



2020 to 2021

Student Finance Resources - from research to repay



Research

Understanding student finance, what they can get, how they can get it and what it will mean for them is essential for every student.

A wide range of information is available online for undergraduate and postgraduate to help with this process:

- www.gov.wales/student-finance-higher-education
- www.ucas.com/finance/student-finance-wales

www.studentfinancewales.co.uk is an excellent reference point for undergraduate students and their parents, covering key steps of the student finance journey.

Not every student is the same and their circumstances can vary, particularly for those who are estranged from their family or are Care Leavers. Specialist organisations exist to provide targeted HE information for these groups:

Estranged: www.standalone.org.uk

Care Leavers: www.propel.org.uk

Additional financial support may also be available to many students:

- They should always check provider websites, prospectuses and ask at open days about bursaries, scholarships and other provider specific support.
- DiscoverUni can be used to search and compare courses, get an introduction to student finance and link to provider bursary and scholarship information: www.discoveruni.gov.uk
- The NHSBSA Learner Support Fund is available for students on nursing, midwifery and allied healthcare courses: www.nwssp.wales.nhs.uk/student-awards

Did you know?

SFW regularly update their news page to focus on specific areas of the student finance journey at the most appropriate time, including applications, Clearing and payments:

<https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/news/>

SFW's YouTube channel contains a range of informative films for students and their parents, these can be embedded on websites or social media feeds: www.youtube.com/SFWFILM

Apply & Assess

To ensure they receive their funding for the start of their course, students need to make sure they apply on time. Many students can find out all they need online and by logging into their account:

- Payment schedules including estimated dates and the status of payments can be found on their online 'My Account'.
- In 'My Account' students can also update their personal information or bank account details as well as make changes to their application. Before their course starts, they can also change their course or provider if they've changed their mind or gone through UCAS Clearing, Extra or Adjustment.

If they have any questions or want to amend an application once it has been submitted, they can call our **Contact Centre (0300 200 4050)**.

The SFW Twitter and Facebook pages will be updated with application dates and can be used by students to ask our advisers any questions they may have:

- [Twitter/SF_Wales](#)
- www.facebook.com/SFWales

Repay

Whether they are getting ready to apply for their funding or are finishing their course, understanding how the repayment system works is vital for any student.

All the essential information can be found on the repayment section of GOV.UK:

- www.gov.uk/repaying-your-student-loan

Students can also sign-in to their online repayment account to check their loan balance, make one off or additional payments and inform SLC of any changes in their personal or employment circumstances:

- www.gov.uk/sign-in-to-your-student-loan-repayment-account

The dedicated SLC social media channels contain the latest news and information on student loan repayment:

- www.facebook.com/SLCRepayment
- www.twitter.com/SLC_Repayment

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