



UK Finance & Funding Guide 2023 Entry

MetFilm School UK Finance & Funding Guide

This Finance guide is for prospective MetFilm School applicants for Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses. Designed to advise you on the essential financial information you will need during your time at MetFilm School. It contains information on student loans, undergraduate and postgraduate bursaries and scholarships and tuition fees.

The information in this guide may not answer all your questions, because your personal circumstances may affect what you are entitled to receive, but it will point you in the right direction, and list other useful websites and contact details for people and organisations that can help.

MetFilm School is a private independent film school which specialises in industry training. This means that we do not follow the same fee structure as other Higher Education institutions in the UK. This guide will give an overview of the funding options available to you.

In this guide, you will find:

- Information on Undergraduate Funding
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UK Undergraduate Student Funding

Student Finance includes a mixture of grants (which don't have to be repaid) and loans (which you do pay back). The Tuition Fee Loan is paid directly to MetFilm School towards your programme fee.

Tuition Fee Loan

UK students, who normally live in England, who have been accepted onto our Undergraduate programmes may be eligible to apply for a Tuition Fee Loan through Student Finance England.

How much Tuition Fee Loan can you expect to receive?

Students for the following courses can access tuition fee loans of £9,250 per academic year of study, which cover the full tuition fee, subject to any years of prior study:

- BA (Hons) Acting for Screen - ScreenSpace
- BA (Hons) Content, Media & Film Production - ScreenSpace
- BA (Hons) Film & Screen Business - ScreenSpace

If you apply through Student Loans Company for one of our approved full-time accredited programmes, you can receive:

- BA (Hons) Practical Filmmaking (2 Years):
- BA (Hons) Practical Filmmaking (3 Years):
- BA (Hons) Screen Acting:

If you apply through SAAS (Student Awards Agency Scotland) for one of our approved full-time accredited programmes – BA (Hons) Practical Filmmaking (2 or 3-year) or BA (Hons) Screen Acting – you can receive £6,165 per year (21/22 entry).

Please note this loan does not cover the full tuition fee.

When to Apply

You can start applying for Student Finance the spring before your course starts. You do not need a confirmed place, so get in early to be paid promptly at the start of term. You will need to reapply for funding each year of your course.

How to Apply

Apply online for Student Finance by visiting [gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance](https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance)

UK students who normally live in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland

For more information if you are a UK student who normally lives in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland visit the following websites:

- Scotland: [saas.gov.uk](https://www.saas.gov.uk)
- Wales: [studentfinancewales.co.uk](https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk)
- Northern Ireland: [studentfinanceni.co.uk](https://www.studentfinanceni.co.uk)

Repaying your Tuition Fee Loan

Repayments begin in the April after you graduate. The current repayments thresholds for UK graduates are:

- Students from England and Wales: Earning over £27,295 (22/23) a year before tax
- Students from Scotland and Northern Ireland: Earning over £25,375 (22/23) before tax

Repayments are automatically deducted from your wages before you get paid. The calculation will be shown on your payslip.

You pay 9% on anything you earn above the threshold. Meaning monthly repayments are much more manageable.

Maintenance Loan

Maintenance Loans are a type of Student Loan provided by the government, and they're intended to cover your living costs while you're at university. Rent, bills, food, nights out.

Maintenance Loans are paid in three equal instalments throughout the year. Unlike the Tuition Fee Loan, which is paid directly to your university, the Maintenance Loan is sent directly to your student bank account. This means it is down to you to budget your loan responsibly!

Eligibility

1. Your university/college and course must be recognised or listed.
2. Whether or not you have studied before.
 - a. You are only eligible to receive a Maintenance Loan if this is the first higher education course that you are enrolling on.
3. Under 60 years of age
4. You must either be a UK national, have a 'settled status', normally live in the UK for three years prior to starting the course. – All 3 categories must be met.
 - a. EU nationals are also eligible for Maintenance Loans as long as you have lived in the UK for reasons other than study for at least three years.

How much can you expect to receive?

