Imperial Bursary and scholarships

FOR UNDERGRADUATES

2021 ENTRY
The Imperial Bursary is one of the most generous of its kind of any UK university.

It is designed to ease the cost of studying in London for Home students by providing up to £5,000 for every year that your course lasts. It’s paid on top of any government funding you may also be eligible for and it’s money that you never have to pay back.

I receive the Imperial Bursary in monthly instalments. It’s nice knowing I have money to help with uni costs and that it’s money I don’t have to pay back.”

— Kinan, MBBS/BSC Medicine — Imperial Bursary recipient.
£60,000
Home students whose household income remains below this level automatically qualify for an Imperial Bursary for every year of their course

36%
of Home undergraduates received an Imperial Bursary in 2019–2020

38%
of bursary recipients received the maximum £5,000 bursary in 2019–2020

Imperial Bursary 2021–2022

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<th>ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME</th>
<th>IMPERIAL BURSARY* (per year)</th>
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*Please note: exclusions apply to repeat years of study and NHS-funded years for medical courses.

This bursary offer may need to be adjusted if the UK government changes the levels of fees or the arrangements for supporting students. If this does prove necessary, we will publish any revisions clearly on our website.

£30,000
Median salary for Imperial graduates

£60,000
Home students whose household income remains below this level automatically qualify for an Imperial Bursary for every year of their course

Use it how you want
We pay the bursary straight into your bank account so you can choose how to spend it. You can also request to use it towards your accommodation or tuition fee.

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Number 1
for graduate employability
WHEN AND HOW WILL I RECEIVE MY BURSARY PAYMENT?

The bursary is paid directly into your bank account in equal monthly instalments from 7 November until 7 June in your first year. In subsequent years your bursary will be paid in equal instalments from 7 October to 7 June. Care leavers and estranged students who have been awarded a bursary can choose to receive it two months earlier than the usual first payment date. Conditions apply.

WILL I STILL RECEIVE THE IMPERIAL BURSARY IN THE CLINICAL YEARS OF MY MEDICINE COURSE?

In years 5–6, government funding arrangements for medical students change. To make up for any shortfall in maintenance funding we give medicine students the option to spread their bursary funding over all six years. This involves setting aside 33.3% of the Imperial Bursary amount they’re entitled to in years 1–4, to be paid out in their remaining two years.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO I APPLY?

We award the bursary based on household income assessments carried out by your regional funding body when you apply for government funding. For example, students from England who apply for a Maintenance Loan from Student Finance England. With your consent, this information is shared with us and we use it to assess your eligibility – there is no formal application.

IS THERE A DEADLINE?

We must receive your household income information from your regional funding body (which pays the loans) by 31 May after the start of the academic year e.g. 31 May 2022 for students starting at the College in October 2021. We encourage you to submit your application for funding as soon as possible so we can confirm what support you will be eligible for.

WILL I RECEIVE THE SAME BURSARY EVERY YEAR?

Not necessarily. Bursaries are awarded based on your household income which may vary from year to year.

If your household income moves above the £60,000 upper threshold, or you fail to apply for means-tested government funding for a particular academic year, you will no longer be eligible.
Scholarships

Our scholarships are designed to reward academic excellence and potential. Outstanding athletes and musicians may also be eligible for additional support to develop their talent.

**ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS**
Many of our departments offer academic scholarships which you do not have to pay back. The amount available varies depending on the award. Eligibility criteria apply.

The majority of scholarships also have a fixed deadline so it’s worth starting your search early to see what you may be eligible for and avoid missing out!

**SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH TOOL**
Use our scholarship search tool to see what you may be eligible for.

“...The financial support from the sports scholarship has helped a lot. It’s made it easier to balance my rugby commitments and my course without also having to find a part-time job during my studies.”

— Abigail Dow, MEng Mechanical Engineering – England Women’s Rugby player and Imperial Sports Scholarship recipient.

www.imperial.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/scholarships-search

Matt Langworth, BSc Geology – Elite UK Domestic Team (Saint Piran) and National Time Trial Cyclist.
SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS
Students who compete at national or international level in their chosen sport may qualify for a sports scholarship. This consists of financial and practical support to help your athletic development.

Students who excel in their sport during their studies can also apply for a bursary of up to £500.

ASH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS
Exceptional musicians (with Grade 8 distinction), starting their first undergraduate course at Imperial, can compete for one of five music scholarships.

The scholarships give you the chance to have instrumental or vocal lessons for up to three years at the Royal College of Music (the College’s neighbour in South Kensington).

www.imperial.ac.uk/sport/performance-sport/sport-scholarships

www.imperial.ac.uk/music-and-arts/music/awards/scholarships
Studying in London

Studying in London brings a number of benefits that continue to make it the QS’ best city for students,* from the unrivalled social and cultural opportunities available, to access to a global job market right on your doorstep.

**ACCOMMODATION GUARANTEE**

We guarantee a first-year place in College accommodation for all firm-choice applicants who are coming alone* for the full academic year and who meet our deadline requirements.

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**BIGGER MAINTENANCE LOANS**

are available for Home students studying in London than elsewhere in the UK to help balance the cost of life in the capital.

*Unfortunately we cannot accommodate partners, dependants or children.

*Number 1 in QS Best Student Cities rankings 2018 and 2019.

Don’t forget to check what UK government funding is available towards your tuition fees and living costs:

[www.imperial.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/ug/loans-and-grants](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/ug/loans-and-grants)
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW MUCH SHOULD I BUDGET FOR MY LIVING COSTS?

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† Based on prices for 2020–2021, which may change due to COVID-19. Once confirmed, actual costs for 2020–2021 and costs for 2021–2022 will be displayed at: [www.imperial.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/accommodation).

‡ This £181.78 average cost includes a £2 weekly contribution to the Hall’s Activities Fund. 69% of rooms in College accommodation cost less than the weekly average. The median cost of accommodation per person is £164.00.

§ Figures taken from a Student Experience Survey 2020 of Imperial students. Actual costs will vary depending on your lifestyle, for example, how often you eat at restaurants and your leisure activities, and may be lower.

* Students choosing to live in private accommodation may be required to commit to a 52-week contract and therefore need to budget for 52 weeks of accommodation costs.

≠ Based on buying a monthly zones 1–3 travelcard with a 18+ Student Oyster photocard for nine months (2020 prices) from: [tfl.gov.uk](http://tfl.gov.uk).

CAN I WORK DURING MY STUDIES?

Our courses typically include a high number of contact hours, including lectures, tutorials, group work and independent study. To help you manage your studies, we recommend that you don’t take up part-time work during term-time. Where this is unavoidable, you should work no more than 10–15 hours per week, which should be mainly at weekends. There are some opportunities for part-time work at the College, for example, in Imperial College Union, in our catering outlets and in halls of residences. There may be visa limitations for international students on working while you study.

£5,000

the maximum Imperial Bursary amount you may be eligible for each year

£181

average weekly cost of College accommodation, including utility bills and insurance (based on 2020–2021 prices)

*Exact cost is £181.78

30%

discount available off the price of adult-rate Transport for London travelcards and bus and tram pass season tickets with an 18+ Student Oyster photocard

* To find out whether you qualify as a Home student and are eligible for student finance, please visit: [www.gov.uk/student-finance/who-qualifies](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance/who-qualifies).