

## The UCEN Manchester Finance Support Package

Finance and money is always a big concern for students so we are here to guide you and offer support. If you are struggling with day-to-day finance, you can come and see one of our advisors who will work with you to maximize your income. We can look at ways to improve your situation, this may be part time work or looking at any Government support you may be entitled to. If you are unsure, what support you can get from the college you can speak with an advisor. Whatever the situation you should, seek support. We will also come into classes offering tutorials for those of you who are thinking of going to university. We will guide you through the application process for Student Finance loans and answer any questions you have.

### What support is available at UCEN Manchester?

The HEF application process is administered by Careers, Employability & Welfare and includes consideration for financial help from:

1. **HEF**      **HIGHER EDUCATION FUND**
2. **HEPA**    **HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRESSION AWARD (CECIL WHITE)**
3. **HESA**    **HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT AWARD**

The assessment looks at the financial need of the student and how this can be best addressed using the above funds, where appropriate.

**HEF** is a discretionary award based on hardship as determine by Careers, Employability & Welfare.

The awarded funds will be paid into a bank or building Society account.

**HEPA** the purpose of the fund it to support level three leaners and remove barriers for progressing UCEN Manchester.

This will be an automatic £250 and then assessed for any mitigating circumstances award.

This can be used for:

- Contribution towards Tuition and Exam fees
- Travel to and from College
- Books, Materials and Equipment
- Maintenance

**HESA** is for Students who have a Dyslexia Screening and need some extra support in order to complete and achieve on their courses.

To be eligible to make an application for Students must be registered on a full-time programme of study (or at least 60 credits if part time) to apply and you must:

- Have received your full entitlement of Student Loans

- Have an excellent attendance and commitment to studies (normally 85%)
- Be fully enrolled with the College
- Be in financial hardship (evidence required)
- Be a Home Student (residency)
- Be progressing to a UCEN Manchester course when applying for HEPA
- Have a Dyslexia screening if applying to HESA

### **UCEN Manchester Bursary**

A bursary of £500 will be paid in the first year in two instalments of £250. In any subsequent years of your course, you will be paid an additional £250. If you then progress onto our Top Up, degree after completing a Foundation Degree you will receive another £250.

#### ***For example***

HNC Y1 £500 in two instalments

HND Y2 £250

Top-up degree £250

Foundation degree £500

Top-up degree £250

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- Have received the full entitlement of Student Loans
- Have an excellent attendance and commitment to studies (normally 85%)
- Be fully enrolled with the College
- Household income of less than £20,000pa
- Be a Home Student (residency)

### **AND**

Be a Care Leaver OR

Have been claiming benefits in the last 6 months OR

Progressed from TMC Level 3 courses OR

Have young children, still receiving benefits OR\*

Be a care giver for 30 hours or more per week OR

Have a disability/health condition and receiving support

**In order to be successful, UCEN reserve the right to check attendance, achievement and work submitted.**

*Financial support is based on eligibility and personal circumstances. T&C's apply*