

STUDENTS ON BENEFITS



Funding is subject to certain qualifying criteria as defined by the Scottish Government including residence requirements and household income.

If you have previously received bursary support or have an advanced level qualification you may initially be refused funding. There is a right of appeal.

Some students are eligible to remain on benefit during their full-time programme of study, e.g. single parents on Income Support with a child under 5 or students able to remain on ESA during their studies. These students are not eligible for a bursary maintenance allowance.

Students eligible to continue on Universal Credit while studying full-time may qualify for a maintenance allowance of up to £28 a week in addition to any travel and course expenses that are applicable.

Most students will not qualify for any benefits while undertaking a full-time course.

Please check with the benefits office to confirm the position if you are studying full-time.

Students on benefits may be considered for

- EMA (up to 20th birthday only)
- Students in receipt of Universal Credit may receive a bursary maintenance allowance of up to £28 a week
- Travel expenses
- Study expenses
- Childcare costs (covering timetabled classes/placements)

The table below shows the type of information/documents required when you apply for funding.

Information required	Documents required (not exhaustive)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Personal details (including nationality)■ Course details■ Bank details■ Education and■ Employment details■ Household income details■ Residency details	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Proof of identity, e.g. birth certificate or passport■ Proof of UK immigration permission (if applicable), e.g. Biometric Residence Permit■ Complete 2021-22 Tax Credit Award Notice■ Benefit letter detailing benefits received, e.g. Income Support, Employment Support Allowance or scans of all the elements of a Universal Credit Award.■ Council Tax Notice

For more information about funding and fees visit edinburghcollege.ac.uk.

Edinburgh College operates an online funding application which is accessed through the student's college account used to apply for a course.

To speak to someone please contact studentfunding@edinburghcollege.ac.uk.

Our course portfolio and information may be subject to alteration.