Your guide to Disabled Students’ Allowance
What is the Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA)?

The Disabled Students’ Allowance can provide funding for support and equipment you might need to help you study.

The type of support and how much you get depends on your individual needs, not your household income.

What can the Disabled Students’ Allowance pay for?

You can get help with the costs of:

- specialist equipment and software
- specialist person-based support, such as a British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter or study skills tutor
- travel
Who is eligible for the Disabled Students’ Allowance?

To be eligible for DSA you should identify as having a disability that affects your ability to study:

- dyslexia or another Specific Learning Difference
- a sensory impairment
- a physical impairment
- a long-term health or mental health condition
- autism

When applying, you will need to provide evidence of your disability in line with the Equality Act 2010 definition of a disabled person.

Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA) is available to students who would qualify for UK student funding*.

You must also be studying a higher education degree programme at undergraduate or postgraduate level**.

If you are unsure of your eligibility, please contact Student Support and Wellbeing via the askUCL student enquiries system or by calling +44 (0)20 7679 0100.

* Students studying at undergraduate level from the Republic of Ireland can also apply for DSA funding, but must do this via the Student Support and Wellbeing team.

** Students who are funded by UKRI can also apply for DSA funding, but must do this via the Student Support and Wellbeing team.
How can I apply for the Disabled Students’ Allowance?

Students should apply directly to their funding body (see right) once they have an offer of a place to study – you do not have to be enrolled to apply. Students who are already enrolled and studying can still apply if they have not already done so.

If you are a student from the Channel Islands please contact your funding body as appropriate.

If you are having difficulty in applying for your DSA, please contact the Student Support and Wellbeing team via askUCL or by phone on +44 (0)20 7679 0100.

Alternatively, support can also be accessed through staff at Disability Rights UK by phone on +44 (0)330 995 0414 or emailing students@disabilityrights.org.

Get more information on how to apply from your funding body:

Student Finance England
遵循.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowance-dsa

Student Finance Wales
遵循.studentfinancewales.co.uk

Student Finance Northern Ireland
遵循.studentfinanceni.co.uk

Students Awards Agency for Scotland
遵循.saas.gov.uk/guides/disabled-students-allowance

NHS Bursary students
遵循.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-bursary-students/what-you-could-get
Find out more about UCL Student Support and Wellbeing at:

ucl.ac.uk/students/ssw

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