**Disabled Students’ Allowance**

**You can apply for the Disabled Students’ Allowances (DSA) to cover some of the extra costs you have because of a disability; which includes mental health, physical and sensory disabilities, long-term medical conditions and specific learning difficulties such as Dyslexia and Dyspraxia.**

This [YouTube clip](https://youtu.be/3TidOOKxGQw) <https://youtu.be/m6wBf_7ZSXU> produced by Student Finance England (SFE) explains the process and page 2 of this document has a flow chart advising how the DSA process works. If you require advice regarding the DSA at any point in the process, please contact the Disability Support Team.

**What support can I get?**

You can get support from the DSA on top of your other student finance. The DSA does not give you additional funding, but can fund additional support:

**Non-medical helper allowance.** Thisprovides additional Academic support such as:

* + - Specialist study skills tuition.
    - Mentoring.
    - Communication support for D/deaf students.
    - Sighted guide and electronic note taker.
    - Assistive technology training

*This support may be provided by an external company, or the University, as the provider is decided by SFE and we have no influence on this.*

**Specialist equipment allowance.** This provides specialist equipment such as:

* + - Desktop PC or laptop. (*all students have to pay £200 towards this)*
    - Digital voice recorder.
    - Assistive software such as voice recognition, text-to-speech, mind mapping software, audio note taker, magnification software.
    - Ergonomic equipment.

**General allowance** you may be awarded funds for printing costs, paper and photocopying.

**Transport costs** you may be provided with a travel allowance for disability related travel cost incurred through your studies.

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