POSTGRADUATE FUNDING OPTIONS

If you’re planning on studying a postgraduate course with us, there are a range of funding options offering financial support and assistance to enable you to realise your career aspirations:

- **Student Loans Company Postgraduate Loan worth up to £11,222** are available for students applying through Student Finance England and joining a course after 1st August 2020. For courses starting prior to August 2020 loans worth up to £10,906 are available for students applying through Student Finance England. For students applying through Student Finance Wales you can obtain up to £17,489 for courses starting after 1st August 2020. You could be eligible for these loans if you study our MAs, our LLMs, our MScs or our LPC Master’s or BPC Master’s. Students can also consider an alternative provider such as those listed below depending on your course of study.

- **Access to the UK’s largest University law scholarships, awards and bursaries** fund. With a substantial fund available for our 2021/2022 courses, we’re enabling more students from more backgrounds to achieve their ambitions.

- **Flexible payment options to help you pay for your postgraduate course.** We give you peace of mind by spreading out the tuition fee payments and arrange payments by direct debit. **Sponsored students – Please note payment plan options are not available to sponsors.**

POSTGRADUATE LOANS FROM THE STUDENT LOANS COMPANY

The government offers Postgraduate loan support to assist towards the cost of a higher education course. You will need to apply to the region in which you reside as each offer slightly different support. Unfortunately, this does not include Scotland as they have confirmed they will not offer Postgraduate Support to students attending private institutions.

Please note that for students to be eligible for funding from Student Finance England, you must be studying on an eligible course at a provider registered with the Office for Students (OfS). The University of Law is registered as a provider with the OfS our number is 10039956. Please visit [officeforstudents.org.uk](http://officeforstudents.org.uk) for more information.

**Student Finance England and Wales**

- Loans are available up to £11,222 towards the costs of study for students applying through Student Finance England if you are joining a course after 1st August 2020. For courses starting prior to August 2020 loans worth up to £10,906 are available for students applying through Student Finance England and up to £17,489 students applying through Student Finance Wales.

- Students can decide to use the loan towards fees, maintenance costs or other costs.
• Students must either be a UK national resident in England or Wales or an EU national resident in England on the first day of first academic year but within with EEA throughout the preceding three years. NB This is the current SLC policy which will run until July 2021. New policies relating to 2021/2022 academic year will be published later.

• Students should be attending their first Master's course in order to qualify. Students repeating study or attending a second postgraduate Masters course will not normally qualify for support.

• Loans are available to students studying Master's degree courses (MA, LLM or MSc) – professional certificate or diploma courses are not eligible for the loan.

• For repayment terms contact the appropriate award authority.

Further details of eligibility requirements, interest rates, other key terms of the loan and information for students from other areas of the UK are available by visiting:

• Student Finance England >

• Student Finance Wales >

• Student Finance Northern Ireland >

FUTURE FINANCE STUDENT LOANS

Future Finance is a private student lender that offers funding for your education after Government loans.

They are offered to UK, EU and even international students with a UK domiciled address.

Loans are available to students studying at an undergraduate or postgraduate level.

How to Apply

Students can submit an application online up to six months prior to course start. You can get started by submitting an application via the Future Finance website to see if you're eligible.

The University of Law will be required to verify your attendance on the course before any funding is released; this will be completed after you have attended registration at The University of Law.

Any loan funds requested for tuition will be released directly to The University of Law to be applied towards your tuition.

APPLY FOR A FUTURE FINANCE LOAN >
LENDWISE POSTGRADUATE STUDENT LOANS

Lendwise is a specialist UK education finance platform focused on postgraduate loans and professional qualifications.

Key features of a Lendwise Loan

- Available to all UK-domiciled students
- Borrow up to £100,000 for up to 10 years
- Fixed interest rate for the term of your loan, personalised to you
- No repayments while in full-time study

How to Apply

Existing and prospective students with a valid offer letter can apply online via the Lendwise website. No documents are needed when making the application.

The University of Law will be required to verify your attendance on the course before any funding is released, this will be completed after you have attended registration at The University of Law.

Any loan funds requested for tuition will be released directly to The University of Law to be applied towards your tuition and loans for living costs will be paid directly to you.

APPLY FOR LENDWISE POSTGRADUATE STUDENT LOAN >

GRADUATE LOANS FOR GDL

Graduate loans are available from some high street banks. You may apply to borrow from £1,000 up to £15,000. Loans are subject to status and assessment.

Contact your bank for more information of any support they can provide.

OVERSEAS STUDENT LOANS

Several countries may provide support for their residents to study in the UK at the University of Law. We have listed below the eligibility for Canada but please check with your own home government for any support that may be available.
CANADIAN LOANS

The University of Law is listed as an eligible institution with several of the Canadian Provinces. Please check with your province if the University of Law and your course are listed.

As an international institution, we do not have access to complete any required forms online or via any portal access. You will need to send any Confirmation of Enrolment or Program Information forms you require completing to our Student Finance team on studentfinance@law.ac.uk for action.

TUITION FEE PAYMENT BY INSTALMENTS

Sponsored students – Please note payment plan options are not available to sponsors.

