

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND (PGR)**

**Application for (UCL) POSTGRADUATE (DOCTORAL) RESEARCH (PGR) students only**

In order to make an application to the fund you must complete the following steps:

* **Step 1**

Read the Guidance Notes. These include an explanation of:

* Eligibility criteria
* How to complete this form
* How applications are assessed
* **Step 2**

Complete sections A-D of this form and collect the documents listed below.

**document checklist**

Applications submitted without adequate copies of the required documentation will **not** be accepted. Before you start on your form, please complete the checklist below:

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| **General:** | * Bank statement(s) for each bank account held (e.g. Current Account, Savings Account, Credit Card, NISA) covering the last 3 months in full, including annotations explaining debits and credits over £200. Screenshots from online banking are acceptable.
* Please give statements for both UK and International Bank accounts.
* Please make sure your name and the name of the bank is visible in the statement you upload.
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| **Income (where applicable):** | * Student Finance Notification letter from Student Finance England or home funding body.
* Evidence of Postgraduate Loan/Scholarship/Studentship/Other Grants.
* Evidence of income from work e.g. last 3 months’ payslips.
* Documentation to support any benefits or tax credits.
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| **Expenditure/****Costs:** | * Tenancy agreement showing evidence of your rent costs and/or mortgage statement showing costs for the **entire academic year –** if you have resided in more than one location, please provide evidence of all tenancies. If you do not have a tenancy agreement, please provide a signed letter from landlord or person you are paying rent to (e.g. family member)
* Evidence of any unexpected costs e.g. dated invoice for boiler repairs, laptop repairs etc.
* Proof of priority debts e.g. unsecured loans, rent arrears, council tax, fines etc.
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And where applicable:

| **Students with children** | * Copies of Birth Certificate(s) for all children
* Evidence of childcare costs (bank statements showing cash withdrawals/direct debits are not acceptable)
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* **Step 3**

Provide your bank details for payment.

To do so you will need to go to the “My Money” section and select the “View/update your bank details” option and enter them under the “Studentship Stipend” heading. Please ensure that a reference is entered; the reference is for your information only and is the wording that will appear on your bank statement when the award is paid in

* **Step 4**

Complete and submit this form attaching all relevant documentation via [AskUCL](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/askucl-student-enquiry-system) – select Log an Enquiry and choose Financial Assistance Fund (FAF) from the categories. Attach all of the relevant documents to the enquiry and put your student number in the subject line.

You should hear the outcome of your application within 3 weeks of submission of a complete application. Incomplete applications will not be assessed.

**COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM, EVEN IF ONLY ENTERING ‘NOT APPLICABLE’ (N/A)**

**SECTION A: About you**

1. **Personal Details**

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| UCL Student Number |        |
| Surname/Family Name |       | First Name/s |       |

Please note that all correspondence will be through your UCL email address.

1. **TERM-TIME Address**

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| City |       | Country |       |
| Do you Live: |  If other, please state:       |

1. **programme details**

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| Year of Study |  If other, please state:      |
| Is this your final year? |  In which academic year did your course start?      |

Any other programme information will be taken from the student system.

1. **bank accounts -** Please include 3 months of statements for ALL accounts

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| How many bank accounts do you have? |       |
| Please list all your Bank or Building Society accounts, including Current Account, Savings Account, ISA etc. | Name of Bank etc. | Type of Account held |
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1. **tuition fees**

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| How are you paying your Tuition Fees? |  If other, please state:       |
| Are you currently up to date with your Tuition Fee payments? |  |
| How will you be paying the remainder of your Tuition Fees? (if applicable) |        |

**SECTION B: Your circumstances**

1. **YOUR DEPENDANTS**

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| Do you have any children who are financially dependent on you? |  |
| If yes, please provide details:  | Full Name | Date of Birth DD/MM/YYYY |
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| Do you have any adults that are financially dependent on you? |  |
| If yes, please provide details:  | Full Name | Date of Birth DD/MM/YYYY |
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1. **disability / special needs**

The UCL Student Disability Service supports students with physical and sensory impairments, specific learning difficulties, autistic spectrum disorders, mental health issues, and long-term health conditions. You can contact them on **Tel** + 44 (0)207 679 0100 or by raising an enquiry through[**AskUCL**](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/askucl-student-enquiry-system)

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| Do you have a disability registered with the UCL Student Disability Service? |  |
| Have you applied for Disabled Students Allowance (DSA)?  |  |

1. **Income AND EXPENDITURE**

Please provide annual or monthly figures (as required) for the items relevant to your circumstances. Documentary evidence must be provided for certain items (with reference to the ‘Document Checklist’). Please note that predetermined expenditure levels will be used for certain general living costs – see section 4.6 of the guidance notes for more information).

