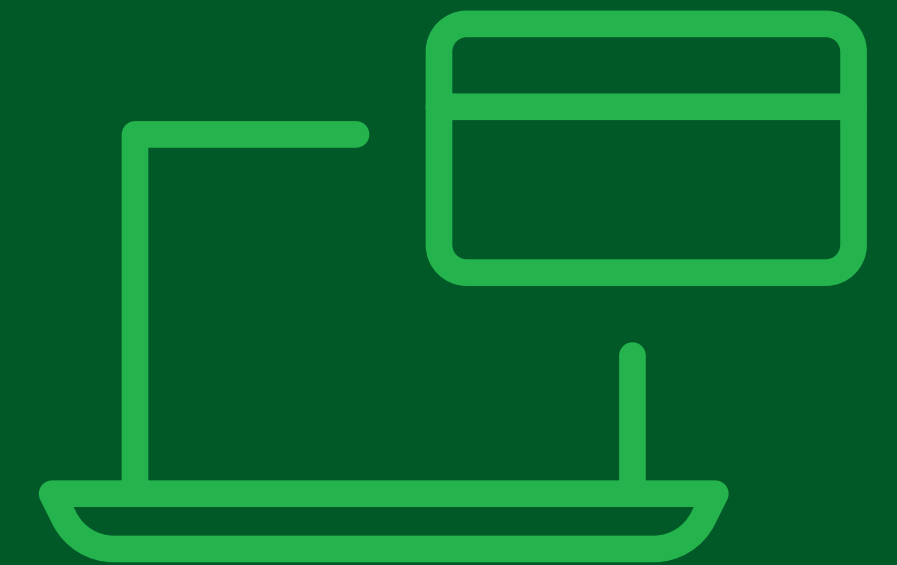
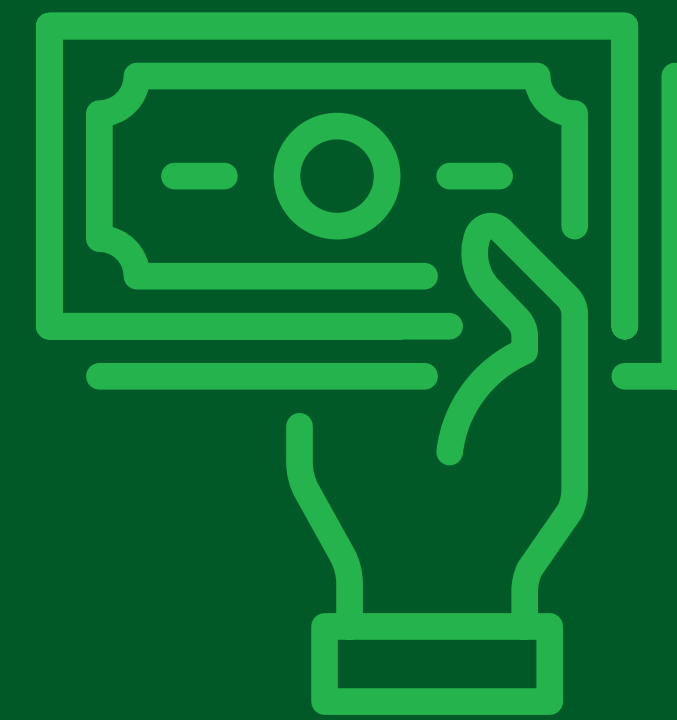


Finance guide



Northern Ireland



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.



Undergraduate from Northern Ireland and studying in Northern Ireland?

You are entitled to:

Student loan for tuition fees

Non means-tested; can cover full annual tuition fee of £4,530 for 2021-22 academic year.

www.studentfinancenl.co.uk

Student loan for maintenance

Means-tested; up to £6,780 can be awarded; allocated based on whether you are still living with parents/guardians or away from home; paid out in three instalments throughout academic year.

www.studentfinancenl.co.uk

Maintenance grant and special support grant

Means-tested and non-repayable. Up to £3,475 is awarded.

These grants can be applied for alongside any other available finance, including a maintenance loan, as part of the student finance application each year.

If a student is eligible for a special support grant they cannot get a maintenance grant too.

www.studentfinancenl.co.uk

QUB bursary

Paid directly to an eligible student's bank account in one instalment, normally in mid-February on the basis of a student's verified household income. Approximately £440 will be awarded.

NHS bursary for fifth year tuition fees

Non-means tested. Department of Health pay full tuition fee contribution (£4,530 for 2021-22). However, the maintenance loan is reduced when you use this bursary for tuition fees.

www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/health-professional-courses

Additional funding:

This can include disabled students' allowance, childcare grant, adult dependants' grant, parents' learning allowance, travel grant.

www.studentfinancenl.co.uk

BMA Charities trust fund

bma.org.uk/about-us/who-we-are/bma-charities

Graduate from Northern Ireland and studying in Northern Ireland?

You are entitled to:

Maintenance loan (non-means tested if under 25 years of age)

Approximately £4,000 per year awarded.

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Supplementary grants: This can include disabled students' allowance, childcare grant, adult dependants' grant, parents' learning allowance, travel grant.

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BMA Charities trust fund

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You are not entitled to:

As you are studying medicine as a second degree and have previously received funding for more than two years of higher education (currently applicable to QUB graduate medical students).

Maintenance grant or special support grant

NHS bursary for 5th year tuition fees

Not offered to graduates from NI.

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

Means-tested; up to £11,930 can be awarded (please check relevant nations' student finance website); allocated based on whether you are still living with parents/guardians; paid out in three instalments.

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Maintenance grant and special support grant

Means-tested and non-repayable. Up to £10,124 is awarded (please check relevant nations' student finance website). Only available if your household income is below £41,065. These grants can be applied for alongside any other available finance, including a maintenance loan, as part of the student finance application each year. If a student is eligible for a special support grant, they cannot get a maintenance grant too.

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NHS bursary for fifth year tuition fees

For detailed information on NHS bursaries for each nation, visit:

England

nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students

Scotland

saas.gov.uk

Wales

nwssp.nhs.wales

If you're eligible for an NHS bursary, the NHS pays your standard tuition fees. These are paid directly to your university. However, maintenance loan will be reduced if bursary used towards for tuition fees.

NHS Grant

You may also get a fixed amount of £1,000 if you're an eligible, full-time NHS student. You'll get a reduced amount if you're a part-time student. You must apply for an NHS bursary to get the NHS grant.

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. For additional funding information, visit:

Wales

www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

Scotland

www.saas.gov.uk

England

www.gov.uk/student-finance

Northern Ireland

www.studentfinancenl.co.uk

You are not entitled to:

Student loan for tuition fees

As you are studying medicine as a second degree (2021/22 tuition fee – up to £9,250). Please check relevant websites for exact information.

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