

Year 1 Students (Level 4) | Hereford College of Arts Tuition Fee

The tuition fee for 2026-27 for all full time Higher Education courses has been set at £9,275.

For Students from Wales support is available from Student Finance Wales (SFW) and the Student Loans Company (SLC) (2025-26 Rates)

Tuition Fee Loan

A Tuition Fee loan is available to all Welsh students who are studying for a first Undergraduate Degree to cover their tuition fee in full (there is no upper age limit). The amount you borrow does not depend on your household income. SLC pays this directly to the College..

Maintenance Loans & Grants (2025-26 Rates)

All Welsh students who are studying for a first Undergraduate Degree are entitled to maintenance support which is a mixture of grant and loan to help pay for your living costs. The amount you receive as a full-time student depends on your household income and where you live. You could get a grant / loan of up to £12,345 if you are living away from home or up to £10,480 if you are living with your parents. The amount you receive will depend on your household income.

Students aged 60 years or over on the first day of the academic year are not eligible for a Maintenance Loan but would be eligible to apply for a means tested Special Support Grant of up to £8,100.

The Tuition Fee loan and any Maintenance Loan has to be repaid but you will not start paying them back until you have left College and are earning £25,000 or more per annum. The amount you repay is 9% on earnings above £25,000 and repayment is made through the UK tax system.

Extra Help Available from Student Finance Wales (2025-26 Rates)

Childcare Grant

This grant helps with childcare costs if you have dependent children in registered or approved childcare. Entitlement to this grant depends on your income and that of your partners. The maximum amount of Childcare Grant available is £192 a week for one child; or £329 a week for two or more children.

Parents Learning Allowance

Parents Learning Allowance is extra help to cover some additional costs incurred by students who have children. The maximum award for this allowance is £1,945 per year and you can only apply if you have one or more children that are financially dependent on you.

Adult Dependents Grant

You can apply for this grant if you have a partner or another adult who is financially dependent on you. The maximum award is £3,407 per year and the amount of grant available to you depends on your income and that of the adult who is dependent on you.

Disabled Students' Allowance

Disabled Students' Allowance (DSAs) is funding to cover study related costs if you have a disability or a specific learning difficulty and can include support for dyslexia. DSA's do not depend on your household income and what you receive depends on your individual needs. For further information see: www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsa.

For additional information, please contact the Academic Mentoring Team on (01432) 273359 or email academicmentoring@hca.ac.uk

How to Apply for Funding

The easiest way is to apply online as soon as the service opens early March 2026 and the deadline is the end of May 2026. This will allow plenty of time to process your application and deal with any information requested by Student Finance Wales. You don't need a confirmed place to apply, simply state your preferred choice which can be amended at a later date.

To apply to Student Finance Wales for funding, please visit www.studentfinancewales.co.uk You can apply for a DSA at the same time as applying for Tuition Fee and Maintenance Loans.

Support Available from Hereford College of Arts

Progression College Bursary (First Years Only)

All students who have achieved a full level 3 qualification at Hereford College of Arts or at one of its Partner Progression Colleges within the last two academic years are eligible for a Progression Bursary of £500 for a full-time course or £250 for part-time, in their first year only.

Higher Education Hardship Fund

The purpose of this fund is to provide exceptional support to students who are experiencing financial difficulty whilst studying. This fund may provide assistance with travel, material costs, rent or living expenses. Students requesting assistance will be required to complete an application form detailing their financial circumstances and be able to show evidence of hardship. Applications are assessed each term and not all applications will be successful as the College has a limited fund available. Students must have applied for, and be in receipt of, all their loans, grants etc. from Student Finance Wales before an application can be considered.

Contacts at the Hereford College of Arts

For more information about tuition fees, loans, or bursaries, please contact Jenny Roberts on (01432) 273359 or email finance@hca.ac.uk

For any other information or enquiries about Higher Education, please contact Dawn Pemberton or Leon Oldman on (01432) 273359 or email registry@hca.ac.uk

Students from Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland

Students who normally live in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland will receive financial support for Higher Education from the Scottish Government, the Welsh Assembly Government or the Northern Ireland Executive.

For more information, please visit www.studentfinancewales.co.uk, www.saas.gov.uk (Student Support Scotland) or www.studentfinanceni.co.uk (Student Support Northern Ireland).

Useful websites include:

- Student Loans Company: www.slc.co.uk or www.gov.uk/studentfinance
- UCAS: www.ucas.com
- National Union of Students: www.nus.org.uk

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