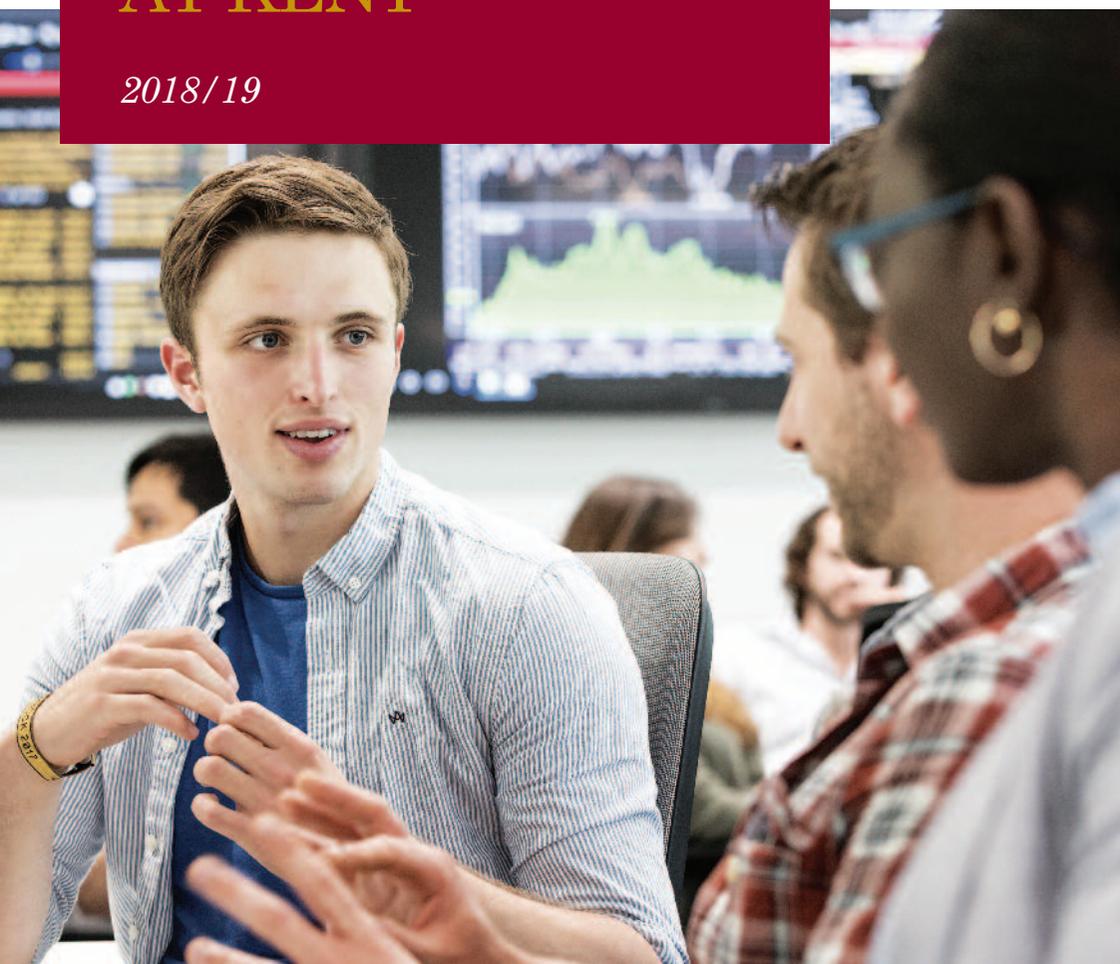


FUNDING FOR GRADUATE STUDY AT KENT

2018/19



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Kent is a leading UK university. In the most recent Research Excellence Framework, Kent is ranked 17th* for research output and research intensity in the *Times Higher Education*, outperforming 11 of the 24 Russell Group universities.

As a postgraduate student at Kent, you benefit from first-class teaching and research opportunities, access to high-quality facilities, excellent employment prospects and the choice of seven inspirational locations: Canterbury, Medway, Tonbridge, Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome.

*of 122 universities, not including specialist institutions.

We value our postgraduate students and the contribution they make to the University's intellectual community. The recent Higher Education Review by the UK's Quality Assurance Agency recognised Kent's vibrant and interdisciplinary academic community, created by the range of formal and informal opportunities provided for postgraduate research students.

Generous postgraduate scholarship fund

We have a scholarship fund of over £9 million to support our taught and research students with their tuition fees and living costs. Our range of scholarships includes full awards to support doctoral research candidates, tuition fee awards for taught Master's students,

loyalty discounts and scholarships for overseas students, as well as awards which recognise excellence in sport and music.