| **INCOME (Please only enter one ANNUAL OR MONTHLY FIGURE)** | **Annual £** | **Monthly £** | **EXPENDITURE**  | **Monthly £** |
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| Scholarship / Studentship / Grant (for Tuition fees) |        |        | Rent / Mortgage (not including partner contribution) |       |
| Scholarship / Studentship / Grant (for living expenses) |        |        | Rent Paid to Parents/Family/Guardian if living at home |       |
| Savings at start of academic year for TUITION FEES |        |        | Building's Insurance (homeowner only) |       |
| Savings at start of academic year for LIVING EXPENSES |        |        | Credit Card Minimum Repayments |       |
| Postgraduate Loan (amount for maintenance only) |        |        | Personal Loan Repayment |       |
| Bank Loan (amount for maintenance only) |        |        | Other Debt Repayments  |       |
| Bank Loan (amount for TUITION FEES only) |        |        | Travel costs to UCL |       |
| Adult Dependant's Grant |        |        | Course costs (other than tuition fees) |       |
| Parent's Learning Allowance |        |        | Private Vehicle costs (with children or disabled only) |       |
| Childcare Grant |        |        | Disability cost |       |
| Net Earnings (part-time or weekend work) after tax |        |        | Childcare costs |       |
| Parental / Family / PARTNER Contribution, for living expenses  |        |                 | Council Tax (if applicable) |       |
| Parental / Family / PARTNER Contribution, for tuition fees  |        |       | INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT COSTS (PLEASE GIVE EVIDENCE)  |                 |
| Council Tax Benefit |        |        | Other costs (Please state)                |  |
| Housing Benefit |        |        |  |       |
| Disability Benefit (please specify) |        |        |  |       |
| Jobseeker's Allowance |         |        |  |                 |
| Working/Child Tax Credit |        |        |  |  |

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| **SECTION C: SUPPORTING STATEMENTS**1. Please explain how you intended to pay for your living expenses and course materials for the current academic year? You must clearly demonstrate how this plan provided **realistic, reasonable or adequate provision** (for more information, please see the Guidance Notes) to sustain you for this academic year.

      1. Please carefully explain why there has been a **change** in your financial plan for the current academic year forcing you into this unforeseen financial hardship?

      1. Please describe below, how you have, (prior to applying to FAF), attempted to meet your current financial need from all other sources of financial support available to you, for example, savings and investments, Government loans, family contributions, etc.

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| 1. Please indicate the minimum amount of award you think would alleviate your current financial need (please refer to the guidance notes for an explanation of the percentage of funding shortfall awarded and maximum award values depending on your personal circumstances):

£     1. Please describe how you would use the funds, should you be awarded a grant:

      1. How did you hear about the Financial Assistance Fund?

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**Section D:**

**confidentiality & data protection**

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| **Confidentiality - Data Protection Act (2018)**UCL’s privacy notices for current students set out how any personal data we collect will be processed.  The full notice can be found [here](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/legal-services/privacy/ucl-student-privacy-notice). The information provided in this application will be processed by the UCL Student Funding Office for the purposes of determining your eligibility for financial support / a place on an award scheme / scholarships programme. The information you have provided may also be shared with other UCL departments for information verification purposes, including your academic department, the Accommodation Office and the Student Support and Wellbeing Team.If you have provided special category personal data (for example, information about your ethnicity, health or disabilities), we need your consent to use this data. By signing the declaration below, you consent to UCL using your special category personal data for the purposes set out above. You may withdraw your consent at any time by contacting the Student Funding Office via AskUCL. Please note that this may result in your application and/or award being withdrawn if we are no longer able to determine your eligibility for support.**Award Termination**UCL reserves the right to terminate your award and recover any paid funds in certain cases, if, for example, you:* breach UCL’s [Code of Conduct for Students](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/academic-manual/sites/academic-manual/files/section_1_code_of_conduct_for_students_2018-19.pdf)
* are guilty of misconduct under the [Disciplinary Code](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/academic-manual/sites/academic-manual/files/section_8_student_disciplinary_procedure.pdf)
* provide false or incomplete information in the application

withdraw your consent to share information with UCL Student Funding if we are no longer able to determine your eligibility for support |

**student DECLARATION**

**Your application will not be valid unless this section is signed and dated:**

*By submitting this application to UCL on:*

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*(Submission Date – DD/MM/YYYY)*

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*(Print Name)*

 *Declare that:*

* I have read and understood the Data Protection statement and consent to UCL using the special category personal data that I have provided (if any) for the purposes set out in that statement.
* I understand that my application is valid only if all required information is provided and all required additional documents are enclosed and that the information provided is accurate and correct;
* the information I have provided is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge;
* I understand it will be considered a disciplinary offence if I knowingly provide false or incomplete information and I agree to repay in full any award obtained by me as a result.
* I understand that if this is my second financial assistance application this academic year, my circumstances have changed and I have included the necessary supporting documentation and I have not already received the maximum amount available.
* I understand that the Student Funding Office may approach me later in the academic year, on behalf of sponsors and donors, in order to provide feedback to encourage further donations to the funds to help alleviate future students’ financial distress.
* If required, I authorise the UCL Student Funding Office to discuss my application with a UCL Student Funding Advisor in order to provide full assistance with my circumstances.
* I understand that documents submitted with this application will not be returned to me

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*Signature*

**Please submit your application by opening an enquiry to Student Funding on** [**AskUCL**](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/askucl-student-enquiry-system)**, and submitting your evidence along with this form.**