



College

16-19 Vulnerable Bursary Fund 2020/21

Guidance Notes

PLEASE APPLY BY 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 or WITHIN THREE WEEKS OF COURSE START DATE

WHAT IS THE 16-19 VULNERABLE BURSARY FUND?

The 16 - 19 Vulnerable Bursary Fund is funds provided by the Government to help support USP College students who face the greatest barriers to continuing their education or training. The Vulnerable Bursary is paid weekly directly into the eligible student's bank account.

Young people who are eligible (see below) are guaranteed to receive **up to** £1,200 for the academic year. The amount you will receive will depend on the financial costs for the courses you are enrolled on and any additional transport costs you may require.

Successful applicants are also eligible for free college meals up to £2.41 for any day that they are timetabled for more than three hours.

This financial support is linked to attendance and behaviour.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE VULNERABLE BURSARY?

Young people who are under the age of 19 on 31 August 2020 and

- Young people in care
- Care leavers
- Young people in receipt of income support or universal credit in their own name
- Disabled young people in receipt of **both** Employment Support Allowance (ESA) (or Universal Credit in place of ESA) **and** either Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) in their name.

You are expected to attend all timetabled lessons. Failure to do so will put your financial support at risk.

WHO CANNOT APPLY FOR THE VULNERABLE BURSARY?

- Those not resident in the EU/EEA for the last 3 years (except where a refugee status was confirmed in the 3 years prior to starting the course)
- Students on HE courses
- Waged Apprenticeships or students enrolled on provision identified as wholly funded from other sources
- Students in prison or a young offender institution who have been released on temporary licence, i.e. day release
- Students enrolling on a course which is not funded by the Government e.g. Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) funded.

WHEN CAN I APPLY?

All Bursary applications can be made from August 2019. Please visit Admissions if you need advice.

Applications can only be considered for the current year, September 2019 – July 2020.

Students must be enrolled and have started a course before a bursary payment can be made.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete an application form; these are available on our website and from the Admissions Team.

All forms need to be fully completed and returned with the relevant evidence (please see the application form).

If you need help with applying for financial support visit Student Services where staff can help you complete the form, make it available in other formats (e.g. large print) and discuss other sources of funding.

APPEALS PROCEDURE

If you are unhappy with a Bursary decision, you should speak to the Head of Registry & Exams in the first instance. If you are still unsatisfied, you can follow the college's complaints procedure.

You may also be eligible for other means of support.

If you are worried about money and would like to find out what help and support is available – please speak to a Student Advisor in Student Services.

If you have any queries regarding your Bursary application – please speak to the Admissions Team

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