

Student Support Fund

Application form

2025 -26



PLEASE READ THIS SECTION AND THE ACCOMPANYING GUIDANCE NOTES BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

APPLICATIONS OPEN ON 1 NOVEMBER 2025 – if you submit your form earlier it will be held until after 1 November 2025*. CLOSING DATES: See accompanying guidance notes for closing dates.

*You may submit your application before 1 November 2025 if you are facing an unexpected financial crisis. You may also submit your application after the closing date if you wish to apply for a summer vacation UoC Student Support Fund award (from 1 July 2026) because you are a lone parent/unable to find employment due to a disability or ill health.

Your application cannot be processed and will be delayed if you do not answer all the appropriate sections and attach all relevant documents. Please see page 8 for further details. Answer all the questions by typing into the relevant text boxes and marking boxes with an X.

Please save your completed electronic application in a Microsoft Word compatible format with your name as the file name (i.e. JohnSmith.doc) and return your completed form to studentsupportfund@cumbria.ac.uk using your **University email account**.

You must scan your supporting evidence documents and include these scans in the email you send back to us. **Your evidence will be required before we can process your application.**

- This form is available in alternative formats. Please email studentsupportfund@cumbria.ac.uk

Part 1: Your personal details

1. Student number

2. Your first names (in full)

3. Your surname (in full)

4. Your full correspondence address

5. Contact number

Part 2: Course details

6. Course title

7. Level

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Undergraduate

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Postgraduate

8. Campus

9. Are you studying:

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Full Time

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Part Time

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Distance Learning

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Apprenticeship

10. Start Date of Course (DD/MM/YYYY)

11. Year of course e.g. 1,2,3

Part 3: Term details – where will you live during this academic year?

12. Where will you live during this academic year?

Term 1

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Elsewhere or own home

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Living with parent(s)

Term 2

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Elsewhere or own home

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Living with parent(s)

Term 3

☐

Elsewhere or own home

☐

Living with parent(s)

13. If you have chosen elsewhere or own home, do you live:

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Alone

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In a Hall of Residence

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With a partner/spouse

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In shared accommodation

14. Are you a Care Leaver or Estranged from your parents?

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No

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Yes

15. Have you applied for Universal Credit?

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No

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Yes

Part 4: Your dependents

16. Do you have any children who are financially dependent on you?

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No

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Yes

If yes, please give details:

Full name | Date of birth

*If you need to, continue
on a separate sheet and
attach it to this form.*

17. Do you have any adults who are financially dependent on you?

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No

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Yes

If yes, please give details:

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Part 5: Disability / special medical needs

18. Do you have a disability or chronic medical condition?

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No

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Yes

19. Have you applied for a Disabled Student's Allowance (DSA)?

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No

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Yes

20. Do you wish to apply for any financial assistance towards any special equipment/material not covered by the DSA or for assistance towards the cost of a diagnostic test for a learning disability, e.g. dyslexia?

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No

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Yes

If yes, please give details:

If you need to, continue on a separate sheet and attach it to this form.

Part 6: Your income – all students must complete this section

21. Please give the amounts of any income you and your partner receive in 2025-26. Please state the frequency the amount specified is paid. (Weekly/Monthly/Annually)

STUDENT FUNDING	YOU	YOUR PARTNER
Tuition fee loan	£	£
Student loan for maintenance	£	£
Maintenance Grant/Special Support Grant	£	£
Scholarship/Bursary	£	£
NHS Learning Support Fund Training Grant	£	£
NHS Bursary	£	£
Social Work Bursary	£	£
Teaching Agency Bursary	£	£
Adult Dependents Grant / Parent's Learning Allowance	£	£
Childcare Grant	£	£
Postgraduate Loan	£	£
TAX CREDITS AND BENEFITS		
Child Benefit	£	£
Universal Credit	£	£
	£	£
Job Seeker's Allowance/ESA	£	£
Housing Benefit	£	£
Council Tax Benefit	£	£
DLA/PIP (including any received for dependants)	£	£
Other benefits	£	£
OTHER EARNED OR UNEARNED INCOME		
Net earnings from paid work <i>(please note depending upon your circumstances we may not include actual earnings but instead use an "assumed income" to cover earnings, an overdraft and a parental contribution)</i>	£	£
Child Maintenance / Child Support	£	£
Parental / partner contribution	£	£
Other – (please specify)	£	£
<i>(e.g. investments, savings, ISAs)</i>	£	£
Care Leavers Grant	£	£
Sponsorship / scholarship / trusts	£	£
TOTAL INCOME	per week/month/year (delete as applicable)	£

Part 7: Student (and partner's) expenditure – all students must complete this section

Please note that you do NOT need to provide evidence for all these costs. Please refer to page 8 for details of evidence we require (scans of original documents).

22. Composite Living Costs

(Weekly / Monthly / Annually)

Rent / Mortgage	£
Council Tax	£
Composite Living costs (CLCs) – see table below to insert figure	£
Childcare costs	£
Travel costs (visits home if applicable)	£
Travel costs (daily travel during term time) – <i>public transport costs will be used unless you are a student with children/have a disability and then we will use a mileage rate of 0.30p a mile. Travel costs may be capped.</i>	£
Books/equipment/course costs	£
Child Maintenance	£
Other costs 1.	£
(please specify) 2.	£
Debts (please specify for each debt listed)	
Debt 1.	£
Debt 2.	£
Debt 3.	£

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

per week/month/year (delete as applicable)

£

A Composite Living Costs (CLCs) **weekly** figure has been determined based on government figures to cover expenditure on basic costs such as food, household bills, clothes, utilities, landline and mobile phones, internet access, entertainment etc. Please insert the appropriate figure into your CLC box above:

Studying Outside London

Single student	£133
Student with partner	£204
Lone parent with 1 child under 16	£290
Lone parent with 2 children u16	£409
Student with partner and 1 child u16	£361
Student with partner and 2 children u16	£480

Studying in London

Single student	£181
Student with partner	£245
Lone parent with 1 child under 16	£339
Lone parent with 2 children u16	£460
Student with partner and 1 child u16	£403
Student with partner and 2 children u16	£524

An additional claim of £119 per child may be made by students with more than 2 children.