The size of the Maintenance Loan you are entitled to will depend on the following three factors

- Where in the UK you are from
- Whether you will be living at home or not
- Your household income

The size of the Maintenance Loan you receive can range from £4,106 – for those over the age of 60 on the first day of their academic course, to £12,667 – for those studying in London, living away from their parents. (Figures based on gov.uk Maintenance Loans for 2022/23 entry)

How to apply?

Students from England, Northern Ireland, Wales or Scotland can apply for a Maintenance Loan online. Remember to apply for funding from the part of the UK you ordinarily live in, not the part you will be studying in.

- England – Student Finance England
- Northern Ireland – Student Finance Northern Ireland
- Scotland – Student Awards Agency for Scotland
- Wales – Student Finance Wales

Repaying your Maintenance Loan

Repayments begin in the April after you graduate. The current repayments thresholds for UK graduates are:

- Students from England and Wales: Earning over £26,575 a year before tax (Figure based on 20/21 entry)
- Students from Scotland and Northern Ireland: Earning over £19,390 before tax (as of April 2021)

Additional Funding

Disabled Students' Allowances (DSA)

You can apply for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) to cover some of the extra costs you have because of a mental health problem, long term illness or any other disability.

- You can get the allowances on top of your other student finance
- You will not need to repay DSAs
- How much you get depends on your individual needs – not your household income

DSA Eligibility Criteria

1. You are a UK student eligible for Student Finance
2. You are a full or part-time student on a recognised undergraduate or postgraduate course
3. You have a long-term health condition, mental health issue or learning difficulty

You will need to prove that you're eligible by going along to an assessment or providing a doctor's letter.

What DSAs can pay for:

You can get help with the costs of:

- specialist equipment e.g. a computer if you need one because of your disability
- non-medical helpers
- extra travel because of your disability
- other disability-related costs of studying

You may get a new computer if you do not already have one, or your current one does not meet your study needs. More information will be provided to you if you're assessed as needing a new computer.

You'll need to pay the first £200, which is the minimum cost that any student is likely to incur when buying a computer.

DSAs do not cover disability-related costs you'd have if you were not attending a course, or costs that any student might have.

Students with Dependents

You apply for these through your funding body at the same time as you apply for your tuition fee and maintenance funding.

Parents' Learning Allowance

You may be eligible for help with your learning costs if you're a full-time student with children. This is called Parents' Learning Allowance.

Depending on your household income, in the 2022 to 2023 academic year you could get between £50 and £1,863/year. It's usually paid in 3 installments direct to your bank account, one at the start of each term.

Childcare Grant

You may be eligible for help with your childcare costs if you:

- are a full-time higher education student
- have children under 15, or under 17 if they have special educational needs

You can get 85% of your childcare costs or a fixed maximum amount, whichever is less:

- Up to £183.75 a week for 1 child
- Up to £315.03 a week for 2 or more children

Adult Dependents Grant

If you're a full-time student in higher education and an adult depends on you financially, you can apply for an Adult Dependents' Grant of up to: £3,263 for 2022-23.

Students who are under 25 and have no contact with their parents and support themselves: If you are irreconcilably estranged from both of your biological or adoptive parents or only living parent, you can ask to be assessed as an independent student and assessed on your own household income.

Further information on eligibility can be found on the UCAS website: ucas.com/estranged-students



Scandinavian & Nordic Students

Swedish students have the right to apply for student finance if they wish to complete part or the whole of their studies in another country. In order for student finance to be granted, the higher education institution overseas must be recognised by the CSN (Swedish National Board of Student Aid).

The amount of the student loan may vary according to the study destination. However, the repayment terms are the same as for studying in Sweden. Additional finance is available for tuition fees, insurance and travel expenses.

For further information visit csn.se

Norway

Norwegian students can depend on financial support from The Norwegian State Educational Loan Fund, administered by Lanekassen, which provides student loans and stipends for higher education.

MetFilm School is on the list of UK Higher Education providers recognised by Lanekassen.

For further information visit lanekassen.no

Finland

Financial aid for a course of study that is conducted outside Finland is available for Finnish citizens. Financial aid is also available for citizens of other EU/EEA countries or Switzerland and their family members.

Students seeking financial aid must have had a municipality of residence in Finland for at least 2 years out of the 5 years preceding the commencement of their studies and their stay abroad must be temporary. In other words, students will not qualify if they have lived abroad for more than 3 years before starting their studies.

