



Bradford College
We go the extra mile

Financial Support

Further Education Students aged 19 and over

Student Finance Team

The Student Finance Team is based at Student Services, B Floor, Westbrook Building and administers a number of funds. Financial assistance may be available to help students with costs incurred whilst studying at Bradford College.

Tuition Fees

Some students may not have to pay tuition fees. For further information and advice contact:

Tuition Fee Help Line

01274 433088
enrolment@bradfordcollege.ac.uk

Adult Learner Grant (ALG)

This will only be available to students who are already in receipt of ALG. If you are eligible to receive ALG payments in 2011-2012 you will receive a Notice of Entitlement in July 2011.
All ALG queries should be directed to the Learner Support Helpline.

Contact

Learner Support Helpline:
0800 121 8989

Learner Support Fund Grants (LSF)

LSF is a discretionary fund for students who require extra financial support to access and remain on their Further Education course.

What type of support is available?

- Grants to help towards travel costs (to and from college).
 - Grants to help towards childcare costs (OFSTED registered childcare).
 - Grants to help towards essential course related costs, equipment, materials, exams and essential course trips.
- Please note that the fund does not always cover all costs, it helps with the costs.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Students must be aged 19 or over (20 for childcare grants).
- Students must be enrolled on a funded course.*
- Students must be able to meet the residence criteria.

* Funded courses are funded by either the Student Funding Agency or Young Peoples Learning Agency

Students household income must come from one of the following sources:

- Income Support.
 - Income based Job Seekers Allowance.
 - Income related Employment Support Allowance.
 - Working or Child Tax Credit with an income of £16,190 or less.
- OR
- Students from a low income household. Low income will be assessed using the number of people in the household and their combined income.

Contacts & Application Forms

Available August 2011

Student Finance Team,
Student Services,
B Floor,
Westbrook
01274 433246
learner.services@bradfordcollege.ac.uk

Student Information Desks

[www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk/
student_life/support/financial-
support/financing-your-study-fe](http://www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk/student_life/support/financial-support/financing-your-study-fe)

Care to Learn - Childcare support for young learners

Care to Learn provides financial support for teenage parents who want to continue in, or return to learning. It helps with the cost of their childcare and travel.

Who can get help?

- Young parents aged under 20 on the first day the learning starts.

What will they pay for?

- Childcare costs whilst in learning, including placements.
- Travel costs to and from the childcare provider.

How many hours must be attended each week?

- There are no set hours. A young parent can choose to do part-time or full-time learning.
- This could be anything from a few weeks to over two years.

How much will they pay?

- Up to £160* per week for each child (including any travel costs).
*subject to annual review.

Once all other sections of the form are completed the Student Finance Team will complete the College's section of the application - **no-one else in the College is authorised to do this.**

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Professional & Career Development Loans

A Professional & Career Development Loan (PCDL) can help to fund a wide range of courses lasting up to two years (or three years, if the course includes a year of work experience). A PCDL can be for anything between £300 and £10,000 and is a commercial loan that you will arrange with a bank, but it has the following benefits:

- Interest on the loan will be paid by the Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA) whilst you are studying and for one month after you finish studying.
- You do not have to make any repayments on the loan until you have finished studying.
- The interest rate on a PCDL will always be competitive.

You can use a PCDL to pay for:

- Course fees (normally up to 80% of the total).
- Books, travel, childcare, examinations etc.
- Living expenses (specific rules apply).

PCDL payments may affect your benefits (especially if you take money for living expenses) so you should get in touch with the relevant benefit office before taking out a loan.

PCDLs are intended to help with costs that are not covered by other sources of public funding. In addition, there are some restrictions on the type of course you can take and you must be personally eligible for funding. Most importantly, you must be able to afford the repayments when you have to start making them.

Bradford College is a registered learning provider - our registration number is 1209.

PCDLs can take 6 weeks to 3 months to process, so you should apply in plenty of time to ensure funding is available when you need it.

Contacts & Information

Next Step
0800 100 900

<https://nextstep.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx>
www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/AdultLearning/FinancialHelpForAdultLearners/CareerDevelopmentLoans/Index.html