The University of Law offers a range of flexible payment options to help you pay for your postgraduate course. We offer spreading out your tuition fee payments and the ability to make payments by direct debit.

**Full-time students** can pick from a single instalment, 3 termly instalments or 10 consecutive monthly instalments

**Part-time students** can pick from a single instalment, 3 termly instalments per year or 20 consecutive monthly instalments

Please note: VISA students are not eligible to opt for the monthly instalment options.

Payments from third parties or sponsors cannot be spread over instalments.

The first payment on a payment plan will be required the 1st of the month in which you start your course.

[Fees and instalment schedules for our postgraduate courses >](#)

How to apply for the instalment payment plan

Students will be asked to confirm the instalment plan they have opted for when they accept the offer of a place.

As the student, you can change this selection prior to the course start by logging into the student application portal and changing the payment plan selection within your details.

Once you have received confirmation that your payment plan has been set up prior to course start, any changes will then need to be requested via email to studentfinance@law.ac.uk.
Payment by Direct Debit

If you opt to pay your course fees by Direct Debit, you will need to complete a direct debit mandate via the online Elite portal after accepting the offer of a place. This provides the University with an instruction to collect payments and provide you with a Direct Debit Guarantee.

You will need to have a UK bank account in your name in order to successfully pay your course fees by direct debit. You will receive notification from your bank of a successful agreement. If your fees are being paid by somebody else, please contact studentfinance@law.ac.uk who will provide you with a manual direct debit mandate to complete.

The mandates need to be received at least 20 days prior to the date of the monthly instalment. If a mandate has not been set up, students will be asked to pay for the first month manually via another method.

UNIVERSITY OF LAW POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Our range of scholarships and bursaries are designed to assist students with the costs associated with studying at Higher Education level. Some of our awards have specific widening participation criteria. This is to ensure awards go to students whose backgrounds are under-represented in Higher Education.

The awards available within the 2021/22 academic year are listed on our website.

Please be aware that each year the number of scholarship applications received by the University vastly exceeds the number of awards available. Our advice therefore is to always plan where possible to ensure that you can meet the costs associated with your course without the need for an award.

STUDENT LOYALTY DISCOUNT

At The University of Law our aim is to set our students up for success whether through careers support, alumni networking opportunities, our Employment Promise or range of scholarships and bursaries.

We also want to reward your hard work and loyalty to us with our student loyalty discount (alumni loyalty scheme).

If you’ve successfully completed a course with us, or are currently studying with us, you will be entitled to a £500 alumni discount against your second course fee.

You can claim your discount against our range of full-time and part-time courses including the LPC, BPC and LLMs.

Simply apply for your course of interest. Upon receipt of an offer you’ll be able to accept your place and the £250 deposit will be automatically waived. The remaining £250 discount will be applied against your course fee. Terms and conditions apply.
OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

This page gives details of useful contacts and links to relevant external websites that could offer alternative solutions to postgraduate law students.

- Local authority grants - For further information, contact your local authority
- Charities and grant-making trusts - Email Education Grants Advisory Service, egas.enquiry@fwa.org.uk
- Funding for trainee solicitors and barristers - See the Training Contract and Pupillage Handbook or visit lawcareers.net or visit the Solicitors Regulation Authority website
- Study bursaries for LLM students - For further information call (0) 20 7242 1222, email bursaryapplications@lawsociety.org.uk or visit the Solicitors Regulation Authority website.

LOCAL AUTHORITY GRANTS

Some authorities provide financial assistance. For further information, contact your local authority.

CHARITIES AND GRANT-MAKING TRUSTS

There are numerous organisations that provide financial support to students. For further information, contact the Education Grants Advisory Service by emailing egas.enquiry@fwa.org.uk

FUNDING FOR TRAINEE SOLICITORS

Employer Sponsorship

Some law firms and other employers sponsor their trainees, paying course fees and living expenses. For further information see The Training Contract and Pupillage Handbook or visit lawcareers.net. Some firms also offer part-time study training contracts (PTS TC) combining part-time study (GDL and/or LPC) with full-time work, half of which can be counted towards the two years required to complete a training contract. For further information visit the Solicitors Regulation Authority website.

Law Society Bursary Scheme

If you have no other funding, you may be able to get a bursary from the Law Society. Applications must be made by April of the year you start your course. For further information call (0) 20 7242 1222, email bursaryapplications@lawsociety.org.uk or visit the Solicitors Regulation Authority website.
FUNDING FOR TRAINEE BARRISTERS

Inns of Court Scholarships

Partial funding is available from the Inns of Court for qualifying pupils, GDL or BPC students. For more information, visit the website of your chosen Inn.

Barristers Chambers

All chambers should award a minimum grant of £12,000 over a one-year pupillage. For further information, see The Pupillages Handbook available from the Bar Standards Board website.

STUDY BURSARIES FOR LLM STUDENTS

Postgrad Solutions Ltd is offering two Global LLM Study Bursaries, each to the value of £500. They are open to both international and UK students, and aim to help students fund their chosen Master of Laws programme.

Further information and details of how to apply >

MORE INFORMATION

If you would like to find out more about funding your postgraduate studies, please take a look at the UK Government website, where there are lots of useful resources regarding postgraduate funding options.

Further information on funding postgraduate study >