

## Financial help for students 2019 / 2020

### 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, university interviews and open days

***To Qualify:***

- As a general guide, students who have a household income of up to £21,000 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 £26,000 for a reduced bursary. You will be required to complete an application form and submit evidence of household income, usually copies of your last three Universal Credit monthly award notices. 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 approximately £800.
- 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; receiving Income Support, or Universal Credit because they are financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them such as a child or partner; receiving Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in their own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit in their own right.

***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 Jobseeker's Allowance; income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA); support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; the guaranteed 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; Universal Credit with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7,400 pa.

***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)