There is a Graduate Teaching Assistantship scheme, which offers financial support to postgraduate research students in return for teaching.

UK Research Councils

Kent has an excellent track record of securing funds from the UK Research Councils: Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC), Medical Research Council (MRC), Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and Science & Technology Facilities Council (STFC).

The University is part of three prestigious research council-funded collaborative doctoral training partnerships – NERC Environment East, AHRC Consortium for the Humanities and the Arts South-East England (CHASE), and the ESRC South East Network for Social Sciences (SeNSS) – which all provide studentships and a range of training and development opportunities for our postgraduate researchers.



Other sources of funding

Postgraduate loans of up to £10,280 are available for Home and EU students taking a postgraduate taught or research-based programme. Students must be resident in England and under the age of 60 at the time of course registration. Students who are resident in one of the Erasmus+ programme countries can apply for a Master Degree Loan. For further information, see the table overleaf.

The UK Government is introducing the Doctoral Loans Scheme in 2018/19, which allows eligible

students to apply for a loan of up to £25,000. See www.gov.uk for further details.

You may be interested in part-time employment during your studies and a range of opportunities are outlined below.

Funding application deadlines

Application deadlines vary but the majority of applications for research funding need to be made by mid-January, and during the spring/early summer for taught programmes.

Further information

This fold-out guide is designed to help you explore the funding options available to you. Throughout the year, we regularly have additional funds awarded to us; for the most up-to-date list of funding opportunities from a variety of sources, please see www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/postgraduate

Work opportunities

In addition to Kent's generous postgraduate scholarship fund, there are many employment opportunities for our postgraduate students, both at the University and in the local area. Examples include:

Kent Union Jobshop

Jobshop is a service run by the students' union to help you find part-time or temporary work. Thousands of vacancies are advertised each year, including positions for IT workers, marketing and administrative assistants, web developers, project managers, market researchers, bar and waiting staff, personal tutors, models, child carers and retail assistants. The University also employs students to help at large events, such as Open Days and Applicant Days, as well as with individual and small group visits. See www.kentunion.co.uk/employability

Postgraduate Student Ambassador Scheme

The Scheme offers experience in teaching and working with children and young adults, giving you the chance to practise your communication, interpersonal and problem-solving skills in the community. See www.kent.ac.uk/ambassadors

Graduate Teaching Assistantship

For postgraduate research students who also teach (see table overleaf for more details).

AT A GLANCE: KENT'S POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES 2018/19

The University continually seeks to expand its range of funding and additional opportunities are regularly posted on www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/postgraduate

