



# UK Student Support Guide

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MetFilm School is a world-leading film, television and online media school which offers undergraduate, postgraduate and short courses in London, Berlin, and Leeds.

If you're nervous about leaving home, moving to a new country, or just want specific information about our facilities, we've compiled some useful information that we hope will help you plan ahead for your time as a student and adjust to student life after you've arrived.

Our mission is to inspire a new generation of creative professionals. We bring the education and screen industries together in a creative environment, driven by great teaching and practical, hands-on experience, led by inspiring tutors.

## MetFilm School London

London is one of the world's busiest filming cities, the home of historic productions such as *Oliver* and *Alfie*, and modern famous pictures including *The Bourne Ultimatum*, *Harry Potter*, and many more.

Based in an industry centre, London has a thriving film community, complete with plenty of employment and entertainment opportunities. Not only this, but the borough of Ealing, where our campus is situated, is a beautiful area, even overlooking Walpole Park – 28 acres of treelined walkways and playgrounds.



## MetFilm School Leeds

It has long been an ambition of the School to open a campus in a second UK city. Our strategic decision making since the School's inception some eighteen years ago has been driven by a desire to make the unique education we offer available to more people. That's why we started running undergraduate programmes, and later postgraduate programmes. It's why we opened in Berlin. And it is also why we have opened in Leeds.

Leeds is a city filled with support for the arts, including from Screen Yorkshire and Leeds City Council, who are putting significant resources into the sector. A fast-growing industry hub, Leeds is also proud to boast several new studio developments as talent moves to the city.





## A Guide to the Area

It's time to get to know your new city! Living in London has something to offer everyone. With a fantastic diverse population, the varied lifestyles are reflected through its wide range of cuisine, eclectic shops, thriving music scene, and a different event each night. London buzzes night and day with an unforgettable energy, and each area of the city has its own distinct atmosphere.

Transport for London (TfL) offers a student travelcard which gives a 30% discount to full-time students over 18. The 18+ Student Oyster Card can be used within London on trains, underground, buses, and the London Docklands Light Railway. The discount applies to students on our accredited Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses.

Ealing is a vibrant borough situated in West London, and is home to a vast number of shops, bars, pubs, and restaurants, with something to suit every taste and budget. Also on our doorstep are Notting Hill, Shepherd's Bush, and Richmond. During the summer, Ealing's parks host a number of festivals celebrating comedy, music, and beer.

Ealing has great links into Central London and is ideal for nights out on the town. On the tube, Ealing Broadway is just 25 minutes to Oxford Circus, and less than 35 minutes to Liverpool Street. There are also fast trains to Paddington and Heathrow Airport, including the Elizabeth Line.

The Central (Ealing Broadway) and Piccadilly (South Ealing) lines operate 24-hour services to Ealing on Fridays and Saturdays. There are also plenty of bus routes serving the local area.

## Markets

### Notting Hill & Portobello Road

Antiques, food, clothes, music, and more.

### Camden Lock Market

Clothes, food, music, arts, and more.

### Brick Lane Market

Flea-market, antiques, vintage clothes, arts, and food.

### Borough Market

Food, food, and more food!

## Food & Drink Recommendations

Most known for our love of tea, scones and fish and chips in the UK there are a number of food and drink items you should sample while in the UK. Below are some of our top local picks for you to try out!

### Breakfast / Coffee Shops

- **Eclectic Coffee Co** – breakfast, lunch, and weekend brunches
- **WA Cafe** – Japanese breads and pastries baked fresh each day
- **Artisan Coffee** – granola, pastries, and porridge
- **Limeyard** – Californian kitchen

### Pubs & Bars

- **Red Lion** – one of the best Sunday Roasts
- **The Wheatsheaf**
- **Crispins Wine Bar**
- **The Grove**

### Restaurants

- **Maxim** – Chinese
- **Tandoori Villa** – Indian
- **Turtle Bay** – Caribbean
- **Blue Ocean** – Fish & Chips

## Cultural Communities

**South Asian Groceries:** Harrow, Southall, Wembley

**Southeast Asian Groceries:** Chinatown

**Portuguese Supermarkets:** Stockwell, Oval

**Polish Supermarkets:** Shepherd's Bush

**African-Caribbean Food:** Lambeth, Lewisham

**Arab Eateries:** Edgware Road

**South American Groceries:** Elephant & Castle

**Vietnamese Restaurants & Supplies:** Hackney



## Garden Studios

Garden Studios is a sustainably-focused film studio which has been specifically designed to support the latest production technologies. One of the highlights of this space is the Virtual Production Stage, a 48,000 square foot space which allows filmmakers to explore their wildest – and most creative dreams.

