

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT INFORMATION

The International Financial Support fund (IFS) can provide discretionary financial assistance to all full time non-UK students registered at the University of Kent and eligible to pay tuition fees at the 'EU' rate, **and** all non-UK University of Kent students (including overseas rate fee-payers) studying abroad as part of their degree programme.

The IFS fund can provide up to £500 financial support per year to students experiencing emergency situations or those experiencing a financial deficit over the academic year.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FUND IS LIMITED, ONCE ALL FUNDING HAS BEEN ALLOCATED THE APPLICATION PROCESS WILL BE CLOSED.

THE FUND CANNOT BE USED TO MEET THE COST OF TUITION FEES

HOW TO MAKE AN APPLICATION

- To apply, first obtain and complete an **application form** <http://www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/>.
- If you are **studying abroad** you should post / scan / email your completed application form together with the supporting documentation to the Financial Aid Office
- You must supply continuous bank statements for a 3-month period on **ALL your bank and building society accounts** up to the date of your application. Where a gap occurs between the statement and the date of your application a mini-statement/balance must be supplied.
- You must fully complete the Income and Expenditure sections on the application form to allow the completion of your **Financial Shortfall Calculation**.
- Provided that an application form has been accurately completed, and the appropriate documentary evidence supplied, an assessment and decision will be made within 1 working week of submission.
- Award payments are usually paid direct to a student's bank account or to their creditors, this will need to be indicated on the application form.
- Students requiring clarification before submitting their application form please contact the Financial Aid Office (See 'Useful Contacts').
- Students who are unsuccessful in their application may **appeal** against the decision. All information held with your IFS application will be reviewed by the Pro-Vice Chancellor where an independent decision from the original assessment will be made.

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