**Birkbeck Cash Bursary information for students who started before September 2017**

The document relates to students continuing on study **started** before September 2017. The information is not relevant for students who started their course during or after September 2017.

The amount of bursary you are entitled to be considered for is dependent on the academic year that you began your course of study. You will normally be eligible for the same bursary award you received in your first year in every year of your study.

Your eligibility for a bursary and amount awarded is determined by your academic year of entry, mode of study, intensity of study (how many credits studied in 1 year) and your household income. Please note that funding is awarded on a first-come first-served basis, is assessed each academic year and is not guaranteed for every year of your course.

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| **Students who started their studies in academic years 2012/13 & 2013/14** | **Household Income** | **Amount of bursary awarded per 30 credits** |
| less than £25,000 | £250 |

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| **Students who started their studies in academic year 2014/15** | **Household Income** | **Amount of bursary awarded per 30 credits** |
| less than £25,000 | £250 |
| £25,000 to £34,999 | £200 |

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| **Students who started their studies in academic year 2015/16** | **Household Income** | **Amount of bursary awarded per 30 credits** |
| Less than £20,000 | £375 |
| £20,000 to £24,999 | £250 |
| £25,000 to £39,999  **PART-TIME ONLY** | £250 |

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| **Students who started their studies in academic year 2016/17** | **Household Income** | **Amount of bursary awarded per 30 credits** |
| Less than £25,000 | £200 |
| £25,000 to £39,999  **PART-TIME ONLY** | £150 |

**WHAT IS MEANT BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME (FULL-TIME STUDENTS)?**

* For a **full-time student** this will depend on whether you are financially dependent on your parents.
  + **If you are over 25 at the start of the academic year**, you will be considered as independent, and household income will be assessed on your gross income from the preceding tax year and the gross income of your spouse/partner (if relevant). The total household income figure, as provided to us by Student Finance England, will be used to assess you for the bursary.
  + **If you are under 25 at the start of the academic year**, you will generally be classed as dependent on your parents, unless you have been supporting yourself for at least three years or have been assessed as estranged. If you are classed as dependant, your parents' income will be taken into account.

**WHAT IS MEANT BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME (PART-TIME STUDENTS)?**

* For a **part-time student** this is your gross income from the tax year before the start of the academic year (e.g. 2016/17 tax year for the 2017/18 academic year) and the gross income of your spouse/partner (if relevant). Parental income is not considered for any part-time students.
* The income limit is raised by £2000 if assessed on a joint income, £2000 for the first dependent child, and a further £1000 for each child thereafter. (A dependent child is any child under 18, for whom you or your partner has parental responsibility that is wholly or mainly financially dependent.)

To talk to someone directly about the fees and financial support please contact the Student Advice Service in the main Birkbeck building or phone us on 020 7631 6316.