Finance guide

For medical students studying in Northern Ireland

2021/22
Finance while studying at university is a bewildering and complicated business for students.

Financial entitlements and available funding differs according to where you live, whilst you are studying medicine in the UK.

This guide has been put together to provide you with the information you need to navigate through the world of student finance in Northern Ireland, and to point you in the direction of the help and support that is available.
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Undergraduate from elsewhere in UK and studying in Northern Ireland?

You are entitled to:

Student loan for tuition fees
Non-means tested and may cover the full tuition fees, capped at £9,250 per annum in the academic year 2020-2022 for UK citizens domiciled in England, Scotland and Wales.

Student loan for maintenance
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Maintenance grant and special support grant
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QUB bursary
If entitled to full maintenance grant and special support grant, QUB provides bursary of approx £400 to help with living costs and expenses.

NHS bursary for fifth year tuition fees
Non-means tested; up to £1,000 awarded. However, maintenance loan reduced if bursary used towards for tuition fees.

You are not entitled to:

Student loan for tuition fees
As you are studying medicine as a second degree. (2021/22 tuition fee – £9,250)

Graduate from elsewhere in UK and studying in Northern Ireland?

You are entitled to:

Maintenance loan
Paid directly to you in three instalments across the year. The amount you receive depends on the student finance company of the UK country you are from:

Wales
www.studentfinancewales.co.uk
Scotland
www.saas.gov.uk
England
www.gov.uk/student-finance
Northern Ireland
www.studentfinanceni.co.uk

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BMA Charities trust fund
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As you are studying medicine as a second degree. (2021/22 tuition fee – £9,250)