MetFilm School has partnered with Garden Studios, with degree students from any Ealing courses having specific modules, workshops, or productions scheduled to take place at this campus location where it offers a better delivery option than at Ealing Studios.

Having this campus space at Garden Studios will allow students easy access to the studio facilities, including the state-of-the-art Virtual Production stage, and on-set VP technician team. Such practical learning experiences are at the core of MetFilm School's offering, allowing students to work closely with leading industry professionals and be hands-on with innovative technologies.

Garden Studios are also well-connected with the screen industry, collaborating with experts including:

- **Brompton Technology:** Manufacturers and suppliers of market-leading and award-winning Tessera LED processors for LED panels and video walls
- **MoSys:** An advanced camera robotics and virtual technology company
- **Mission:** The UK's leading DIT and digital dailies facility, offering start-to-finish digital workflow management for top film and TV productions
- **ProCam Take 2:** Europe's leading digital cinematography hire facility
- **Quite Brilliant:** A multi-discipline agency specialising in virtual production



*'There are times in the growth of an organisation when something just makes so much sense, you don't need to think about it. This was one such time. our long-time partners, led by the co-founder of MetFilm School, Thomas Høegh, have a vision of a new studio complex that embraces so many of our core values – innovation in filmmaking, doing so in a sustainable way, and creating opportunity for new and emerging talent.'*

*Our educational philosophy is predicated on a drive to be at the heart of the film industry, and to demonstrate to our students that their ambitions in film are achievable. We do this by being situated in working film studios – and with Garden Studios and Ealing Studios in London, Atelier Gardens in Berlin, and Prime Studios in Leeds, we are now in four.*

*Our presence in, and our partnership with Garden Studios, is core to these values. And we are tremendously excited to explore these opportunities the relationship will bring in the months and years ahead.'*

**- Jonny Persey, Director, MetFilm**





## A Guide to the Area

Described as 'big city life' without the London prices, Leeds has something to offer everyone. As the home of 5 universities, the city has a huge student population, and the varied lifestyles of the community are reflected in the wide range of cuisine, shops, and thriving music scene.

Prime Studios is located in the City Centre, making it an easy journey to most places, whether you're looking for a shopping centre or a coffee shop. Leeds is also close to the Peak District and Yorkshire Dales, meaning you could be surrounded by the beauty of nature after just a couple of hours on the train!

Buses are the easiest way to get around Leeds. Most bus services run from 5am-11pm, although some routes do offer a night service, and you can purchase a 19-25 or 'Student' Photocard to access discounted tickets for each journey you make.

Alongside buses and taxis (including Uber), Leeds also has good train links, with Leeds Train Station offering journeys to London, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Manchester, and more.

## Markets

### Kirkgate Market

Food, fashion, homewares, jewellery, and more.

### Yeadon Market

Fresh fruit and veg, seafood and meat.

### Briggate Farmers' Market

Freshly baked brownies, local fruit and veg, homewares, and more.

### Artsmix Market

Candles, bath bombs, handmade jewellery, and more.

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- Laynes Espresso
- La Bottega Milanese
- Kapow!
- Archive Coffee

### Pubs & Bars

- Whitelocks
- Belgrave Music Hall
- Kirkstall Bridge
- Doghouse

### Restaurants

- Bengal Brasserie – Asian
- Dakota Restaurant – Steakhouse
- Da Vito – Italian
- La Taberna – Mediterranean

## Get active

### London

#### Gyms

- **University of West London Fitness Centre**  
([uwlsu.com/opportunities/gym](http://uwlsu.com/opportunities/gym))
- **Sports Club at University of West London**  
([uwlsu.com/opportunities/sports](http://uwlsu.com/opportunities/sports))
- **Gymbox Ealing**  
([gymbox.com/gyms/ealing](http://gymbox.com/gyms/ealing))
- **The Gym**  
([thegymgroup.com/find-a-gym/ealing](http://thegymgroup.com/find-a-gym/ealing))

