

# Am I eligible for a bursary or extra funding?

## To help support living costs, placements or diagnostic tests

We recognise that everyone's circumstances can differ substantially. The University is here to ensure you are supported during your studies. This leaflet provides information on some funding you may be eligible for depending on your personal circumstances.



# Students from low income households

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## Your Student Financial Support Team

We can assist you in ensuring you have access to all the funding you are entitled to. Whether through Student Finance or from the University itself.

Please contact the team to make an appointment.

Telephone: **0118 378 5555**

Email: **[studentfunding@reading.ac.uk](mailto:studentfunding@reading.ac.uk)**

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## Reading Students' Union Advice Service

RSU's specialist Money Advisers are trained and experienced in offering free, confidential, independent advice and information on all money related matters. From budgeting to debt management. This also includes funding available outside of the University such, as the Welfare Benefit system.

**[www.rusu.co.uk/advice/money](http://www.rusu.co.uk/advice/money)**

## Funding that may be available to you:

- **Reading Bursary**  
for undergraduate students with a household income below £27,000 to assist with living costs. Provides a cash award or tuition fee waiver of £1,100 per year.
- **Pre-entry Travel Bursary**  
for applicants invited to an offer holder or visit day to cover travel up to £300.
- **Placement Bursary**  
a cash bursary for a placement or study abroad year to support living costs, travel or childcare of between £200–£1,000.

If you believe you are entitled to receive one of these bursaries, please visit our Money Matters Bursary webpage to find out how to access them.

**[https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Money\\_matters/Bursaries-and-Awards](https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Money_matters/Bursaries-and-Awards)**

# Care experienced or those estranged from parents

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In these instances, the University offers support which can be accessed through your Student Financial Support Team. Contact the team to make an appointment.

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## Reading Students' Union Advice Service

RSU's Money Advisors can offer you advice and guidance on how to make your application to Student Finance for Independent, Care Experienced or Estrangement status.

For more information and details on how to make an appointment please visit **[www.rusu.co.uk/advice/money](http://www.rusu.co.uk/advice/money)**

## Funding that may be available to you:

- **Care Leavers Bursary**  
£1,000 for each academic year of your course for UK undergraduates who meet our definition of care experienced:
  - A student who has spent time in local authority care or had experience of the care system:
  - is registered on a full-time undergraduate course
  - is classed as a 'home' fee paying student
  - is under 25 years of age at the start of their course
  - is studying their first degree
- **Pre-entry Travel Bursary**  
for applicants invited to an offer holder or visit day to cover travel up to £300  
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# Those with disabilities

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## Funding available to those with disabilities

- **Pre-application Bursary**  
for students with a disability who need to make a visit to the University with specific relation to their disability to ensure your support needs can be fully met.
- **Julia Boorman Award**  
one years' worth of funding depending on actual need for those with a recognised disability.
- **Disabled Student Allowances**  
(please contact your student finance authority for more information). Our Disability Advisory Service at the University may be able to provide support with your application.

Telephone: **0118 378 4202**

Email: **disability@reading.ac.uk**

If you believe you are entitled to receive one of these bursaries, please visit our Money Matters Bursary web page to find out how to access them.

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## Access to diagnostic tests

If you believe you may have a learning disability but unable to afford the diagnostic test, the University's Disability Advisory Service can help you.

The University provides some financial grants to cover diagnostic tests which you may be eligible for.

Telephone: **0118 378 4202**,

Email: **disability@reading.ac.uk**

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## Those with dependants

### Funding available to those with dependants

Funding usually comes in the form of government funding and allowances as:

- **Childcare Grant**
- **Parents' Learning Allowance**
- **Adult Dependents' Grant**
- **Child Tax Credit**

Please visit your student finance authority's webpage to find out more.

**[www.gov.uk/student-finance/extra-help](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance/extra-help)**

For more information please visit our Money Matters site at **[reading.ac.uk/money](http://reading.ac.uk/money)**