

Postgraduate Social Work MA Funding FAQs – July 2023

1. What funding can I get for the [Social Work MA](#)?

You can get a Social Work Bursary from the NHSBSA

It is made up of a Basic Grant of £3,362; a means-tested Grant of up to £2,721; A contribution towards tuition fees of £4,052 and Adult Dependents Allowance; a Parents' Learning Allowance; a Childcare Allowance and Disabled Students' Allowances

2. Can I get help with Placement Expenses?

Your course will include time spent at an agency that provides placements (two placements of 70 and then 100 days in consecutive years). The Placement Travel Allowance (PTA) is a fixed contribution towards the cost of £862.50 per academic year. If you are allocated a capped place by your university and your application has been approved, the PTA will be included with your basic bursary and paid as a lump sum with your first termly instalment. It is also worth noting that most placement agencies will normally pay placement expenses incurred during the placement day. Where this is not possible, we will discuss this with you.

3. Should I take out a [Master's Loan](#)?

Not if you have a capped place and can get a Social Work Bursary

4. How do I know if I have a capped place?

Each year we are informed in June/July of how many places we have for student bursaries. If we have a sufficient number we will then start to allocate these from when we are notified by NHS Bursaries of the allocation.

If we do not have sufficient bursaries then we will decide on capped student places based on interview performance and you may then not hear re capped place till August

For 2023/24 we currently have sufficient bursaries for all new MA students.

5. How do I apply for the Postgraduate [Social Work Bursary](#)?

Create a MyFunding account at [Social Work Bursaries | NHSBSA](#)

6. When do I apply for a Postgraduate Social Work Bursary?

You should apply before the 31st July to make sure your funding is ready for September. The final deadline for applying is 31st October. If you have got a place on the Social Work MA course through clearing apply as soon as you can for the Social Work Bursary before the 31st October deadline

7. Can I get a Master's Loan as well as a Social Work Bursary?

No, you cannot get both, and if you have a capped place you should apply for a Social Work Bursary. In the last few years all MA students have had a capped bursary place made available to them.

8. Why is the Social Work Bursary better than the Master's Loan?

The Maximum Master's Loan is only £12,167 over two years of the course.
The Maximum Social Work Bursary is £20,270 over two years of the course

The Minimum non-income-assessed Social Work Bursary is £14,830.
The Social Work Bursary includes a contribution of £4,052 paid to the university for fees.
A further advantage of the Bursary is that it doesn't have to be paid back.

9. What if I have already applied for a Master's Loan?

If you have not yet received an instalment of your Master's Loan you can cancel the loan with Student Finance England and apply for a Social Work Bursary.

If you have already received an instalment of your Master's Loan then seek further advice.

9. Do I have to pay my own Tuition Fees?

Yes, a contribution is made by the Social Work Bursary of £4,052 directly to the university but you are responsible for paying any remaining fees. The fees in 2023/24 for the MA Social Work course are £6,750 leaving you to pay £2,698.

10. Do I have to pay my tuition fees all at once?

No. You can pay in instalments see: [Tuition fees and payments | student information | Leeds Beckett University](#)

11. I am an overseas student, can I get the Social Work Bursary?

Not usually no, but check the eligibility rules in the 'Guide to Social Work Bursaries' [Social Work Bursaries | NHSBSA](#) and seek further advice if you think you may fit into one of the residency categories for the bursary or for tuition fee support only.

12. Is there any other financial help at Leeds Beckett?

Yes you can apply to our Hardship Fund. Help is not guaranteed it depends on your circumstances. You can apply online at <https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/student-information/money-advice/hardship-fund/>

13. Who can I contact for further information?

- Candidates/prospective students can contact Money Advice by either:
Calling our Advice Line on 0113 812 5593 between 10am and 12 Monday to Thursday
Or, completing a money contact form www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/moneycontact
- You can also contact the SW course team via 0113 812 2852 in the first instance and you will then be signposted to the relevant person to support your query