#### Park Runs

Every Saturday at 9am, a free 5km run takes place in Gunnersbury Park, South Ealing, and starts near the coffee kiosk. For more information visit [parkrun.org.uk/gunnersbury](http://parkrun.org.uk/gunnersbury)

### Leeds

#### Gyms

- **Pure Gym Leeds**  
([puregym.com/city/leeds](http://puregym.com/city/leeds))
- **The Gym Group Leeds Headrow**  
([thegymgroup.com/find-a-gym/leeds-headrow](http://thegymgroup.com/find-a-gym/leeds-headrow))
- **CrossFit Leeds**  
([crossfitleeds.com](http://crossfitleeds.com))
- **Nuffield Health**  
([nuffieldhealth.com/gyms/leeds](http://nuffieldhealth.com/gyms/leeds))

#### Park Runs

Every Saturday at 9am, a free 5km run takes place in Woodhouse Moor, after which the group grabs a coffee from The Birdcage. For more information visit [parkrun.org.uk/woodhousemoor](http://parkrun.org.uk/woodhousemoor)

## Settling in

### Open a UK Bank Account

This should be one of the first things you do after having registered for your course. You'll need money for rent, bills and sightseeing!

#### You will need:

- A valid passport and visa
- Proof of student status (a letter from MetFilm School – you can request this from [admin@metfilmschool.ac.uk](mailto:admin@metfilmschool.ac.uk))
- Proof of address in the UK (an enrolment letter or a bill with your name on it)

You can use your overseas account however it is not practical as you cannot set up direct debits to pay your bills and you will be charged every time you take cash out. Also, if you are planning on getting a part-time job, you will need a UK bank account in order to get paid!

#### How to open a Bank Account?

Visit your local bank and apply in person

#### Local Banks - London, Ealing

- Santander, 4-8 Bond Street, W5 5AE
- Nationwide Building Society, 9 New Broadway, W5 5AW
- TSB Bank, 31 New Broadway, W5 5AW

#### Local Banks - Leeds

- HSBC, 33 Park Row, LS1 1LD
- Halifax, 32 Commercial Street, LS1 6EY
- TSB Bank, The Headrow, LS1 5HF

#### National Insurance Number

If you decide to work whilst you are in the UK, you will need a National Insurance (NI) Number. If you already have your Biometric Residence Permit, you might already have a NI number. If so, it will be printed on the back.

If you do not have a NI number, you must apply for one to work. You can only apply once you are in the UK.

You can find out how to apply for a NI number by visiting [gov.uk/apply-national-insurance-number](http://gov.uk/apply-national-insurance-number)

### How to Register with a Doctor/ GP (General Practitioner)

When you arrive in the UK you should register with a local doctor as soon as you can. Do not wait until you are ill!

The National Health Service (NHS) is the UK's state health service. Doctors in England will normally accept students who are on courses on any duration onto their lists of NHS patients.

There are plenty of practices for you to register at in London and Leeds. You can also search for a practice depending on your requirements through the NHS website. This is helpful for finding a practice which allows for electronic prescriptions, or weekday evening appointments. To access this database, visit [nhs.uk/nhs-services/services-near-you/](http://nhs.uk/nhs-services/services-near-you/)

#### Registering at a Medical Practice – London, Ealing

- Bramley Road Surgery, 2 Bramley Road, W5 4SS, Telephone: 020 8579 0165
- Florence Road Surgery, 26 Florence Road, W5 3TX, Telephone: 020 8567 2111

#### Registering at a Medical Practice – Leeds

- Leeds Student Medical Practice, 4 Blenheim Court, LS2 9AE, Telephone: 0113 295 4488
- Woodhouse Medical Practice, Cambridge Road, LS6 2SF, Telephone: 0113 221 3510

To register at most practices, you will need your Student ID card and a Student Status letter. You will need to complete a registration form and a simple health questionnaire, and return it in person to the surgery during consulting hours.

You should ask to be added to the list of National Health Service (NHS) patients. This means you will not have to pay a fee to visit the doctor.

If you have any preferences about who sees you (male, female or someone who speaks your language) then remember to mention this when registering and making appointments.

#### What is the UK Emergency Number?

The Emergency number for the Police, Fire or Paramedic service is 999. This number can be dialled free from any telephone.

