

# Fees and Financial Support for **Part-time Students** 2011/12



**The right skills and qualifications can open all kinds of doors. As well as being fun and rewarding, learning can help you secure a job or move up the ladder in your chosen career. At UHOVI our aim is to help you start your learning journey so you can fulfil your ambitions. Along with our partner institutions, we will provide information and guidance to assist you in accessing the financial support on offer.**

There are a range of grants, bursary schemes and allowances available to help with the cost of studying. Depending on your personal circumstances, you may be eligible for financial support meaning that your course could be subsidised or even free. This leaflet provides an overview of the student financial support potentially available to part-time UHOVI students in the academic year 2011/12.

## **Eligibility**

**To be eligible for the funding described in this leaflet, you must:**

Normally be living in Wales on the first day of the first academic year of your course,

**and, either**

have been living in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man for the three years immediately before this date and have 'settled status' in the UK (meaning you can live permanently in the UK without the Home Office placing any restrictions on how long you can stay);

**or**

meet the requirements of one of the other UK residency categories listed in the appropriate regulations. Further advice regarding

eligibility is available from Student Finance Wales - see back page for contact details.

If you have undertaken a higher education course in the past, please note that this may affect your eligibility for student finance for a future course. Student Finance Wales can advise further about this.

There are currently no age limits on qualifying for part-time support and you can apply for support for up to 8 years.

## **Tuition Fees**

Most UHOVI bite-sized and short courses cost £10.75\* per credit. This means a bite-sized 10 credit module will cost £107.50\* and a part-time Foundation Degree studying 60 credits per year will cost £645\* per annum. You may however be eligible for financial assistance or the UHOVI Bursary Scheme, meaning you'll actually pay much less or even nothing at all! Please read on for more details.

Professional qualifications are priced individually – please call us or check with your course tutor for relevant costs.

\*Costs may vary by 10% depending on the delivery partner. Please check actual costs before making an application.

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## 1. Tuition Fee Grant

If you are studying at least 50% of an equivalent full-time course you may be entitled to receive a Fee Grant, depending on your household income. The Fee Grant is paid directly to your university or college and you don't have to pay it back.

There are three different rates of Fee Grant depending on how intensive your course is. The majority of UHOVI part-time Foundation Degrees are studied at 50% intensity or more – please ask us if you're not sure.

The table below sets out the maximum fee grant that you could get:

Intensity of Course	Maximum Fee Grant
50%-59%	£670
60%-74%	£800
75% or more	£1,000

Your household income also affects the amount of Fee Grant available to you:

Household Income**	Amount of Fee Grant
Less than £16,865	Maximum Fee Grant
£16,866 to £25,434	Partial Fee Grant (ranging from at least £50 up to maximum fee grant levels)
More than £25,435	No Fee grant

The Fee Grant awarded will not be higher than the actual tuition fee of the course you're studying.

## 2. Course Grant

You may also be able to receive up to £1,125, depending on your household income. The Course Grant is paid to you and you don't have to pay it back.

Household Income**	Amount of Course Grant
Less than £26,095	Maximum Course Grant of £1,125
£26,096 to £28,180	Partial Course Grant (ranging from at least £50 up to £1,124)
More than £28,181	No Course grant

\*\* Higher household income thresholds apply for students with partners and/or dependant children.



### 3. Additional Support

You may be able to get extra help in addition to the Fee Grant and Course Grant if you have adults or children who depend upon you financially. This does not have to be repaid and includes:

Type of financial support	Maximum amount available in 2011/12†
Adult Dependants' Grant	£1323.50 per year
Childcare Grant	£80.75 per week for 1 child  £137.28 per week for 2 or more children
Parents' Learning Allowance	£754 per year

† The amount available depends on your household income and how intensive your course is – these figures are based on courses of 50% intensity.

If you have any additional course related costs due to a disability, you might be entitled to additional help through the Disabled Students Allowance.

You should ensure that you provide all relevant details about your circumstances when you apply for funding so that you are correctly assessed for all grants that you might be entitled to.

### Examples

We have provided some examples below of students and the support they might be eligible to receive to give an idea of the level of financial support that is potentially available. Please note that a full assessment must be undertaken by Student Finance Wales before personal entitlements can be confirmed.

**Student A** – Single person with no dependent children and an income of £16,865 or less. If choosing to study a UHOVI part-time Foundation Degree at 50% intensity, this student may be entitled to a Fee Grant of £645 covering the full cost of tuition fees for 2011/12. Student A may also be eligible for a Course Grant of £1,125 towards the cost of studying (books, travel, etc). Neither grant would need to be repaid.

**Student B** – Married student with no dependent children and a household income of £27,435. If choosing to study a UHOVI part-time Foundation Degree at 50% intensity, this student may be entitled to a Fee Grant of £50 towards the cost of tuition fees for 2011/12. Student B may also be eligible for a Course Grant of £1,125 towards the cost of studying (books, travel, etc). Neither grant would need to be repaid.

**Student C** – Single person with no dependant children and an income of £16,000. If choosing to study a UHOVI part time Foundation Degree at 66% intensity (i.e. complete the course over 3 years), this student may be entitled to a Fee Grant of £800 towards the cost of tuition fees for 2011/12. Student C may also be eligible for a Course Grant of £1,125 towards the cost of studying (books, travel, etc). Neither grant would have to be repaid.



#### **4. UHOVI Bursary Scheme**

The UHOVI bursary scheme is designed to help with the cost of studying short, flexible courses. The scheme is not means tested so whether you're employed or not, you could benefit from a fee reduction or even no fees at all when undertaking bite-sized learning. The UHOVI Bursary does not have to be repaid.

The first 20 credits of part-time, short courses studied at less than 50% intensity, will be free of charge to anyone living or working in Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taf or Torfaen. This means that you can take your first step into higher education, or a new subject area, without worrying about the cost.

#### **How to Apply for Funding and Further Information**

For further information on the UHOVI Bursary Scheme, please call us on 0800 1223 220, email [enquiries@uhovi.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@uhovi.ac.uk) or talk to your course tutor.

For further information on all other financial support (listed in sections 1-3), please visit the Student Finance Wales website at [www.studentfinancewales.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk) or call 0845 602 8845 for an application pack. Alternatively call UHOVI for further advice and guidance or visit Student Services at the institution where you have chosen to study.

All information is believed to be correct at the time of print (April 2011). However, all prospective students are strongly advised to seek further guidance and confirmation via Student Finance Wales taking into account their own personal circumstances prior to starting a course.

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