Part 8: Travel costs – all students must complete this section

23. How do you travel to attend your course?

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Walk/cycle

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Bus

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Car

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Train

Other (please specify)

24. If you have a partner, does he/she travel to attend work/university?

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No

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Yes

If yes, please provide details, including the post code :

Part 9: Supporting statement

25. a) State why you are in financial difficulty and why you believe your situation to be exceptional and to merit additional support (continue on a separate sheet if necessary).

b) If you were to receive an award in what way would this make a difference to you as a student, how would it help you to progress?

Please answer both part a & part b, continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Part 10: Bank/Building Society details

26. Please list here all bank and building society accounts you and your partner hold. (Continue on an additional sheet).

1. Name of bank/building society				
Branch title e.g. town				
Current balance:		As at (date)		
Do you have an overdraft facility?	☐ No	☐ Yes	Amount:	
2. Name of bank/building society				
Branch title e.g. town				
Current balance		As at (date)		
Do you have an overdraft facility?	☐ No	☐ Yes	Amount:	

Documentation

You should supply evidence of your last two months' full bank statements relating to **ALL** of your account(s). These statements/savings books must show your name and bank details - mini statements or photographs are not acceptable. **Please explain any debits or credits over £100 that appear on your statements.**

Applications submitted without relevant bank statements will not be considered.

Part 11: Guidance notes – payment

27. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Payments from the UoC Student Support Fund are normally made by bank transfer from the University Payments Team. Students **must** complete a student bank details form and submit this via e-mail from their **University e-mail account**. Please visit <http://www.cumbria.ac.uk/study/student-finance/student-bank-details/> to access the form.

Any change of bank details must be completed through the above process, and it is your responsibility to notify the University Payments Team of any in-year account changes.

In the event of any problems with the bank details form, please contact the University Payments Team by emailing accountspaybleteam@cumbria.ac.uk.

Failure to complete this will delay any award payment.

Part 12: Declarations

28. I certify that to the best of my knowledge, I fulfil the following criteria (please tick the relevant boxes)

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I am a UK National

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I am an EU National

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I am from outside of the UK

1. I declare that the information that I have given on this form is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.
2. I understand that giving false information will automatically disqualify my application and may lead to disciplinary procedures resulting in possible expulsion from the University of Cumbria. I further undertake to repay any loans/grants obtained by me as a result.
3. If I have an outstanding short-term emergency loan, I authorise it to be repaid from any award made.
4. I understand that outstanding debts to the university may impact on receiving an award.
5. In submitting this form, I understand that I am giving the Money Advice Team permission to contact any appropriate person within or external to the university to clarify or obtain information about me to process my application form. An external organisation will require my written permission to release information about me, and I understand that I will be contacted to request this information. If I have any concerns about this, I understand that I can contact the Money Advice Team.

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By ticking this box and entering your name below, you are agreeing to the above declarations. If you do not tick this box, we will not be able to process your application.

Your name:

Date:

Confidentiality

Applications are seen only by the UoC Student Support Fund Panel. It may be necessary for additional supporting information to be sought from other university staff for the Panel to reach a decision.

Data Protection

Please see our Current Students Privacy Notice for more information on how we handle your personal data and how to exercise your rights. Visit <https://www.cumbria.ac.uk/about/organisation/professional-services/vice-chancellors-office/data-protection>

Part 13: Student Checklist

29. Your application will not be accepted without the following evidence, which should be scanned and attached to your electronic application saved with your name and 'UoCSSF25'.

Please provide scans of the originals of each item of relevant documentary evidence. Your information shall be kept in accordance with UK Data Protection standards and will not be used for any other purpose than assessing your application.

• Recent full bank statement covering at least TWO months for ALL accounts. (You may provide downloads from online bank accounts if they show the URL/web address). Please do not send photographs of bank accounts	
• Notification of your student loans/grants/bursary	
• Proof of all benefits received by you and your partner (where applicable) – ALL pages of relevant award/entitlement letters	
• Up to date Tax Credit notification (ALL pages)	
• Tenancy agreement/mortgage statement	
• Council Tax bill if you have a partner or another (non-student) adult within the house	
• Proof of postgraduate funding (Postgraduate Loan/Other)	
• Proof of earned income for your partner (e.g. wage slips/P60) for the last three months	
• Proof of maintenance / child support (e.g. CSA letter)	
• Proof of any other income	
• Proof of any loans/credit cards/store cards – e.g. loan schedule, most recent statement	
• Proof of field trips (letter from tutor)	
• Proof of childcare costs (e.g. bill from childcare provider)	
• Other – please specify:	

Money Advice contacts

Contact us:

For all UoC Student Support Fund queries please email:

studentsupportfund@cumbria.ac.uk

For all other money and funding enquiries, contact the Money Advice Team through the [Student Enquiry Point](#)