For non-emergency medical issues, you can call the free, 24-hour NHS helpline for advice on 111.



The nearest hospital with an A&E department is:

- **London:** Ealing Hospital
- **Leeds:** Leeds General Infirmary

In a life-threatening emergency, always call 999. The paramedics will take you to the right A&E department for your condition, not necessarily to your local hospital.

### Council Tax Exemption

Households in the UK ordinarily pay a monthly fee to the Local Borough Council to cover the cost of rubbish collection, road maintenance, etc. – this is Council Tax.

Households where everyone is a full-time student do not pay Council Tax. If you do get a bill, you can apply for an exemption by providing proof of your student status at [gov.uk/apply-for-council-tax-discount](http://gov.uk/apply-for-council-tax-discount)

To be eligible for this exemption, your course must last at least one year, and involve 21 hours of study a week.

### TV Licence

In the UK, each household needs a TV License to watch or record live TV programmes, including BBC iPlayer.

This could be on any device, including a TV, desktop, laptop, phone, games console, or DVD/VHS forecast.

If you do any of the above without a valid license, you risk prosecution and a maximum penalty of up to £1,000.

### How much does a TV Licence cost?

A standard TV License costs £159, which you pay in one go, or in installments. If you don't need the license for a full 12 months, you can apply for a refund. For more information, visit [tvlicensing.co.uk](http://tvlicensing.co.uk)

### Budgeting

Knowing what kinds of costs, you can expect will help you plan your finances. Going out and eating out, takeaways, accommodation and grocery shopping are the top things students spend more on than they thought they would before arriving at university.

### Food Shopping – £30 per week

Don't rely on one supermarket for all your groceries ('express' stores are often more expensive). Shop around to find the best deal for different items and buy non-branded items.

\* Top Tip: plan your meals for the week ahead (you will save so much money!)

### Water, gas and electricity – £50 per month

Utility bills will be included if you are renting through student accommodation- however living in a private house or flat-share you will need to budget for this!

### Leisure and hobbies – £50 per month

Don't drop the activities and hobbies that make you happy like going to the gym, music or gaming; these can help you meet people who share the same interests, as well as cheer you up when university life gets a bit much.

Unidays offers students at university access to discounts on food, clothing and gym memberships. Visit [myunidays.com](http://myunidays.com)

Groupon also provides a range of discounts on a range of services and products. Visit [groupon.co.uk](http://groupon.co.uk)

### Phone and Internet – £35 per month

Internet is usually included within the rent for student accommodation, but this may not be the case for private accommodation.

\* Top Tip: Check how much data and minutes you actually use in a month via your phone provider – you might be surprised by how much you may be able to save by altering your plan!

### Travel – £15–30 per week

The cost of travel will depend on where you live, and what activities you get up to during your time in your new city. Make sure you apply for a Student Photocard or Travelcard, as well as a Railcard if appropriate, so that you can take advantage of discounts available on travel tickets.



## Employability

### MetFilm Futures

At MetFilm School we concentrate on employability right from the start. You will have access to our dedicated careers advice department, MetFilm Futures, who focus on supporting you and ensuring you develop the skills needed to succeed in the industry.

Students and graduates of MetFilm School access the following:

- **Career Surgeries:** one-to-one career surgeries take place to advise students on their career paths.
- **Festival Support:** MetFilm Futures aim to teach and empower all students to navigate the festival and commercial worlds to maximise the opportunities for their films and online content.
- **Masterclasses and Seminars:** Students are invited to masterclass and industry seminars with special guests across all disciplines who discuss their work, current issues and changes within the screen industries. Previous guests include: Sir Roger Deakins, Sarah Gavron, Sally Wainwright and Colin Trevorrow.
- **Competitions:** MetFilm Futures publishes and runs film competitions that give students the opportunity to produce content with awarded budgets and for clients.
- **Talent Pool:** MetFilm Futures connects students and graduates with upcoming opportunities including full-time jobs, freelance contracts, internships and placements.

### Student Outreach Ambassador

Graduates have the opportunity to become a Student Outreach Ambassador, a team that delivers practical and engaging workshops on and off campus to a range of schools and colleges across the UK. You also represent MetFilm School at careers fairs and UCAS Events.

