

## DIAGNOSES

### Financial Support Package

The DIAGNOSES financial support package is designed to lighten the financial burden on students who are in need of a formal diagnosis of disability in order to access disability funding/support (e.g. Disabled Students Allowance). The aim of the package is to facilitate obtaining such a diagnosis. It is linked to the College's Access and Participation Plan.

This package is applicable for any undergraduate student of the College who:

- is eligible for a UK government student loan, and
- requires a formal disability diagnosis in order to access Disabled Students Allowance or other such support, and
- has obtained approval from the Student Welfare Manager.

The DIAGNOSES package includes a standard contribution towards the costs of obtaining a diagnosis, with a top-up according to need.

Decisions on awards are made by the College's Financial Support Panel to qualifying students, and within the following limits:

- The standard amount will be reviewed annually, and published to students prior to the start of the academic year.
- For the academic year 2025-26, the standard amount contribution towards a diagnosis is £200.
- Any top-up amount will be decided by the Financial Support Panel on a case-by-case basis, taking into account:
  - household income (if the student is in receipt of a means-tested government loan and has given permission for information to be shared with the College),
  - the cost of the type of diagnosis required.

Students who consider they may be eligible should in the first instance initiate a discussion with the Student Welfare Manager.

Following consideration by the Financial Support Panel, the student will receive a response within the normal time expectations of the College. The response will be copied to the student's personal tutor, who will support the student as necessary in their application for DSA. Because the purpose of this package is to enable access to DSA (or similar), the deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> December of a student's final academic year of study, but may be made at any point earlier. This is to allow time for students to obtain a diagnosis and apply for DSA before the deadline for accessing DSA for that academic year.

Any money given is a grant, not a loan, and will be credited directly to the student's bank account as a reimbursement once proof of payment, such as a receipt, has been provided to [financialsupport@moorlands.ac.uk](mailto:financialsupport@moorlands.ac.uk). Direct payment to the service provider can be arranged if necessary. Receipt of support from the DIAGNOSES package will have no impact on eligibility to apply for financial support under other packages.

DIAGNOSES will be advertised on the College's website and on its VLE. There are no reporting requirements on recipients of support from DIAGNOSES.

### Document history

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