

# STUDENT DISCRETIONARY FUND



**The Student Discretionary Fund can assist students who experience financial difficulty while at college. Any award from this fund is non-repayable. You can apply to the college for help with:**

- Travel expenses
- Disability related costs
- Books and equipment
- Living costs
- Accommodation
- Emergency situations

Before applying, you should have taken up your maximum entitlement to all other funding such as bursary, student loan or other grants. Information on funding options can be found on our website at [edinburghcollege.ac.uk](http://edinburghcollege.ac.uk) or from [Student Service edinburghcollege.ac.uk/Student-Life/Student-Funding-And-Fees](http://edinburghcollege.ac.uk/Student-Service).

Students must satisfy residency requirements set out by the Scottish Funding Council to apply for the

Discretionary Fund. You must provide evidence to support your application. Student Services staff will let you know what evidence we need from you, as it will differ depending on your reason for applying.

Discretionary Fund application forms will be available from Student Services **from the beginning of your course.**

Student Services run drop-in sessions between 10.30am and 2.30pm where you can speak to a Student Advisor about the Discretionary Fund or any other financial issues you are having. All drop-ins are confidential.

Please note that the Discretionary Fund often cannot help to fully cover a student's expenses while at college, and it is the student's responsibility to cover any shortfall between income and expenses. Also, the college only receives a limited amount of Discretionary funding and this money may run out at any time.

For more information about funding and fees visit [edinburghcollege.ac.uk](http://edinburghcollege.ac.uk).

Edinburgh College operates an online funding application which is accessed through the student's college account used to apply for a course.

To speak to someone please go to the **drop-in sessions in Student Services.**

Our course portfolio and information may be subject to alteration.

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