

Care leaver

As a care leaver, we are aware that you may have particular concerns when studying at University. Our dedicated Support Co-ordinator for care leavers and estranged students is focussed on supporting you so you can get the best out of your university experience.

University of Huddersfield care leaver bursary

If you are a care leaver in undergraduate study, you are eligible to access a £2,000 bursary. To receive the bursary, you need to meet the following criteria:

- You must be a UK or EU student on a full-time or sandwich course and are paying the full fee either yourself or by a sponsor (e.g. NHS courses).
- You must have been in care for a minimum period of 13 weeks spanning your 16th birthday.
- You must be aged 25 or under at the time of enrolment with the University.
- You must be eligible for statutory funding (Student Finance England) or an NHS bursary.

The University will pay the bursary in three instalments, typically £500 in the first year, £750 in the second year and £750 in the final year.

Care leaver Adviser

As mentioned, we have a dedicated Support Co-ordinator based in the Wellbeing team who works specifically with care leavers and estranged students. They can support you in areas such as enrolment and registration, bursaries, accommodation, and wellbeing and academic support.

Hardship Fund

Eligible care leavers are entitled to apply for the Hardship Fund. For full details, please go to: students.hud.ac.uk/finance/hardship-fund/

Local authority support

Care leavers who are under 25 years of age at enrolment are entitled to a one-off bursary. Please contact your local authority for details.

Accommodation

We have close links with our main accommodation providers who are able to arrange 52-week tenancy contracts if this is most suitable. Some of the accommodation providers also offer summer storage facilities for those in need of space.

Other support

The Wellbeing Service offers guidance and support to students with a range of ongoing issues and can signpost to other internal services, such as Counselling, Disability Services and Back on Track. We also run workshops and support groups on different wellbeing topics. Full details of our Workshops and Groups programme can be found online.

If you are a care leaver due to come to university, we can arrange to meet you before the academic year begins to discuss any concerns or questions you may have. Please get in touch using the contact details below.

Get help

Self-help: www.bigwhitewall.co.uk

In person: Wellbeing and Disability Services, Level 4, Student Central.

Email: careleaver@hud.ac.uk. **Tel:** 01484 471001 **Web:** hud.ac/wds