



**UNIVERSITY *of*
WORCESTER**

Student Services

Access to Learning Fund

**A non-repayable award scheme that helps
eligible students who are experiencing
financial difficulties**

Application Form

Do you need advice on filling in this form? If so, please contact:

firstpoint

Peirson Study and Guidance Centre

Tel: **01905 542551**

Email: **firstpoint@worc.ac.uk**

or

Student Union Advisers

Tel: **01905 543210**

Email: **studentsunion@worc.ac.uk**

**Completed application forms and copies of all the supporting evidence should
be emailed to: moneyadvice@worc.ac.uk**

PAPER COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

**Applications may take up to 4 working weeks to process,
but can take longer during peak times**

[Missing evidence will delay your application](#)

**You may book an appointment with a University Money Adviser to discuss your finances
or to receive help in completing the form. Appointments can be booked via firstpoint.**

Before completing your application, please see the Access to Learning Fund Guidance Notes at:

<https://studentservices.on.worc.ac.uk/money-advice/access-to-learning-fund-hardship-fund/>

Guidance Notes include:

- Frequently Asked Questions
 - About the Fund
 - Help and Advice
 - Eligibility
- Step by Step Guide to completing your Access to Learning Fund Application Form
- Details of Supporting Evidence Required and Evidence Checklist
- Guide to downloading itemised Bank Statements

ALL Supporting Evidence must be submitted with your Application Form – Missing Evidence Will Delay Your Application.

Access to Learning Fund

Application Form

Office Use:

Date of receipt

Date evidence

completed

Section 1: About you (to be completed by all applicants)

Surname

First Name

UW Student Number

Gender (Male, Female, non-binary, other)

Age

UW Email

@uni.worc.ac.uk

Term-time address

Home address (if different from term-time)

Section 2: About your course (to be completed by all applicants)

Course Title

Name of UW campus / partner institution
attended all or most of the time

Year of study

Distance from term-time address to campus / institution attended (miles)?

Mode of study (✓):

Full-time

Part-time

If part-time student, how many modules will you complete this academic year?

Level of study (✓):

Undergraduate

Postgraduate

PGCE

Is this academic year of your studies (tick if applicable):

Your final year?

A repeat year?

A placement year?

If you are on placements this year, will they be (✓):

Paid?

Unpaid?

Section 3: About your circumstances (to be completed by all applicants)

Do you live (✓):

Alone, or as a lone parent

☐

With parent(s)/ guardian(s)

☐

With your spouse/ partner/
civil partner etc

☐

In shared accommodation

☐

In a UW hall of residence

☐

Other (please explain in box
opposite)

☐

Are you a Carer? (✓) (See definition in Guidance Notes - page 10) Yes

☐

No

☐

If yes, please tell us more about your caring responsibilities, who you care for and how this affects you financially:

Are you or have you ever been, in Care? (✓)

Yes

☐

No

☐

If yes, please state when you were in Care: From

(year)

To

(year)

Are you, or have you ever been, homeless? (✓) Yes

☐

No

☐

If yes, please state over what period you were homeless: From

(year)

To

(year)

Your Dependants:

Please list below any children who live with you all or most of the time, and are financially dependent on you:

Full name	Age	Relationship to you

Please list below any adults who live with you:

Full name	Age	Relationship to you

Section 4: Student Residence Status (to be completed by all applicants)

Are you eligible for the Home Rate of course fees? (✓): Yes ☐ No ☐

Please tick one box only:

☐

I am a UK national

☐

I am an EU national with settled status

☐

I am an EU national with pre-settled status

☐

I am a refugee or have been granted exceptional leave to remain in the UK

I am none of the above, my nationality is

Section 5 – About your needs (to be completed by all applicants)

Do you have a disability or medical condition (✓): Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please give details:

If you are a Home Student, have you applied for a Disabled Student Allowance (DSA)? (✓)

Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you wish to apply for any financial assistance towards any diagnostic test, special support or equipment / material not covered by DSA?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please give details:

Not including students wanting a diagnostic test for dyslexia – see page 11 of Guidance Notes.

Section 6: About your household income (to be completed by all applicants)

Please tick all the income that applies to you and your partner (who lives with you) – you will be required to supply evidence of this income – see page 12 of Guidance Notes.

