

## Financial help for students 2017 / 2018

### The Bursary Fund

**We have an allocation of funds to support students in financial need. The purpose of the Fund is to:**

- assist students who may have difficulties in completing their course because of financial considerations
- assist students with unforeseen emergencies where completion of the course could be jeopardised by financial constraints
- help students with direct costs of study such as transport, books, equipment, exam resits, essential field trips

**To Qualify:**

- As a general guide, students who have a household income of up to £20,000 per annum should apply to the Bursary Fund if they require financial assistance. We will consider applications from students with a household income of up to £25,000 for a reduced bursary. You will be required to complete an application form and submit evidence of household income, usually your Tax Credit Award Notice. If your application is successful you will receive your award for agreed costs, for example train/bus fares, and you will be reimbursed into the bank account which you specify on your application form when the used train/bus tickets are handed into the bursary office. A full bursary award is usually up to £800 for the academic year.
- If you are worried about any financial aspect of your course, we will of course consider your application.
- A cash bursary of £1,200 a year is available for students in the following four defined vulnerable groups: in care; care leavers; in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit in place of Income Support in their own right; in receipt of Employment Support Allowance or Universal Credit and also in receipt of Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments.

**To Qualify for Free College Meals you or your parents/carers should be in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:** Income Support; Income-based Jobseekers Allowance; Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA); Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; the guarantee element of State Pension Credit; Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC)); Working Tax Credit Run-On paid for 4 weeks after someone stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit; during the initial roll out of the benefit, Universal Credit.

**Application Form:**

You can either download an application form from our website

<http://www.godalming.ac.uk/applying/financial-help> or telephone College, details below, for an application form.

**NOT SURE WHETHER YOU QUALIFY?**

**PLEASE CONTACT US - WE WELCOME ENQUIRIES**

Telephone Val Jones, Senior Administrator, Bursary Fund

or email: [valjones@godalming.ac.uk](mailto:valjones@godalming.ac.uk)