

# What are the Costs of Postgraduate Study at the University of Bath?

It is very important that you investigate all possible sources of funding for your proposed course of study as soon as you have decided what you wish to do. You will need sufficient resources to cover the tuition fees for your proposed course, and living expenses (which will include rent, heating, lighting, water, telephone, food, clothing, travelling expenses, TV licence, etc.).

## Tuition fees

Tuition fees are payable on an annual basis for the majority of programmes of study at the University of Bath. You will be expected to pay at least half of the annual tuition fee due when you register, with the other half payable later in the year. There is a small administration charge for payment by instalments. The annual fees charged for postgraduate programmes in 2008 - 9 are given in the course listings in this prospectus and the most up-to-date information about fees is given in the Fees Schedule, accessible from the Graduate Office website at [www.bath.ac.uk/grad-office](http://www.bath.ac.uk/grad-office)

## Bench fees

Research students should also note that a training support fee may be charged for projects involving particularly expensive consumables that are not covered by the tuition fee. This fee, also commonly known as a bench fee, will be clearly indicated in any letter formally offering you a place.

## Levels of tuition fee payable

In common with all other UK universities, the University of Bath charges tuition fees for most courses at two levels, depending on whether students are classed as "Home/EU" or "Overseas" for fees purposes. The rules for determining fees status are very complicated, but the most important factors determining your fees status are:

- whether you have the right to live permanently in the UK or the EU (settled status)
- whether you have exercised that right for the three years prior to the start of your proposed course of study

You should note that simply holding a British passport does not automatically entitle you to the "Home" fees rate. If you are not sure what your fees status might be, visit [www.ukcosa.org.uk](http://www.ukcosa.org.uk) or contact the Graduate Office for a copy of the Fees Status Questionnaire. This questionnaire should then be completed and returned, together with supporting documentation, to the Graduate Office, University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7AY, UK.

## Sources of funding

There are various sources of funding available for postgraduate study at the University of Bath:

- University Studentships
- Research Council Studentships
- British Council support
- Commonwealth Shared Scholarship Scheme
- Britannia Chevening awards
- Commonwealth Scholarships
- Career Development Loans (CDLs)
- Bank Loans
- PGCE funding – see [www.tda.gov.uk/recruit](http://www.tda.gov.uk/recruit)

Please see pages 20, 99 and 100 for details about these funding opportunities, rules of eligibility and the courses for which they are available. Any new opportunities that arise after this

prospectus is published will be given on the Graduate Office website at [www.bath.ac.uk/grad-office](http://www.bath.ac.uk/grad-office) and scholarships at [www.bath.ac.uk/students/scholarships](http://www.bath.ac.uk/students/scholarships)

## Living expenses

Living expenses obviously vary with the standard of living expected by students, but as a rough guide, average living expenses for 52 weeks for a single overseas postgraduate for the 2008 - 9 academic year are estimated in the table below.

This sum does not include allowance for wives or husbands, families, air fares or extensive inland travel.

It is recommended that a married student should allow an additional £6300 per year for a spouse and £4200 per year for each dependent child. To see more detailed and up-to-date estimates of living expenses for various different categories of students, please go to [www.bath.ac.uk/students/money-service/budgets](http://www.bath.ac.uk/students/money-service/budgets)

### Living expenses

This is a guideline budget for a single Overseas postgraduate student and you are advised to adapt it according to personal circumstances.

Expenditure	52 weeks
Rent (£77.50 - £115, according to choice and availability). Based on average ensuite room at £95.50 per week. Includes utility bills and data connection.	£4,898
Food (£30 per week)	£1,560
Personal Toiletries	£204
Laundry and Housekeeping	£260
Clothes*	£360
Travel (local and outside Bath)**	£598
Leisure/Social/Sport (£30 per week)	£1,560
TV licence	£140
Telephone (including international and mobile calls)	£360
Health costs (eg contact lenses, dentist, prescriptions)	£150
Contents Insurance (£3,000 belongings and £1,000 laptop)	£105
Books, materials, photocopying and equipment	£300
Emergencies and unexpected expenses	£100
<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,595</b>

### Note:

- \* additional money may be needed to purchase warm clothes
- \*\* the costs of returning to home country are not included