Leicester Medical School

MBChB

Student Welfare Advice and Support

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Introduction
In addition to pastoral support, academic support and professionalism support The Medical School and University provides Welfare advice/support. The University Welfare support is detailed at Student Welfare Service. Medical students can benefit from financial support that is specific to the MBChB programme.

Financial support for medical students

Students from England and Wales:
The 5-year course (A100)
Students from England and Wales on the 5-year course are eligible to apply for an NHS Bursary via the NHS Business Service Authority (NHS BSA) in their fifth year of study*. The bursary is means-tested, looking at things like your accommodation costs, the length of your teaching period, your or your parents’ income, and other factors. Depending on your circumstances, the Bursary could cover things like tuition fees, living costs, travel expenses, and allowances for students with disabilities or dependent family members. The NHS BSA’s Ask Us page breaks down a lot of the details, and there’s also a set of case studies (PDF link) showing examples of how the Bursary is calculated.

The 4-year course (A101)
Students from England and Wales on the 4-year course are eligible to apply for the Bursary under the same conditions as those on the 5-year course, but can do so from their second year of study onwards*.

* Students need to re-apply for the bursary for every year they wish to claim it, including students on the 4-year course, students who undertake an Intercalated BSc, and students who repeat a year.

Students will normally be sent a bursary application form at the following points:

- 5-year course: summer between Year 4 and Year 5
- 4-year course: summer between Year 1 and Year 2

Keep in mind that NHS Bursary deadlines are very strict! The NHS BSA website has detailed timelines of the application process. More information on NHS Bursaries is available in the LMS folder on Blackboard.

Students from Scotland and Northern Ireland
Funding for students from Scotland and Northern Ireland differs due to specific legislation. The best way to find out what’s available to you is to contact your local authority. Check Student Finance’s alphabetical list to find yours.

Students from the EU or EEA
Non-UK students from the EU or EEA may be eligible for NHS Bursaries in their fifth year of study, and should check the NHS BSA’s Residency Criteria.

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Students from outside the EU or EEA
Non-UK students from outside the EU or EEA are subject to international fee rates, and may be eligible for some financial support depending on residency and other factors.

Travel expenses

Students in Phase 1 can claim travel expenses to Kettering Hospital and Empingham Surgery for ICC teaching by submitting a completed EC1 form along with any car parking or train tickets/receipts to Mitesh Vaghela. Taxis should not be used unless explicitly authorised.

Students in Phase 2 can claim travel expenses via their NHS Bursary. Information on how to do this can be found in the Bursary information in the LMS folder on Blackboard. As with Phase 1, taxis should not be used unless explicitly authorised.

OG Bursary

The Medical School has recently introduced the OG Bursary at the request of a donor, which will provide two grants per year of up to £1000 for one student in Year 3 and one in Year 4. Applicants should submit a “case of need” of up to 500 words to the Pastoral Support Unit.

The Medical School holds limited funds for hardship cases. If you are struggling financially please contact Student Welfare for advice.