



UNIVERSITY
OF HULL

HARDSHIP SUPPORT FUND

SUMMER FUND 2018

**Student Wellbeing, Learning
and Welfare Support**

Supporting your success



Student
services

Realising **your** potential

Advice on eligibility

Students who anticipate that they will struggle financially over the summer may be eligible to apply for the Summer Fund. Appointments will be available from 11 June - 19 July 2018.

Am I eligible to apply?

The following groups of students are eligible to apply to the Summer Fund.

Non-final year students

- with children – those with means-tested benefits who are waiting for benefits to be processed and paid
- with illness or disabilities who are unable to work and where other benefits are unavailable
- retaking or re-sitting elements of their course, whether attending university or not, may be eligible for the re-sit period only
- who have no alternative means of support, are unable to return home over summer or have exceptional circumstances

The following students are not eligible to apply to the Summer Fund:

- final year students
- students who have received the maximum award from the Hardship Support Fund in the same academic year
- students who have previously been assessed over 52 weeks

How will I be assessed?

The summer assessment period will complete the shortfall of weeks of your previous hardship assessment,

to the 52 week maximum, i.e. if you were previously assessed over 39 weeks, the summer assessment will be over 13 weeks; if you were previously assessed over 43 weeks, the summer assessment will be over 9 weeks.

Those who have already been assessed over 52 weeks **may not** apply, unless their circumstances have changed significantly. If this is the case, students will be directed to submit a reassessment to the Hardship Support Fund. Most postgraduate, nursing diploma/degree courses and social work courses run for 52 weeks, but if you are not sure how you were assessed, please contact us and we will be able to check.

Students who have not previously applied to the Hardship Support Fund within the academic year may be eligible to apply to the Summer Fund. Your assessment period will be determined by your individual circumstances.

Part-time students

In some instances a part-time student can apply to the Summer Fund if they can demonstrate an exceptional need. This will normally be a non-standard award at the discretion of the panel.

What counts as income and expenditure?

In the assessment, student funding income will be shown as £0 apart from the Childcare Grant which will be included for the summer period. All other allowable income, such as wages, will be included as normal. Composite living costs and housing costs (including rent and mortgage costs) will be included. For students re-sitting modules, travel costs to the University can be included, but the percentage paid will be at the discretion of the panel.

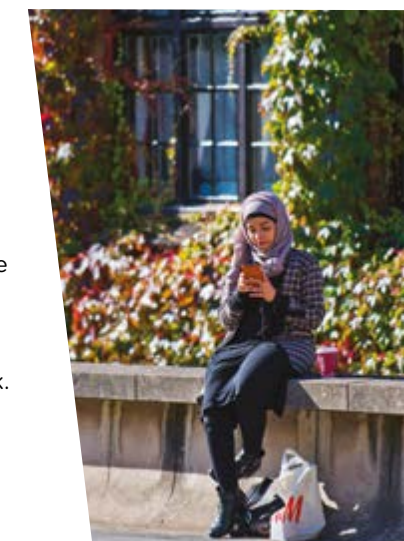
Benefits

It is expected that all students applying to the Summer Fund will have investigated all sources of funding available to them over the summer, including Housing Benefit, Tax Credits, Universal Credit, JSA, disability benefits, etc. The HUU Advice Centre may be able to offer advice regarding eligibility for various benefits, and will provide a benefits check print out that can be used in your Summer Fund assessment. **It is expected that students will provide appropriate evidence of benefits entitlement with their Summer Fund application.**

The HUU Advice Centre can be contacted by telephone: 01482 466263
email: huu-advice-centre@hull.ac.uk
or in person on the first floor of Student Central.

Employment over the summer

Students who are able to work but are unable to secure employment over the summer will be asked to provide evidence of job applications made and responses from employers with their application. A small contribution may be awarded to help with costs whilst seeking work. This will be awarded at the discretion of the panel.



How to **apply**

Please call Financial Support Team on the number below before completing an application form to check eligibility and to make an appointment with an adviser.

An application form can be collected from the AskHU desk on the second floor of Student Central once eligibility has been confirmed.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Financial Support Team
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Cottingham Road
Hull
HU6 7RX

Tel: (01482) 462222/option 6
Email: fst@hull.ac.uk



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