Please tick all boxes applicable ✓

Student Income

	You	Your Partner
Maintenance Loan	☐	☐
Parents Learning Allowance	☐	☐
Adult Dependents Grant	☐	☐
Childcare Grant	☐	☐
NHS Learning Support Fund	☐	☐
NHS Bursary (medical / dental students)	☐	☐
Social Work Bursary	☐	☐
Postgraduate (PGCE) Teacher Training Bursary	☐	☐
Postgraduate Loan from Student Finance	☐	☐
Other Award/Scholarship or help from Educational Charity	☐	☐
Additional support from Home Country (if EU Student)	☐	☐

State Benefits

	You	Your Partner
Universal Credit	☐	☐
Housing Benefit	☐	☐
Government Tax Free Childcare / Childcare Vouchers	☐	☐
Income Support / JSA / ESA	☐	☐
Carer's Allowance	☐	☐
Council Tax Support	☐	☐
Disability Benefit (e.g. PIP, DLA)	☐	☐

Please specify which Disability Benefit received (if applicable):

Employment & other income – please include figures

	You		Your Partner	
	Please tick ✓		Please tick ✓	
	Per week	Per month	Per week	Per month
Net earnings from employment	£		£	
Parental / Family / Friend contribution	£		£	
Child / Spousal Maintenance	£		£	
Other	£		£	

If completed figure against "Other", please specify:

Section 7: About your expenditure (to be completed by all applicants)

Your household expenditure

Please complete costs of expenditure listed below that applies to you and your partner if they live with you and costs relating to any dependants who live with you – you will be required to supply evidence of this expenditure – see page 14 of Guidance Notes.

	Amount (£)	Please tick ✓	
		Weekly	Monthly
Rent / Mortgage	£		
Council Tax (if applicable)	£		
Registered Childcare (including after-school care)	£		
Unregistered / Informal Childcare	£		
Placement Travel Costs	£		
Child Maintenance Payments - outgoing	£		
Healthcare Costs ie. Prescription Costs / Travel Costs to Medical Appointments	£		

Bank / Building Society details

Please list Bank / Building Society account information for **all** of your (and your partner's, if they live with you) UK and overseas accounts, this includes Main Current Accounts, Student Accounts, Savings Accounts, ISAs, Building Society Accounts, Online accounts, etc. See pages 22-24 of Guidance Notes.

Name of Bank / Building Society	Title of account e.g. current account, savings account	Last 4 digits of account number	Maximum overdraft facility	For Office Use
			£	
			£	
			£	
			£	
			£	
			£	
			£	
			£	
			£	
			£	

If there are any large transactions showing on your bank statements which you would like to explain further, please give details below:

Section 7 continued

Outstanding Debts

Please list any debts that **you or your spouse / partner** have and any repayment arrangements set up with creditors. **You must provide proof of any regular debt repayments that you would like considered as part of your application.** See page 17 of Guidance Notes.

Name of person / company owed (creditor)	Type of debt (e.g. utility, credit card, rent, money owed to family or friends)	Total owed	Repayment arrangements. Please state amount per week or month (if no arrangement in place please state)	Please tick if you have a fixed payment plan in place and are no longer using as a source of credit. ✓
		£		
		£		
		£		
		£		
		£		
		£		
		£		
		£		

Continue on separate sheet if required

If you have non-priority debts and are struggling to pay, have you contacted a debt advice charity such as StepChange or National Debtline?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have been assessed as a **dependent** Home student and had your award limited due to household income, is there a specific reason why your parent(s) are unable to support you to the extent that the Student Finance has assumed? (✓)

Yes ☐ No ☐

If "Yes", please tell us about your and your parent(s) circumstances:

Section 8: Your Supporting Statement (To be completed by all applicants)

Please tell us why you are applying for financial help. Please see page 18 of Guidance Notes.

Please continue overleaf or on a separate sheet as necessary

Section 9 – Bank / Building Society details

IMPORTANT

- If you are awarded money from the Access to Learning Fund, the award will be paid into your bank / building society account detailed on your SOLE page. **IF YOUR BANK DETAILS ARE INCORRECT OR MISSING, THEN PAYMENT MAY BE DELAYED.**
- Before submitting your application, please check and ensure that your bank account details are correct on SOLE, and up-date if necessary.
- Please note, funds can only be paid into a UK bank / building society account.

Please complete:

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I have checked my bank account details on SOLE, and confirm that this is the account where I wish any monies awarded to me paid.

Signature
(Type Full
Name)

Date

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ:

University of Worcester Money Advice Privacy Notice

We are requesting this information from you in order to process your application for help from the Access to Learning Fund. We may also use the anonymised statistics to produce reports on the Fund and identify student need.

Applications are only seen by staff involved in the assessment and authorisation of applications. The University's Finance Office staff see student names, numbers and bank details to enable them to make payments and it may sometimes be necessary to seek information from other University Departments such as Registry Records using your name and student number.

Please note that the University of Worcester is the Data Controller and details of how we process and retain your data including how long we retain it and your rights are detailed on:

<https://www.worcester.ac.uk/informationassurance/student-privacy-notice.html>

The processing of this data is dependent upon your explicit consent (*Article 9(2)(a)*).

Please complete:

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I consent to my personal information being processed in accordance with the purpose identified on this data collection form.

Section 10 – Declaration

You **must sign** the declaration in order for the application to be valid.

By signing you are confirming that:

1. You are a student at the University of Worcester and pay tuition fees directly to the University of Worcester.
2. You understand that giving false information or misleading through the omission of information may lead to rejection of your application and / or steps being taken to recover any payment made to you.
3. You declare that the information that you have given on this form is correct and complete to the best of your knowledge.

Signature:
(type full
name)

Date: