

Press Release

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Bursaries to support students from low income households

- **London Metropolitan University to support students who qualify for full maintenance grant with annual £1,000 bursary**

London Metropolitan University will provide a £1,000 bursary every year to students from low-income backgrounds as part of its new Strategic Plan.

The initiative follows the abolishment of state maintenance grants, which are to be issued as a loan in 2016, and aims to support students from households earning less than £25,000 a year.

The bursaries are available to students joining the University in September 2015.

Professor John Raftery, Vice Chancellor of London Metropolitan University, said: "We know financial pressures can be a problem for students, so we are offering these bursaries to try and remove those pressures as much as we can."

"Students' backgrounds should not determine whether or not they can go to university. These bursaries will hopefully make it easier for someone with the potential to succeed at university to realise that potential."

Giving fees back to students

The bursaries are fully funded by London Met's tuition fees. Professor Raftery added: "We aim to return 25% of our fee income to our students, and these bursaries are one way of doing that."

"We play an important social role in the capital. Our mission is 'Transforming lives through excellent education,' and I hope that these bursaries will enable us to deliver on that mission."

London Met will also offer bursaries for foundation degree students, with £1,000 each year of study, and a care leaver's bursary of £1,500 each year.

The University has budgeted £3.2m for the bursaries in the 2015/16 academic year.
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About London Metropolitan University

London Met has been providing education to people from all backgrounds since 1848, with the creation of the Metropolitan Evening Classes for Working Men. With over 17,000 students, of which 40% are local, London Met plays a key, socially valuable role in the capital. Four faculties teach cutting-edge, relevant courses across three London campuses at Holloway, Aldgate and Moorgate.

The University is home to the 'Super Lab' – one of the largest teaching science laboratories in Europe. Students have access to professional facilities, including Bloomberg suites, a mock courtroom and high spec design workshops. Accelerator – London Met's specialist business incubator - was named among the Top Five 'Most Active' accelerators in Europe in 2015, highlighting its contribution to London's booming start-up industry.

London Met is home to world-leading academics who regularly give expert comment to the media. The University scored well in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework, being ranked 4th in the country for Area Studies and performing strongly in Education and Social Studies.

The University is strongly focused on employability. In 2015, London Met recorded its highest ever graduate employment score, with 91.1% of all 2013/14 graduates in work or further study six months after graduation.

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