-study/fees-funding/ or email studentfunding@leedsconservatoire.ac.uk

Scholarships

Leverhulme Trust Arts Scholarship

Four scholarships of £10,000 towards the tuition fees are available to UK applicants with outstanding potential, and who are in financial need. If successful applicants are entitled to the alumni discount, the tuition fees are reduced by 10%, so the balance of the scholarship will be paid to the student. The standard audition and interview process will apply but applicants will also be asked to provide a statement and evidence outlining their financial circumstances, and if under 25, a copy of their last Student Finance financial entitlement letter, from their undergraduate studies. The deadline for applications is 30th April 2021. Applications forms are available here:

www.leedsconservatoire.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate-study/fees-funding/

Help Musicians UK – Postgraduate Awards 2020

Applicants can apply directly to Help Musicians for financial support, for performance related studies. The average amount awarded is £2,780 and applicants are assessed according to financial need, musical potential, and ability to sustain a career. Applicants must be UK residents for at least 3 years prior to application. Read the full information here: www.helpmusicians.org.uk/creative-programme/current-opportunities/postgraduate-awards

The Countess of Munster Musical Trust

Postgraduate applicants can apply for awards from £2,000 to £4,000 from **1st January to 10th February 2021**. This is open to classical and jazz performers, and composers. For more information see www.munstertrust.org.uk/awards/funding-available . You can apply before you have an offer of a place on a course, but please read all the criteria and FAQ first.

Yorkshire Ladies Council of Education award

Female postgraduate students who are eligible to pay Home fees can apply for an award directly to this local charity to help with study costs. www.ylce.org

Other funding sources

The following websites have links and search directories for other sources of funding according to your specific criteria. Note that most charities and grant making trusts expect you to apply very early and in many cases to audition. Applications for most awards are usually very competitive and you are advised to apply early.

- www.prospects.ac.uk/funding_postgraduate_study.htm
- www.helpmusicians.org.uk/
- www.munstertrust.org.uk/
- www.emimusicfoundation.com/index.php/site/resources

Advice on applying for external scholarships and bursaries: www.helpmusicians.org.uk/creative-programme/advice-for-funding-applications

Contact Us

Email: studentfunding@leedsconservatoire.ac.uk

