Kent’s Financial Support Package 2018

Before completing the Application Form for Kent’s Financial Support Package 2018 please read these guidance notes very carefully.

This application form only needs to be completed by students who meet all of the following:

- new full-time students starting in the 2018 / 2019 academic year
- meet **ALL** of the eligibility criteria for Kent’s Financial Support Package 2018 **EXCEPT** for the postcode
- can evidence that they live in social housing

Students can check their eligibility using the online student support calculator on the University website:

https://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/funding/undergraduate/support-calculator/2018/index.html

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR KENT’S FINANCIAL SUPPORT PACKAGE 2018**

- Students must be new to higher education in September 2018
- Students must be registered on a full-time undergraduate degree programme at the University of Kent paying tuition fees of £9,250. Students on courses where the tuition fees are lower than £9,250, including students from franchise and associate colleges, will not be considered for an award
- Students must be ordinarily resident in England
- Students are from a household where the annual income is less than £42,875 per year
- Students will be UK state educated
- Students made an application to the University of Kent by the UCAS deadline of 15 January 2018.

Should sufficient funds be available, the University reserves the right to give consideration to those who submit an application after this date; at this point the University may take into account whether a candidate is the first in family to attend University.

Students must also meet **one** of the following criteria:

- Your household is located in an area that traditionally has had low levels of participation in higher education as defined by the Office for Students (OfS). A lookup of postcodes and their classification by participation (POLAR) can be found on the OfS website [https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/postcode-search/](https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/postcode-search/). Awards are made to students who:
  a) Are under 21 on 30th September 2018 and fall into POLAR quintiles 1 and 2
  b) Are over 21 on 30th September 2018 and fall into any POLAR quintile
- You live in social housing
- You are an eligible care leaver or you were in a Foyer or 'homeless' before the start of your course. See care leaver eligibility criteria ([https://www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/funding/IndexCareLeavers.html](https://www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/funding/IndexCareLeavers.html))
- You are eligible for Disabled Students’ Allowances (DSA).
Evidence of these criteria will be collected from the candidate’s UCAS application and their student finance application to Student Finance England. Evidence should be maintained by the applicant to meet University audit requirements which may include in year spot checks. Successful applicants will be informed that they have met the University's criteria for the financial support package once the University is in receipt of all relevant information.

Candidates must demonstrate continued eligibility on the basis of household income as assessed by Student Finance England in order to receive the financial support package in subsequent years.

University of Kent Application Procedures

Eligible full-time students will need to make an application and provide evidence that they live in social housing to the Financial Aid Office if they believe they meet all other eligibility criteria.

Applications can be submitted once students are registered on their course. Application forms will be available from the Financial Aid Office from 11th August 2018.

Please note that applications can only be assessed once the income assessment process by Student Finance England (SFE) has been finalised.

If the information provided with the application is insufficient then a request will be made for additional backup information.

No award will be granted until all relevant documentation has been received and agreed.

Applicants will be informed whether they have met the University's criteria for the financial support package by letter once the University is in receipt of all relevant information.

All KFSP Awards must be approved by 5th July 2019 otherwise students will lose their KFSP entitlement

For an application form or any further information please contact:

Financial Aid Office, Room G43 Registry.

T: 01227 823488 / 824876 / 823851

E: FinancialAid@kent.ac.uk

Check list of supporting documentation:

- A copy of your tenancy agreement
  
  And
  
- A copy of a recent rent/charges account statement
  
  And
  
- Any other evidence to support your application