**Funding**

We understand that starting university can be an exciting but challenging new experience. This document gives you all the information you need to assist you in applying for different forms of funding support, both from the government and the University.

For more information about the steps to take when planning your support needs in advance of starting your course at university, please see our ‘Before You Join’ document.

**Scholarships and bursaries.**

We offer a wide range of scholarships, some of which are for students who are eligible under the Widening Participation (WP) criteria. Disability is a key WP criterion, so students can apply for these scholarships in addition to general scholarships with more broad criteria.

Our scholarships and bursaries are awarded based on need or merit, or a combination of the two. You can find out more about the scholarships we offer and how to apply [on our website](https://www.law.ac.uk/study/scholarships-bursaries/).

**Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA).**

You can apply for Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSAs) if you live in the England, Wales, or Northern Ireland and have a disability that affects your ability to study on an undergraduate or postgraduate course in the UK.

DSA helps to pay for extra costs that you may incur when attending your course, as a direct result of your disability. The allowance can help with costs of a non-medical helper, major items of specialist equipment, travel, and other such costs. As we are a private university, DSA is not available for Scottish students, so please contact our DIS team for support.

DSA is not attached to your university, so you don’t have to be certain of the institution you are going to study with. If you have applied to any UK university this year, you should **apply at least 16 weeks before the start of your course,** as you will need time to order any DSA funded equipment such as a laptop and assistive software before your course starts.

DSA funded support you can receive *may* include:

* Non-medical helper support such as a Specialist Study Skills Tutor or Specialist Mentor
* Taxi allowance
* Printer with printing and ink allowance
* Laptop with assistive technology
* Standing desk and/or specialist chair
* BSL interpreter
* Specialist support worker for the visually impaired.

There are many more options depending on your support needs, and it is all completely **free**.

To find out more about DSA, [watch this video](https://diversityandability.com/dsa-find-your-way/).

**Step by step:**