



# Money matters

## Nottingham Trent University FE Residential Access Fund 19+ 2020/21

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### What is the Residential Access Fund 19+?

You may be eligible for assistance towards the cost of your accommodation if you have been obliged to move from your usual home in order to follow your course of study **because it is not available locally\*** (\* for the purposes of the Residential Access Fund 19+ available locally is determined as: your course must be more than either 15 miles or a 2 hour round trip from your home, and not available at any other colleges closer than that).

You can apply if you are living in residential accommodation on the Brackenhurst campus or if you are living in lodgings / private rented accommodation in the surrounding area.

The University has a limited sum of money from the Education and Skills Funding Agency to allocate for this purpose and awards will be paid to those in greatest financial need.

### Am I eligible for the Residential Access Fund?

- You must be enrolled on a FULL-TIME further education course (450 guided learning hours); *and*
- You must be aged 19 or above on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020; *and*
- You must have applied for an Advanced Learner Loan from the Student Loans Company (if applicable). Please note Advanced Learner Loans are available to Students who are 19 or above and who have achieved a level 3 or above qualification. If you have any queries regarding eligibility for an Advanced Learner Loan please contact the FE Co-ordinator on 0115 848 5245. **Students who are aged between 19-23 at the start of their course who do not already hold a level 3 qualification are not eligible to apply for an Advanced Learner Loan from the Student Loans Company, however, they can still apply to the FE Residential Access Fund 19+ and FE Bursary Fund.**
- You must be classed as a 'home' student (see below); *and*
- You must be living in accommodation for the purpose of attending the course.



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## Will I be classed as a home student?

- You must be ordinarily resident in England or Wales; *and*
- You must have been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands throughout the last 3 years; *and*
- You must be settled in the UK (i.e. without being subject to any restriction on the period for which you may stay.)

If this does not apply to you, you may still be eligible to apply as there are other categories of students who meet the criteria, including if you have refugee status, if you or your parents/spouse are EEA or SWISS Migrant workers, or if you are the child or spouse of a member of the armed forces. If you have any questions about this matter, please seek advice from the Student Financial Support Service (Tel 0115 848 2494.)

## When do I apply?

Applications for the 19/20 FE Residential Access Fund 19+ open on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and the first round of funding will close for applications on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020**.

We would strongly recommend that you apply as soon as possible, as funds are limited, and the allocation of funds will be confirmed for eligible applicants from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 onwards.

Please contact the Financial Support Team on 0115 848 2494 or [email us](#) for further details on how to apply.

If you will be living in lodgings / private rented accommodation you can still apply, even if you do not have full details of your accommodation as these can be supplied before any award is paid.

## How will my application be assessed?

Applications will be means-tested against family household income unless you are classed as an independent student. As funds are limited, awards will be paid to those in greatest financial need.



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## Do my parents have to provide details of income?

Yes, we will need details of your parents' household income, unless you are classed as an 'independent student', you will be asked questions on the application form to determine this.

## What happens next?

Once you have submitted your application form and supporting documents, your form will then be assessed against strict criteria and you will be notified of the outcome of your application by e-mail.

For completed applications including supporting documents submitted by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020, applicants should expect to hear a response by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020**.

If you are successful in receiving an award from the Residential Access Fund 19+, any payment will be made directly to your accommodation provider in termly instalments providing you are fully enrolled and attending your course.

If you want to speak to someone in connection with your application, please contact the fund administrators on 0115 848 6135 or 0115 848 2521.

## Is there any other help available?

Yes, you can apply to the FE Bursary Fund and may be eligible for assistance with study related expenditure such as course and travel costs (if applicable). The application process for 2020/21 is online and will be available from **2nd September 2020**.

Please contact either the Financial Support Team on 0115 848 2494 or [email us](#) to request an application form link.

## Further Information

If you have any further queries, please contact Student Financial Support Service. Tel: 0115 848 2494, email: [hardshipfunds@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:hardshipfunds@ntu.ac.uk)