

Funding your postgraduate studies - Information for applicants 2023 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 Postgraduate Progression Scholarship - 15 scholarships are available to alumni who have an offer of a place on a MA course at Leeds Conservatoire and belong to one or more of our underrepresented groups, will be automatically awarded a 10% discount on tuition fees. This is an additional 10% discount to your alumni discount, which means you will receive a total of 20% discount on the full price of your course.
- 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 Fees	International Fees
MA Music	£11,300	£18,750
MA Dramaturgy	£8,250	£14,000
MA Musical Direction	£8,250	£14,000
MA Musical Theatre Company	£14,500	£18,750
MA Musical Theatre Creatives	£11,300	£17,750

- 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.
- Home students can pay fees in full before/at registration or in 3 instalments.
- International students are required to make full payment before registration.

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

Domicile	Funding available	Repayment system	Further information
England	Non-means tested loan for course and/or living costs - maximum £12,167 - Paid direct to student in 3 instalments.	Repay at 6% of income over the threshold – currently £21,000. Interest rate = 6.9%	https://www.gov.uk/masters-loan
Wales	Up to £18,770 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= 6.9%	www.studentfinancewales.co.uk
Northern Ireland	Tuition fee loan – Maximum £6,500 paid direct to conservatoire	Repay at 9% of income over the threshold – currently £22,015	www.studentfinanceni.co.uk/types-of-finance/postgraduate/
Scotland	Tuition fee loan – maximum £7,000 paid direct to conservatoire Maintenance – maximum £4,500	Repay at 9% of income over the threshold- currently £25,375	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 students studying a full time MA
- 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.

Additional Funding

Leeds Conservatoire Postgraduate Progression Scholarship	15 scholarships are available to alumni who have an offer of a place on a MA course at Leeds Conservatoire and belong to one or more of our underrepresented groups, will be automatically awarded a 10% discount on tuition fees.	Once an offer of study has been made, we will assess the details on your application and within your student record. We will do this automatically if the application shows you are a Leeds Conservatoire graduate. The deadline for equal consideration is 31 st July 2023. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by the end of August 2023.
Alumni discount	10% discount for students who have completed an undergraduate degree at Leeds Conservatoire.	No application required, discount will be applied to account on registration.
Help Musicians UK – Postgraduate Awards	Awards between £1,000 and £5,000 for performance related studies.	Applications now closed for 2023 entry. leedsconservatoire.info/hmpostgrad
The Countess of Munster Musical Trust	Awards from £2,000 to £4,000 for classical and jazz performers, and composers	Applications now closed for 2023 entry. For more information see Munster Trust website .
Yorkshire Ladies Council of Education award	Awards between £200 to £400 for female postgraduate towards course fees. Paid directly to the conservatoire.	Applications are assessed in September, March and June. Completed forms must be received by the first day of the relevant month. Find out more on the YCLE Awards Website
Ian Fleming Musical Theatre Award	Awards between £1,000 and £5,000 for Musical Theatre Company and Musical Direction applicants.	Applicants are assessed according to financial need, musical potential and ambition to create a sustainable career within the industry. Applications are now closed for 2023 entry. Read more information on the Help Musicians UK Website .
Snowdon Masters Scholarships	Awards of up to £30,000 for national and international disabled students applying for a full MA programme in the UK.	Applications are now closed. Find out more information on the Snowdon Masters Scholarship website .

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
- <https://getintotheatre.org/opportunities?type=funding>
- <https://www.blackbullion.com/>

Advice on applying for external scholarships and bursaries:

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

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