

Guidance for Mature PGRs

Finance and funding



How can you fund your PhD?

There are all sorts of ways to fund your research degree, including research council studentships, career development loans, and employer sponsorship.

The university web pages will help you understand what kinds of funding are available, when it is released and how you can apply for it.

The website also signposts various funding databases to help you identify grants and funding.

<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/pg-research/money/phdfunding/>

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Many PhD students can also take advantage of studying on a part-time basis in order to work alongside your research.

When applying for funding remember that awards are competitive, and sell yourself accordingly; tell the funding body or institution why you deserve this money more than the next applicant and what you plan to do with your postgraduate qualification when they've helped you pay for it

<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/pg-research/money/#cost>

PhD Doctoral Loans



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5nY2Yyix48>

Disabled Students Allowance



https://youtu.be/_k3kZ-wBnzk

Useful Links

[sfe website](#)

[gov.uk apply.](#)

[DSA apply.](#)

Make your money go further

- Be clever with textbooks - you can borrow 40, meaning you can avoid buying every text book and piece of further reading. eBooks can help further still.
- Live sensibly - planning food shops and batch cooking so you can freeze meals in advance is much more economical. Taking a packed lunch to campus will also save you money.
- Work on campus - universities usually offer plenty of flexible and part-time work that can fit itself around postgraduate study, especially if you're studying part-time.
- Travel sensibly - if you have to travel to campus then minimise the amount of journeys you make by coordinating campus-based activities to be on the same day. Or think about getting a bicycle if it's not too far.
- Remember you're still a student - don't forget student discount; many retailers offer this, and you're still eligible as a postgraduate.

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