

Aston University Financial Support Funds

Frequently asked questions

What are the Aston University hardship funds?

Aston University believes that unexpected money problems should not inhibit participation in higher education. The Aston Support Fund (ASF) and Susan Cadbury Fund (SCF) offer discretionary grants to students experiencing short term, unexpected financial difficulties. The grants cannot be used to pay for tuition fees or extravagant lifestyle choices, nor are they to be thought of as an additional source of income.

How can I apply for hardship funds?

Prospective applicants are firstly encouraged to approach University advice services at The Hub to check they are in receipt of all funding they are entitled to.

Once this is done, and after reading the ASF/SCF Policy, you can apply for a hardship grant by visiting <https://www2.aston.ac.uk/current-students/hub/student-advice/fau/asf>.

Who can apply for hardship funds?

Subject to certain criteria, all current Aston University students can apply – Undergraduate or Postgraduate; home, EU or International.

What information will you need from me?

As well as a fully completed application form we will need to see various documents including, but not limited to, full bank statements for the last 3 months, credit card statements, tenancy agreements, student finance information, etc. Additional information and documents may be requested after further consideration of your application.

Can I appeal against a decision?

If your application is unsuccessful, or if you have new information that you would like to be considered, you are welcome to appeal against a decision.

Can I have £200 towards a new laptop?

Only if you are in receipt of Disabled Student Allowances, your DSA recommendation letter recommends specialist equipment and your household income is less than £25,000.

Further information

Email the Student Funds Officer: FinancialSupport@aston.ac.uk