For further information visit kela.fi

Iceland

The Icelandic Student Loan Fund is a government-funded and government-run student loan fund for Icelandic citizens. It provides loans for living expenses of up to 7 years of university studies. Repayment of the loans is at below-market-rate interest, with a two-year grace period upon completion of studies.

Courses of study qualify for loans if an educational institution offers them as full-time studies; 60 ECTS units of study in each academic year or at least 30 ECTS units each semester in cases where the course structure does not cover a complete academic year.

For further information visit lin.is

Postgraduate Student Funding

You can receive funding for postgraduate study through loans, studentships, bursaries and grants – you may also get help from your employer.

Postgraduate Loans from the UK Government for UK & EU Students

If you are starting a master's degree, you could get a Postgraduate Master's Loan to help with course fees and living costs.

Who can get a Postgraduate Loan?

Students can apply for a Postgraduate Loan if they:

- Are studying a full taught or research Master's course
- Do not already have a postgraduate Master's qualification or a higher level qualification like a PhD
- Have not already received a Postgraduate Loan for another course that has not been completed
- Are under 60 years old at the start of the first academic year of their course, and
- Are a UK or EU national or have settled status OR you normally live in England and have been living in the UK for the last three years before the start of the course

For further information on the Postgraduate Loan and to find out if you are eligible visit gov.uk/masters-loan

How much can you expect to receive?

£11,836 if your course starts on or after 1 August 2022.

How to qualify for a Postgraduate Loan

Whether a student can receive a Postgraduate Loan depends on:

- Their personal circumstances
- Their course
- Their university

How to Apply

- Students should apply as early as possible to make sure their Postgraduate Loan is ready for the start of their course
- Apply online by visiting gov.uk/postgraduatelloan
- Students do not need to have a confirmed place at university to apply. Apply using your preferred choice of course and this can be updated at a later stage if needed.

Repaying a Postgraduate Loan

Postgraduate students will begin repaying their Postgraduate Loan if their income is over £21,000 per year. The amount due will depend on their income, not how much has been borrowed. They'll pay 6% of their income over £21,000. If their income drops below £21,000 their repayments will automatically stop.

Scholarships

BAFTA Scholarship

The BAFTA Scholarship Programme offers talented individuals of any age a chance to help further their career by studying a course in film, games or television at a range of universities and institutions around the UK.

Eligible courses at MetFilm School for the BAFTA UK scholarship:

- MA Cinematography
- MA Directing
- MA Film & Television Production
- MA Post Production
- MA Producing
- MA Screenwriting

Successful British applicants for our Scholarships in the UK will receive:

- Up to £12,000 towards annual tuition fees
- Mentoring by an industry professional
- Free access to BAFTA events

In addition, three successful applicants will be awarded a Prince William Scholarship in Film, Games and Television, supported by BAFTA and Warner Bros., including a short, paid work placement within the Warner Bros. group of companies and other benefits.

The BAFTA Tinopolis Scholarship, supported by Tinopolis, will support a talented individual from Wales who wants to build a career in television.

How to Apply

Visit bafta.org/supporting-talent/scholarships

Voices That Matter Scholarship

The **MetFilm School Voices that Matter Scholarship Scheme** is aimed at promoting accessibility and equality and for those who possess a demonstrable passion and talent for the screen industries.

We aim to provide an opportunity for exceptional students who, without financial assistance, would be unable to participate on selected programmes.

Recognising the importance of accessibility and equality within the screen industries, MetFilm School offers three Voices That Matter Scholarships per year:

Voices That Matter Scholarship – Women in the Screen Industries in partnership with MTV Staying Alive Foundation

Recognising the importance of accessibility and equality within the screen industries; designed to support the next generation of female filmmakers.

One scholarship per campus: one in London, one in Leeds, and one in Berlin.

Voices That Matter – Dan Demissie Scholarship for a Black Student of Talent

Recognising the importance of accessibility, diversity, and inclusion within the screen industries, in memory of MetFilm School London graduate Dan Demissie.

One scholarship per year, either in London, Leeds or Berlin.

