

# MAINTENANCE

## Financial Support Package

The MAINTENANCE financial support package is designed to lighten the financial burden on students from low-income households. It is linked to the College's Access and Participation Plan.

The MAINTENANCE package is applicable to any undergraduate student of the College who:

- is eligible for a UK government student loan, and
- started their studies between 2025-26 and 2028-29, and
- has a household income of £16,000 or less.<sup>1</sup>

MAINTENANCE is an annually means-tested grant towards living expenses. It is available for each year of a student's studies that the student meets the above eligibility criteria.

There is no separate application form or process for the MAINTENANCE package. To be considered, students must apply for a means-tested government loan from their funding body, e.g., Student Finance England for students from England, giving permission for the information on their application form to be shared with the College. This applies to each year that a student wishes to be considered for MAINTENANCE.

For full-time study, MAINTENANCE is an annual amount of £750, paid termly in instalments. It is pro-rated if the student is studying at reduced intensity. Students who apply for their government loan on time can expect to receive their first instalment of MAINTENANCE within one month of enrolment/re-enrolment each year. For students who apply late for their government loan, or who are late in giving permission for information to be shared with the College, payment of their first instalment may be delayed. Subsequent MAINTENANCE payments are normally made in the middle of each term.

If, during an academic year, a student makes changes to their study which affect eligibility/amount of MAINTENANCE, e.g., changing intensity of study, interrupting their study, etc., the resulting change to the amount of MAINTENANCE will be applied from the start of the following term.

Financial support from MAINTENANCE will be either paid direct to the student's bank account or credited to the student's College fee account. Receipt of support from MAINTENANCE will have no impact on eligibility to apply for financial support under other packages, but will be counted as a source of income for packages which require a student to give details of sources of income.

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

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<sup>1</sup> As defined by Student Finance England.

## Document history

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