Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA)

Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA) is designed to cover disability-related costs that you may incur in your studies.

DSA is in addition to the standard student finance package that you may receive.

It is not means tested and is available from UK funding bodies (if you ordinarily reside in the UK). The type of support and how much you receive depends on your individual needs - not your household income.

DSA is available if you study on full-time undergraduate and some part-time, distance learning and postgraduate programmes.

Student Advice & Support can support disabled students to apply for DSA; please contact the team for further information.

You may need to apply for DSA on an annual basis; Student Advice & Support can support you with your application.

The support available will depend on your individual need, but may include:

- Assistive technology and software
- Training in the use of any recommended items of assistive technology
- Consumable items such as additional printing and photocopying costs
- Specialist Mentoring
- Specialist Study Skills Support

**DSA pathway**

1. Contact Student Advice & Support
2. Provide Evidence
3. Complete DSA Application Form
4. Needs Assessment Appointment
5. DSA Funding Received
6. Re-apply annually (where required)