Scholarship/award	Programme type	Attendance	Value/benefits	Who can apply?
Vice-Chancellor's Research Scholarships	Research only	Full or part-time	Tuition fees at the Home/EU rate and a combined salary and maintenance grant to the value of the Research Councils UK stipend.	Postgraduate doctoral research applicants with at least a 2.1 honours degree or a Master's degree at merit or distinction.
Research Councils UK awards: AHRC, ESRC, ESRC, BBSRC, MRC, NERC, STFC	Research only	Full or part-time	Tuition fees at the Home/EU rate and a maintenance grant equivalent to the Research Councils UK stipend.	Home/EU applicants (details vary by award).
Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) awards	Research only	Full-time only	A gross salary of £3,528 (2017/18 rate). Many are full awards, offering a combined salary and maintenance grant up to the full Research Councils UK stipend and cover tuition fees at the Home/EU rate.	Postgraduate doctoral research applicants with at least a 2.1 honours degree or a Master's degree at merit or distinction.
Alumni Postgraduate Research Scholarship	Research only	Full-time only	Tuition fees at the Home/EU rate and a maintenance grant equivalent to the Research Councils UK stipend.	Alumni of the University of Kent with at least a 2.1 honours degree or a Master's degree at merit or distinction.
Christine and Ian Bolt Scholarships	Research only	Full-time only	Up to £10,000 to support study in the USA.	Applicants in the humanities and social sciences whose research material is located in the USA.
Templeman Scholarships	Taught only	Full-time only	Tuition fees for one year.	University of Kent graduates holding a first-class honours degree.
School and subject-specific awards	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies
University of Kent, Brussels	Taught or research	Full or part-time	Part or full tuition fee waivers.	Applicants to Brussels programmes holding at least a 2.1 honours degree.
University of Kent, Paris or University of Kent, Rome	Taught only	Full-time only	Part or full tuition fee waivers.	Applicants to programmes at either of these locations holding at least a 2.1 honours degree.
Medway Community Scholarships	Taught or research	Full or part-time	£1,000 for extra-curricular projects.	Open to all applicants to Medway-based programmes.
Graduate School Scholarship	Taught or research	Full or part-time	An automatically awarded £1,000 reduction in tuition fees (£500 for two years part-time).	Kent graduates who are progressing directly to postgraduate study and are registered at the University of Kent by 1 October 2018 for a self-funded postgraduate degree programme.
Loyalty Discount	Taught or research	Full or part-time	A discount of 10% on the first year's tuition fees.	Siblings, children of alumni, spouses/civil partners studying together or alumni studying for additional degrees.
Commonwealth Shared Scholarship, Department for International Development (DFID)	Taught only	Full-time only	Tuition fees, return airfares and living costs for one year.	Candidates from a developing Commonwealth country.
International Scholarships for Taught Master's	Taught only	Full-time only	£5,000 per year towards the cost of tuition fees.	International fee-paying students.
Santander Scholarship	Taught or research	Full-time only	£5,000 towards the cost of tuition fees (one year only).	Applicants from Iberian and Latin American Santander Universities Network countries.
Music Performance Scholarships	Taught or research	Full or part-time	Between £1,000 and £2,000 per year.	New students who are talented instrumentalists and singers. The scholarships are intended to encourage excellence and development in music performance.
Sports Scholarships	Taught or research	Full or part-time	Between £300 and £5,000 per year, plus other benefits, including free sports membership.	Elite sportsmen and women from any sport, who compete (at least) at county level or equivalent.
Chevening/Kent Scholarships	Taught only	Full-time only	Full tuition fee waiver plus a monthly stipend, an allowances package and a return airfare.	Eligible international fee-paying students. See www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships for more information.
The Bestway Foundation Scholarships	Taught or research	Full-time only	£20,000	Students from and domiciled in Pakistan, applying to our postgraduate programmes in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.
The GREAT Scholarships	Taught only	Full-time only	£5,000	Students from India applying to specified taught Master's programmes. See www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships for more information

Students may also be able to access loans for postgraduate study, including:

Loan type	Programme type	Attendance	Value/benefits	Who can apply?
Postgraduate Loans for Master's programmes	Taught only	Full or part-time	Students can borrow up to £10,280.	UK and EU nationals resident in England, who are under 60 at the time of registration for a Master's or research-based programme.
Professional and Career Development Loans	Taught only	Full or part-time	Commercial bank loans that students can use to help pay for work-related learning.	Postgraduate students attending approved programmes of study, who have been resident in the UK for at least three years.
US William D Ford Federal Direct Student Loans	Taught or research	Full or part-time	Low-interest loans to help pay for the cost of a student's education after high school. The lender is the US Department of Education.	US citizens or permanent residents of the United States, who have a valid US social security number.
Canada Student Loans Program	Taught or research	Full or part-time	The Canada Student Loans Program provides financial assistance in the form of loans and grants to post-secondary students who demonstrate financial need.	Canadian citizens.
Erasmus+ Master Degree Loan	Taught only	Full or part-time	Students can apply for a loan of up to €12,000 for a one-year Master's programme or up to €18,000 for a two-year Master's programme.	Students who are resident in one of the Erasmus+ programme countries and looking to study abroad.
UK Government Doctoral Loans Scheme	Research only	Full or part-time	Loans of up to £25,000 as a contribution towards the cost of study, for programmes with a maximum length of six years.	Eligible students studying for a Level 8 doctoral qualification

All awards listed here are subject to specific eligibility criteria; full details are available at www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/postgraduate
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KENT: THE UK'S EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

The University of Kent is known as the UK's European university. With exceptional campuses in the UK, Kent also has centres in some of the most exciting and historic cities in Europe, where study and research are underpinned by the specialist facilities and resources of these locations.

Canterbury

A wide range of subjects for study and research at a beautiful, cosmopolitan campus overlooking the historic city.

Medway

Professionally focused programmes delivered at a historic waterfront location with state-of-the-art facilities.

Tonbridge

Part-time learning, including bespoke professional training, in a range of subjects.

Athens

Heritage Management, combining archaeology and business, studied in one of the world's most ancient cities.

Brussels

Advanced international studies in the political capital of Europe, taught by expert academics and practitioners.

Paris

Postgraduate programmes in the humanities, enhanced by immersion in the capital of European culture.

Rome

The study of history of art and the ancient world in this centre of classical antiquity.