

Disability Resource Centre

Disabled Students Allowances (DSAs): Information Sheet for Postgraduates

If you have not already applied for Disabled Students Allowances (DSAs), we would encourage you to do so as soon as possible to ensure your funding is in place before the start of your course.

Please find below the links to the main funding body websites for the UK. Your funding body will depend on where your home address is.

- **England** - Student Finance England (SFE)

<https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas>

- **Scotland** - Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS)

http://www.saas.gov.uk/how_to_apply/dsa.htm

- **Wales** - Student Finance Wales (SFW)

http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/portal/page?_pageid=616,6202476&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

- **Northern Ireland** - Student Finance Northern Ireland (SFNI)

http://www.studentfinancenir.co.uk/portal/page?_pageid=54,1268397&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

Please note, if you are not covered by one of the funding bodies above, you should contact your Local Authority and ask about support for higher education.

Why should I apply for DSAs?

You will undoubtedly benefit from applying for DSAs as it could give you specialist equipment, software and human support (such as specialist 1:1 study skills tuition). For more information please follow the link relevant to your home address above.

See Page 2 for further information to help you with your application.



Postgraduates applying for DSAs will need to complete the long version or full DSAs application form. Part of this form will need to be completed by the University. We at the DRC can complete this section for you. Please complete your part of the DSAs form and forward it to the DRC with a copy of your diagnostic evidence. One of our Disability Advisers will complete the relevant section of the DSAs application form and forward it to the funding body on your behalf.

We also have the long version of the DSAs application form on the DRC website at the following link: www.cam.ac.uk/disability-dsa.

Photocopies of information only:

Student Finance England only requires a photocopy of your evidence of your disability, specific learning difficulty or on-going condition, so please do not send your original reports or letters.

Research Council Grant Students:

If you are funded by a UK Research Council (such as the AHRC or EPSRC), please contact your Disability Adviser to apply for DSA funding, as the application procedure is different and managed internally.

