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**Postgraduate Taught (1 year full time) &
 Postgraduate Research (1 year full time – i.e. MRes)
 Maximum Cost of Living Expenses 2026/2027**

Items	Weekly £	No. of Weeks	Total Academic Year GBP	Total Academic Year USD
Rent/ Housing	160	52	£8,320	\$12,064
Utilities	40	52	£2,080	\$3,016
Food	80	52	£4,160	\$6,032
Local Travel Expenses	27	52	£1,404	\$2,036
Personal	85	52	£4,420	\$6,409
Books/ Computer Equipment/ Printing	-	-	£700	\$1,015
Return Flights (2 per year)	-	-	£3,000	\$4,350
Loan Origination Fees	Unsub		Approximate Total	
1 st Year (Federal Loans) **	£150	n/a	£150	\$218
1 st Year (Private loans) *	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Visa	-	-	£558	\$809
Healthcare Surcharge	-	-	£1,164	\$1,688
Conversion Rate ***			1.45	
Maximum Living Expenses 1st year				
Unsub & Private Loans			£25,956	\$37,637
Private Loans only			£25,806	\$37,419

- This is an example. You will be emailed with a financial aid package that is specific to your situation.
- Visa and Healthcare Surcharge fees are included for 1st year students for the duration of their degree.
- * Private Loans are not eligible for origination fees to be included in the Cost of Attendance calculation.
- ** This is an approximate value. Actual origination fees will vary with the type and value of your loan(s). Origination fees for 2026/2027 will be available on the following link once determined by the US Department of Education. <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/interest-rates>
- ** Exchange rate information is available here <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/students/finance/us-student-loans/cost-of-attendance/>
- If additional funds are required to support a disability or learning difference, please email usaloans@abdn.ac.uk to discuss.



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