This programme will enhance your CV with a broad range of employment experience, earn a generous wage and work flexibly and develop a range of skills such as presenting, public speaking and delivering practical learning.



### Finding part time work while studying

A part-time job can be helpful for some extra cash in your pocket, and in some cases can even be great for your CV!

Make sure that you comply with any job regulations set out in your Student Visa.

#### 1. Look for a part-time job before uni starts

Start searching for part-time positions online and applying for jobs before you start university to avoid peak job-hunting season.

#### 2. Make sure your CV is up to date

Keep your CV updated as you learn new skills and gain more work experience.

### Top job searching tools

1. [broadcastjobs.com](https://broadcastjobs.com)
2. [thecallsheet.co.uk](https://thecallsheet.co.uk)
3. [grapevinejobs.co.uk](https://grapevinejobs.co.uk)
4. [thetalentmanager.com](https://thetalentmanager.com)
5. [theunitlist.com/jobs](https://theunitlist.com/jobs)
6. [screenskills.com/jobs](https://screenskills.com/jobs)
7. [talentbases.com](https://talentbases.com)

### Finding jobs once graduated

#### 1. Gain Experience

Gaining relevant experience is crucial for introducing you to the skills you need and help develop them further. Experience can come in a number of forms: internships, volunteering, work placements and work shadowing.

#### 2. Network

By making yourself and your ambitions known to those already in the industry, you'll be considered for future job vacancies or work experience opportunities. The network you build while at MetFilm School is key. By forming creative collaborations, and helping out on projects, you can form lifelong professional connections. Start by attending relevant events and career fairs, or by connecting with professionals on LinkedIn.

#### 3. Prepare for the interview

Ensure you take time to prepare for an interview; this will help you speak clearly and confidently, leaving the interviewer with a great first impression. It is important to research the company, to plan answers to typical interview questions and think about the questions you would like to ask the employer.





## Student Support Services

MetFilm School wants you to have a fulfilling education experience, so the support we offer is aimed at helping you to reach your potential. Whether it is practical, personal or academic support that you need, help is available from the moment you arrive and easily accessible.

### Student Advice Service

The Student Services team are here to help you navigate life at MetFilm School. If you need to speak to someone about registering with local facilities such as doctors, setting up a bank account, or if you need general advice on finances, funding, visa issues or your academic status, then we can help.

You can call, email or turn up in person for assistance during the School's regular opening hours. More information on how the team can help is provided during your induction periods.

### Mental Health & Wellbeing

#### Counselling

Our dedicated student Counselling Service offers a free and confidential service to any student who needs it – including individual counselling, group sessions and general wellbeing advice.

Sessions are delivered both online and in-person, giving students flexibility and choice about the way they access the service. These 50-minute sessions offer a confidential, safe space for you to discuss and share whatever is going on in your life at the moment – a place for you to explore how you can improve some of the immediate challenges affecting your schoolwork or general wellbeing.

You can book a session or simply ask for some advice by contacting [counselling@metfilmschool.ac.uk](mailto:counselling@metfilmschool.ac.uk)

#### Togetherall

MetFilm School students can access Togetherall, our mental health and wellbeing portal. Togetherall is an anonymous community where members can reach out for support with their mental health. Access is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You will be able to access trained professionals, self-assessments and resources and a wide range of self-guided courses to complete at your own pace.

Your access to Togetherall becomes available during the Pre-Induction Programme, before you formally begin your studies at MetFilm School.



## Disability Support

### Disabled and Neurodiverse Support at MetFilm School

MetFilm School wants all students to have equal access to their course and the facilities. The Student Services team and its dedicated Disability & Wellbeing Adviser provide confidential, specialist advice to help address any physical, study or communication barriers students may find in the learning environment. Student Services work hand in hand with academic staff to support students with a wide range of disabilities including:

- neurodiversity and specified learning differences (such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, ADHD)
- mental health difficulties (such as depression, bipolar disorder)
- long-term medical conditions (such as HIV, cancer, multiple sclerosis)
- hidden disabilities (such as diabetes, asthma, epilepsy)
- sensory impairments (such as blindness, deafness)
- mobility or physical impairments (such as arthritis, wheelchair or mobility-aid users)

You can disclose a condition at any time during your student journey. Alternatively, you can book an appointment with a member of the team to discuss your circumstances and support arrangements.

