



Funding Your Postgraduate Studies - Information for Applicants 2022 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.
- Leeds Conservatoire Bursary, minimum £1000, towards living costs for students from lower income households – details will be available on the website from March 2022.
- 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 Students	International Students
MA Music (3 semesters)	£11,000	£18,300
PGDip (2 semesters)	£7,000	£12,500

- International students can apply for the Leeds Conservatoire scholarship, this will be given in the form of a partial fee waiver. **Note: closing date 6th May 2022**
- 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

Note: Some of this information is applicable for 2021 entry only – please check the websites listed from Spring 2022 for updated information for September 2022 entry.

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 £18,025 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 £19,895	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 £25,000	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 PGDip)
- 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 a Masters course can apply for a cash bursary to help towards study and living costs. A limited number will be available – information and how to apply will be advertised on here: www.leedsconservatoire.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate-study/fees-funding/ or email studentfunding@leedsconservatoire.ac.uk

Scholarships

Help Musicians UK – Postgraduate Awards 2022

Applicants can apply directly to Help Musicians for financial support, for performance related studies. Awards between £1,000 and £5,000 are available to MA Music and Musical Direction applicants in financial need to help with cost of the course and living costs. Applicants are assessed according to financial need, musical potential, and ability to sustain a career and must be UK residents for at least 183 days prior to application. Help Musicians strongly encourages applications from students from underrepresented backgrounds, including those from black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds; D/deaf and disabled people; and those from lower socio-economic groups.

Read more information and apply on the [Help Musicians UK Website](#).

Application deadline Monday 7th March 2022 9:00 am

The Countess of Munster Musical Trust

Postgraduate applicants can apply for awards from **1st January to 10th February 2022**. 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:

<https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/creative-programme/advice-for-funding-applications->

Contact Us

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