Scholarship Details

- Full tuition fees of the accredited course are covered for the duration of the course
- Courses eligible for the Voices that Matter Scholarship include:
 - BA (Hons) Practical Filmmaking (2 and 3 Years): London, Berlin
 - BA (Hons) Screen Acting: London, Berlin
 - MA Cinematography: London, Berlin, Leeds
 - MA Directing: London, Berlin, Leeds
 - MA Documentary & Factual: Berlin
 - MA Film & Television Production: London
 - MA Post Production: London
 - MA Producing: London
 - MA Screenwriting: London, Berlin, Leeds

Applicants can submit the Scholarship application form and the course application form at the same time or separately. However, all applicants must have been given an offer to attend MetFilm School prior to being considered for the scholarship.

For more information on the Voices that Matter Scholarship, contact the Admissions Team.

T: +44 (0)20 8280 9119

E: info@metfilmschool.co.uk

W: metfilmschool.ac.uk/leeds/admissions/funding-your-course/voices-that-matter-scholarship

Bursaries

MetFilm School offers two types of bursaries that will contribute to the tuition fees for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Courses.

Please note: Bursary applications must be submitted at the time of application or prior to acceptance, and not after acceptance has been received and a place confirmed.

MetFilm School Merit Bursaries

- Cover 20% of the course fee for the first year (or 20% off the whole course for our MA programmes)
- Are awarded on the basis of financial need and ability
- Applicants should endeavour to submit applications that demonstrate a strong creative background and be clear on the need for financial support at the application stage

MetFilm School Full Bursaries

- Cover 30% of the course fee for the first year (or 30% off the whole course for our MA programmes)
- Require a separate application to be submitted demonstrating primarily financial need – this can be found via metfilmschool.ac.uk/admissions/funding-course/bursaries/
- Decisions are made on a rolling basis and are made by members of MetFilm School's Senior Leadership Team

For more information contact our Admissions Team

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Future Finance (Private Loans for London Undergraduate & Postgraduate)

MetFilm School London are registered with Future Finance, who provide private loans for students studying on Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes of study, for our London campus only.

Future Finance are the UK's first specialist student lender, and are licensed by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). They have approved over 13,000 loans in the UK, and are used by over 33 other providers. They provide loans along the following conditions:

- To MetFilm School students who are UK domiciled, subject to appropriate credit checks, and are over 18 years of age.
- Loan amounts from £2,000 to £40,000. These can include contributions to living costs and tuition fees.
- Loan repayments can be arranged so that these are spread over 10 years, depending on the loan amount and the course.

Future Finance offer a quick and easy assessment for eligibility through their website futurefinance.com

Other ways to fund your studies

- Get part-time work
- Ask your parents/family for help
- Open a 0% interest rate student bank account
- Check you are getting all the funding you are entitled to
- Ask for help!

Budgeting your finances

Before starting university, it is important to think about the costs you are likely to face and how to manage your money.

It's advisable to work out a budget to pay for essentials including:

- Accommodation
- Gas/electricity
- Food and drink
- Mobile phone
- Books and study materials
- Sport, leisure and social activities

Funding Bodies

Student Finance England

T: 0300 100 0607 (Monday-Friday: 9:00-17:30
Saturday-Sunday: Closed)

W: gov.uk/student-finance

Twitter: @SF_England

Facebook: @SFEngland

Scotland

Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS)

T: 0300 555 0505

W: saas.gov.uk

Wales

Student Finance Wales

T: 0300 200 4050

W: studentfinancewales.co.uk

Northern Ireland

Student Finance Northern Ireland

T: 0300 100 0077

W: studentfinancenir.co.uk

EU Students

Student Finance Services Non-UK Team

T: +44 (0) 141 243 3570

W: gov.uk/student-finance/loans-and-grants

Useful Websites

- metfilmschool.ac.uk/admissions/funding-course
- moneysavingexpert.com
- thestudentroom.co.uk



MetFilm School Guides

For further information please download our other Guides:

- UK Accommodation Guide
- Berlin Accommodation Guide
- Berlin Finance & Funding Guide
- UK Student Support Guide
- Berlin Student Support Guide
- UK International Students Guide
- Berlin International Students Guide

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