We encourage students to disclose disability or support needs as early as possible, so the correct support can be set up to help you reach your full potential. If you disclosed a disability or learning support need in your application, you will be asked for further information during the online enrolment process.

If you need adjustments for your application interview, or the induction and pre-induction periods, please let your Admissions Manager know, or contact the School via the email address below.

Students can disclose or discuss a condition at any time during their study by contacting [wellbeing@metfilmschool.ac.uk](mailto:wellbeing@metfilmschool.ac.uk)

### I have confirmed by place on the course – what happens next?

If you have disclosed a disability or learning support need during your application, you will be contacted by the Disability & Wellbeing Adviser to discuss your circumstances. They will ask you to supply evidence of your condition, and any supporting information that might be relevant. This information is used to agree a support plan for you. The information provided will be treated in confidence, and used only for the purposes of providing the appropriate support to your circumstances.

These bespoke Individual Support Plans (ISPs) are developed in agreement with you, outlining recommended reasonable adjustments such as amended assessment arrangements, extensions to library book loans, note-takers, or campus mobility support, and the ability to request extensions to work if required.

## Finance and Funding

The following section provides an overview of tuition fee information and some of the funding options that might be available to you, such as student loans, bursaries, and scholarships.

Please note: your personal circumstances may affect what funding is available. Factors such as where you live, the course you choose, and whether funding applications are means-tested should all be considered.

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.

### Paying your Tuition Fees

Every student is charged a fee for each academic year they study at MetFilm School. This tuition fee covers all elements of your registration, enrolment, tuition, supervision, and examination for each full- or part-academic year which you are enrolled for.

It does not cover certain project costs, living costs, books, materials, or travel. Fees are set approximately 15 months before the start of the academic session to which they apply.

When you accept your place at MetFilm School, you are accepting responsibility for making sure these fees are paid by the published deadlines, whether that is by you, a family member, a loan from your regional Student Finance body, or through sponsorship.

### Your Fee Status

As a student registered at MetFilm School, you are required to pay the tuition fee appropriate to your programme, and to your status as a UK home student, an Overseas student, or a Channel Islands/Isle of Man student. Students with UK home status may also be eligible for loan support from their relevant UK Student Finance body.

Your fee status is determined in accordance with regulations published by the UK Government.

In February 2021, the UK Government published the relevant amendment setting out the position for fee status post-Britain leaving the EU. This applies to students beginning their studies in August 2021 or afterwards.

In accordance with this amendment, EU, EEA, and Swiss nationals and their family members no longer have access to UK fee status, unless they are covered by the citizens' rights provisions of the EU Withdrawal Agreement, EEA EFTA Separation Agreement, and Swiss Citizens' Rights Agreement (the Withdrawal Agreements) – or if they are transferring to MetFilm School from a programme at another UK institution which began before 1st August 2021. Additional requirements are in place regarding the children of Turkish workers.

### How much should you pay?

For new students, your tuition fee will usually be quoted on your offer letter. Fees are also published on each course information page on our website.

## How to make a payment

### Self-funded students

Self-funded students are those paying all or part of their fees through private means, usually family. If you are self-funding, information on how to pay your tuition fees will be included in your offer letter.

If you are not self-funding, or only partially self-funding, there are different things you will need to do depending on if you are:

- funded by Student Finance England, or an equivalent regional funding body
- in receipt of sponsorship from other sources (i.e. Chevening Scholarship, an employer)

### UK Home Students in receipt of fee funding from Student Finance England (or equivalent)

It is important that you apply on time and get your funding confirmed. The quickest way to apply for student finance is online at [gov.uk/student-finance](https://gov.uk/student-finance).

If you only receive partial funding from your finance body, you must pay your remaining fees before their instalment deadlines, otherwise you may not be enrolled on your programme. Your account will be updated with the amount of your allocated funding against your tuition fee.

Postgraduate students in receipt of a Master's Loan (up to £12,167) will receive their funding directly into their nominated bank accounts. It is for the individual to determine the use of their funds.

For academic year 2023/24, the maximum yearly tuition fee loan available from Student Finance England for each undergraduate course is:

- BA (Hons) Practical Filmmaking (2 Years): £7,200
- BA (Hons) Practical Filmmaking (3 Years): £6,000
- BA (Hons) Screen Acting: £7,200

Please note: this loan does not cover the full tuition fee liability per academic year.

