

## **BURSARIES - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Am I entitled to a Bursary?**

If you are a FULL-TIME 'HOME' or 'EU' student registered on a degree course and are being charged a tuition fee of £3,375 during the 2011/2012 academic year, then you are entitled to a 'Variable Fees' Bursary.

### **How much am I entitled to?**

Everyone is entitled to a guaranteed minimum payment during each academic year. Depending on the year you began your course and your financial circumstances you may receive more than the guaranteed minimum.

### **Under which circumstances does it matter if I am a Dependent or Independent student?**

Anyone who started their course before the 2010/11 Academic Year and is under the age of 25 at the start of the first academic year is usually treated as a 'Dependent Student'. This means that your Bursary will be calculated on what is known as 'Household Income'.

### **What is 'Household Income'?**

It is the gross annual income of all wage earners living at your home address, less pension contributions and allowances for adult dependents and younger siblings.

### **How is the Bursary award calculated?**

If you have taken out a Tuition Fee Loan for all of your tuition fees for the year in question, then your Bursary entitlement is completed on behalf of the University by the Student Loans Company. If you have not taken out a Tuition Fee Loan in whole or in part, for whatever reason, then you need to complete one of the University's own Self Funding Bursary application forms which are downloadable from the main University website.

### **How often is the award paid out?**

Your entitlement is divided into three approximately equal amounts and paid to you towards the end of each term.

### **If I forget to apply in time for the first payment will I lose out?**

So long as you apply before the final deadline of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012 your award will be backdated so that you will not lose out on any previous payments for the year in question.

### **Do I have to take the payment by cheque or into my bank account?**

If Student Finance England is handling your Bursary, it can only be paid into your bank account. If you do not take out a Tuition Fee Loan, you have the choice of requesting that it be put towards any debt you have to the University or payment by cheque.

### **Can I apply for a Bursary award for a previous Academic Year?**

After the deadline for the year in question has passed, you cannot apply for either that or any previous years.

### **Will I be entitled to a Bursary if I take a gap year or am on a placement year?**

If you are not charged the full Variable Fee at any point during your studies, you will not be entitled to a Bursary for the year in question.