

PROFESSIONAL

Financial Support Package

The PROFESSIONAL financial support package is designed to lighten the financial burden on students who are in need of professional support because of a disability not covered by a Disabled Students Allowance, using the definition of “disability” of the Office for Students, which includes having an enduring mental health condition. The professional support options include counselling, mentoring and Learning Assistance. The aim of the package is to facilitate or enable access to such services when appropriate. It is applicable for any undergraduate Higher Education student of the College.

Grants are made from the College’s general funds. This package forms part of the College’s work in the area of Access and Participation. It does not appear explicitly in the Access and Participation Plan for 2019-20, but does in the one for 2020-25. Awards are made by the College’s Financial Support Panel to qualifying students where an appropriate member of staff has recommended it and within the following limits.

type of support	staff who recommend(s)	limits
counselling	College chaplains	normally restricted to half of the costs of up to six sessions from a counsellor (or other similar professional) approved by the Executive Leadership Team
learning assistance	Learning Assistance Manager	up to four sessions with a qualified Learning Assistance tutor approved by the Learning Assistance Manager
specialist study support mentoring	Learning Assistance Manager	normally restricted to half of the costs of up to six sessions from a counsellor (or other similar professional) approved by the Executive Leadership Team
mentoring	College chaplains or Director of Studies	normally restricted to half of the costs of up to two sessions with an appropriate mentor approved by the Executive Leadership Team

The staff who recommend inform the panel of all recommendations that they make. The panel is responsible for maintaining a list of recommendable professionals.

Students are informed of the PROFESSIONAL package on a VLE page that is accessible to all undergraduate Higher Education students.

All eligible students are invited to apply. The member of staff will respond within the normal time expectations of the College.

Applicants should submit invoices from the service provider to financialsupport@moorlands.ac.uk.

Any money given is a grant, not a loan, and will be credited directly to the student’s bank account. Receipt of support from the PROFESSIONAL package will have no impact on eligibility to apply for financial support under other packages.

There are no reporting requirements on recipients of support from PROFESSIONAL.

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