



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS



Preparing for 2012

Why the Leeds student experience is special

Students are our partners

We work closely with our students to ensure we meet their increasing expectations, respond to their feedback and to let them know what we expect in return. The Partnership, which has been refreshed this spring in consultation with students, sets out the basis of this most important relationship. See partnership.leeds.ac.uk

Education in a research-intensive university

We offer a research-led education which means students are taught by colleagues working at the cutting edge of their fields and have the chance to be involved in the creation of new ideas. We train our students to be independent thinkers and problem-solvers and these skills are highly valued by employers.

Preparing our students for life after Leeds

Through LeedsforLife and regular personal tutoring we can help students gain new skills, reflect on their experiences and develop a 'living CV', preparing them for life after Leeds.

As a result of the quality of our teaching, our graduates are highly regarded by employers. Leeds is one of the top ten 'most targeted' universities by major graduate recruiters according to this year's High Fliers' survey.

Investing in the student experience

We have invested in our campus and facilities, from the new Edge sports centre, student services centre, law and environment buildings to group working space, libraries and IT. We also work closely with our award-winning student union, Leeds University Union, on improving all aspects of the student experience.

Creating a vibrant community

Leeds is an international university, with students from over 142 countries and links with over 200 institutions for study abroad. We have close links with employers, with over 650 visiting our campus for careers events. We have over 2,000 student volunteers and there are around 300 student societies at Leeds. Together this diversity and our connections provide a range of co-curricular opportunities for our students.

Facts & figures

33,000 students from over 142 countries

Over 7,600 staff

Royal Charter granted in 1904

Over 2.8m items in our library plus over 33,000 electronic journals

By 2015 we will have spent £194m on new buildings and refurbishing our campus

16 National Teaching Fellows – Leeds has been awarded more than any other English university

Ranked 93 in the QS world rankings in September 2011

Over 2,000 student volunteers

Around 300 student societies

Links with over 200 institutions world-wide for study abroad

Leeds is in the top ten 'most-targeted' universities by major graduate employers according to the 2011 High Fliers' report

Over 650 employer visits to campus for careers events.

For more, see www.leeds.ac.uk/about

Fees and finance in 2012

Fees for 2012

The University's proposed fee for UK and EU undergraduate students joining Leeds in 2012 is £9,000. This fee level will allow us to maintain and improve the student experience in a climate of reduced government funding for higher education. The flat fee reflects the high quality of a Leeds education, whatever discipline a student chooses to study.

UK/EU undergraduate fees do not need to be paid up front and students can take out a loan with the Student Loans Company to cover full, or partial, tuition costs. Fees can also still be paid directly to the University if a student wishes.

There will be a reduced fee of £2,500 for study or work abroad. The fee for an industrial year spent in the UK will be £1,500. Any fees for years abroad or in industry can be covered by the tuition fee loan so won't have to be paid up front.

WHAT DOES THE FEE INCLUDE?

Generally the only additional items are textbooks and printing of work. We try to keep the costs of these as low as possible by providing materials online and allowing students to submit work electronically wherever possible.

Living costs

The biggest cost students have to meet while at university is likely to be the cost of accommodation. The cost of University-owned accommodation ranges from £2,985 to £6,311 a year, with options for self catering and catered residences.

For more information, including links to budgeting advice see www.leeds.ac.uk/yourfinances

Financial support

Loans and non-repayable grants are available to help students. There are two sources of support, the government and the University.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

This support is available to students applying through Student Finance England. Arrangements will differ for students living elsewhere in the UK and other EU countries. For more information see www.leeds.ac.uk/yourfinances

GRANTS

Non-repayable grants of up to £3,250 a year are available for students from households with an income of £25,000 or less. Students will be entitled to a partial grant if household income is between £25,000 and £42,600.

LOANS

Students can apply for loans for both tuition and living costs. These loans are not means tested, however, the amount of living cost loan is based upon where you live and study.

REPAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

- Graduates only start paying back their tuition and living cost loans once they are earning £21,000 or more.
- The amount repaid each month will depend on a graduate's earnings
- Repayments will be 9% of any income over £21,000; for example on an annual salary of £25,000 the weekly repayments would be £6.92, or around £30 a month.
- The debt is written off after 30 years.
- The loans for tuition fees and for maintenance are treated as one when making repayments.

SUPPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

The University is increasing its investment in outreach and financial support to £16m. We expect that one in three students will receive financial help from the University.

We propose to give students from households earning up to £42,600 a year the choice of non-repayable support from 2012 of:

- a tuition fee discount or
- a discount on University owned accommodation or
- a bursary – a yearly cash award.

The maximum financial support in year one will be £6,000 and £3,000 in years two and three.

We'll provide a sliding scale of financial support for students from households earning up to £42,600 per year.

Details still to be confirmed

We are awaiting more information from government and its agencies on several issues.

- Erasmus placements
- Part-time fees and support
- NHS-funded places
- Financial support available for students from Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland
- Arrangements for temporary leavers or students changing/leaving a course.

"We have always believed that anyone with the talent and ambition to succeed should be able to come to Leeds and these proposals will ensure that remains the case."

Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leeds, Professor Michael Arthur

More information and key contacts

FEES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CURRENT STUDENTS

Student financial administration, Student Services Centre

Funding: Financial aid, financialaid@leeds.ac.uk 0113 343 2007

Fees: Accounts receivable, fees@leeds.ac.uk 0113 343 6055

www.leeds.ac.uk/studentsservicescentre

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS (including Access to Leeds)

Access and Community Engagement, ace@leeds.ac.uk 0113 343 3378

www.leeds.ac.uk/yourfinances

ADVICE & SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

Leeds University Union, advice@luu.leeds.ac.uk, 0113 380 1290

www.leedsuniversityunion.org.uk

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with a disability can apply to Student Finance England for a Disabled Students' Allowance.

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION:

www.direct.gov.uk/yourfuture

