

NTU Estranged Student Bursary **for students commencing a course at Nottingham Trent University in 2020/2021**

Nottingham Trent University will be awarding an Estranged Student Bursary of £1000 to eligible full-time undergraduates who commence their studies at Nottingham Trent University in the 2020/21 academic year.

Am I eligible?

You should be eligible to receive the Estranged Student Bursary if you meet ALL of the following criteria:

1. You have been financially assessed by your UK national Student Finance Service as an independent student on the grounds of estrangement from your parents
* **and**
2. You are under the age of 25 on 1 September 2020 **and**
3. You are enrolled on a full-time undergraduate degree course or foundation degree course commencing in 2020.

* We can offer advice and support with the student finance application process, including evidencing your estrangement. Comprehensive information about this is also available by visiting www.standalone.org.uk/guides/student-guide

How much will I receive?

The Estranged Student Bursary is a **£1000** cash award, paid directly into your bank account, to supplement living costs and is paid for each year of your course.

You do not have to repay the bursary and you will be eligible regardless of your household income.

Please be aware that you are not eligible to receive the NTU Estranged Student Bursary if you are eligible for the NTU Care Leavers and Foyer Residents Bursary. (Details of this bursary can be found by visiting www.ntu.ac.uk/bursaries)

When should I apply for the NTU Estranged Student Bursary?

You can apply as soon as you have a firm unconditional or conditional offer of a place at Nottingham Trent University, we would urge you to **apply no later than 4 September 2020** so we can make all the necessary arrangements to help your transition into NTU.

If you miss this deadline you can still apply up until the end of July 2021, but we would urge you to apply early so you can access important advice and information to help make your transition to studying at Nottingham Trent University as seamless as possible.

As the bursary is dependent on the outcome of your student finance application, we would urge you to apply to your national Student Finance Service as soon as they open (which should be during February/March 2020).

How do I apply?

If you meet all the eligibility criteria listed above, you can apply for the Estranged Student Bursary.

To apply, you will need to email estrangedbursary@ntu.ac.uk and you will be sent a link to our online form.

This short online form will capture some basic information about you, your contact details and your application for student finance.

The application process will not require you to disclose anything about the circumstances surrounding your estrangement. However, in order to verify your eligibility for the NTU Estranged Student Bursary, we will need you to provide a copy of the letter from your student finance service, confirming that you have been awarded independent status on the grounds of estrangement. This letter should be emailed to you by your national Student Finance Service once their assessors have made a decision.

If you do not have a letter, we can contact the Student Loans Company to confirm this information. In order to do this, we will need you to give your consent to the Student Loans Company to share this information with us. Details of how to set up this consent can be found on the following web page:

www.gov.uk/guidance/allowing-someone-else-to-manage-your-student-loan-account

If I apply, who will my information be shared with?

NTU Estranged Student Bursary applications are only seen by staff with the Department of Student Support Services who are involved with the administration of the NTU Estranged Student Bursary scheme and dedicated Student Support Staff who offer support to estranged students as part of the University's Stand Alone pledge. Details of the bursary payment will be shared with the Student Loans Company (SLC), as the University uses the SLC's bursary service to facilitate its bursary payments.

What happens next?

On receipt of your form, a member of the Student Financial Support team will contact you to discuss next steps. These next steps will often depend on whether or not you have yet applied to your national Student Finance Service and what stage your assessment has reached.

We will confirm your eligibility for the NTU Estranged Student Bursary once we have confirmation from the Student Loans Company, that you have been financially assessed as an independent student on the ground of estrangement from your parents.

We can offer advice and support with the student finance application process, including evidencing your estrangement. Comprehensive information about this is also available by visiting www.standalone.org.uk/guides/student-guide

Our advisers can also help you with your financial planning and preparations for university.

You can also access Blackbullion, an online learning platform that uses a series of information videos, quizzes and other online tools to help guide you through planning

your finances for university. Information about how to access Blackbullion can be found at: www.ntu.ac.uk/blackbullion

Please note, bursary payments will not be released until you are fully enrolled on your course.

How and when is the money paid?

The bursary will be split into two equal instalments of £500. The first payment will be made as soon as possible after we receive confirmation from your national Student Finance Service that you are being treated as an independent student on the grounds of estrangement from your parents (provided that you are fully enrolled and have commenced your course at that point).

The second instalment will be paid on 24 February 2021.

The NTU Estranged Student Bursary will be paid directly into your bank account. Payment will usually be made by SLC, on behalf of the University, using the account details you supplied to the Student Loans Company.

What if I am not sure I am eligible?

If you are not sure whether you will be eligible for a NTU Estranged Student Bursary and want more information, please feel free to contact us directly by e-mailing financial.support@ntu.ac.uk and one of our advisers will be happy to contact you to discuss this further.

Further information and advice

Further information for estranged students and the support available as part of the University's Stand Alone pledge is available on the Stand Alone website: www.standalone.org.uk

You can also find out about the range of other grants, loans and bursaries available to students studying at Nottingham Trent University by visiting: www.ntu.ac.uk/financialsupport

Our Student Financial Advisers can offer advice on student funding and also help with financial planning and preparing a budget ready to come to University.

For further information, or to book an appointment with an adviser, contact the Student Financial Support Service.

Telephone: **0115 848 2494**

E mail: **financial.support@ntu.ac.uk**

Now's the time to plan your finances for University

As someone who is thinking of studying at Nottingham Trent University, you can access Blackbullion, a free online learning platform that provides engaging, easy to use digital resources and tools designed to improve your financial literacy. The 'Money Ready for Uni' pathway is specifically designed to help you prepare for university life. Visit www.ntu.ac.uk/blackbullion and sign up using the access code **NTU2020** (or your NTU ID number if you have one)