MetFilm School courses run in partnership with the University of West London are eligible for the full Student Finance England funding of £9,250 per academic year. This covers the annual tuition fee of the following undergraduate courses:

- BA (Hons) Acting for Screen
- BA (Hons) Content, Media & Film Production
- BA (Hons) Digital Film Practice (Subject to Validation)
- BA (Hons) Film & Screen Business

### Students in receipt of sponsorship from other sources

If your tuition fee is being paid by a third-party sponsor, you will need to provide us with written evidence of your sponsorship before your enrolment period begins. This should be an email from your sponsor, or a sponsorship letter.

Send it to us by email, by post, or bring it to us in person. Your Admissions Adviser will provide further guidance as needed.

## Applying for Funding from Student Finance England (or equivalent)

The quickest way to apply for student finance is online at [gov.uk/student-finance](http://gov.uk/student-finance).

Undergraduate students are typically eligible for up to three years' of tuition fee loan and maintenance loan funding (to help with living costs such as rent, travel). Tuition fee loans are paid directly to your institution by the Student Loans Company. Maintenance loans are means tested, and paid in three instalments to your nominated bank account.

Postgraduate students may be eligible for a Master's Loan or equivalent to help with course fees and living expenses while studying. Information can be found at [gov.uk/masters-loan](http://gov.uk/masters-loan).

You should apply to the relevant funding body that oversees applications for where you currently live:

- Student Finance England: [gov.uk/student-finance](http://gov.uk/student-finance)
- Student Awards Agency Scotland: [saas.gov.uk/](http://saas.gov.uk/)
- Student Finance Northern Ireland: [studentfinancenir.co.uk](http://studentfinancenir.co.uk)
- Student Finance Wales\*: [studentfinancewales.co.uk](http://studentfinancewales.co.uk)

\*Only applicable for courses under our partnership with the University of West London.

For students applying for courses run in partnership with the University of West London, your tuition fees will be paid directly to the University of West London, as indicated in your offer letter. These courses include:

- BA (Hons) Acting for Screen
- BA (Hons) Content, Media & Film Production
- BA (Hons) Digital Film Practice (Subject to Validation)
- BA (Hons) Film & Screen Business

International students may be eligible to apply for funding from their home government funding programmes.

Please note: MetFilm School is not an eligible institution for the purposes of US Federal Student Aid programmes.

It is the applicants' responsibility to check with their home country funding body whether their chosen course is eligible for funding.

## Additional Sources of Funding

### MetFilm School Scholarships

MetFilm School has several scholarships available for accredited courses each year:

- Voices that Matter: Women in the Screen Industries
- Voices that Matter: Dan Demissie

The Voices that Matter Scholarship Scheme is aimed at promoting accessibility and equality, and is 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.

These Scholarships cover the full tuition fees of the accredited course for the duration of the course.

One scholarship is awarded for both the Women in the Screen Industries & Dan Demissie Scholarships each year, available in either London, Berlin, or Leeds.

- MetFilm School Berlin Scholarship
- MetFilm School Leeds Postgraduate Scholarship

For more information on all MetFilm School Scholarships, visit [metfilmschool.ac.uk/study-with-us/scholarships](http://metfilmschool.ac.uk/study-with-us/scholarships).

### BAFTA Scholarships

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 institutions across the UK.

Eligible courses at MetFilm School are:

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

Successful applicants will receive:

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

For more information and to submit an application, visit [bafta.org/supporting-talent/scholarships/uk-programme](http://bafta.org/supporting-talent/scholarships/uk-programme).

### MetFilm School Bursaries

MetFilm School offers two types of bursaries that will contribute to the tuition fees for undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

Please note: bursary applicants 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 postgraduate 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 of 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 postgraduate programmes)
- Require a separate application to be submitted demonstrating primarily financial need – this can be found via [metfilmschool.ac.uk/study-with-us/bursaries](http://metfilmschool.ac.uk/study-with-us/bursaries)
- Decisions are made on a rolling basis and are made by members of MetFilm School's Senior Management Team



## MetFilm School Guides

For further information please download our other Guides:

- UK Accommodation Guide
- Berlin Accommodation Guide
- Berlin Student Support Guide
- UK International Students Guide
- Berlin International Students Guide

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