

Social Housing Guidance Notes

Kent's Financial Support Package 2021

Before completing the Application Form for Kent's Financial Support Package 2021 please read these guidance notes very carefully.

This application form only needs to be completed by students who meet all of the following:

- new full-time students starting in the 2021 / 2022 academic year
- meet **ALL** of the eligibility criteria for Kent's Financial Support Package 2021 **EXCEPT** for the postcode
- can evidence that they live in social housing

Students can check their eligibility using the online student support calculator on the University website:

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/funding/undergraduate/support-calculator/2021/index.html>

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR KENT'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT PACKAGE 2021

- Students must be new to higher education in September 2021
- Students must be registered on a full-time undergraduate degree programme at the University of Kent paying tuition fees of £9,250. Students on courses where the tuition fees are lower than £9,250, including students from franchise and associate colleges, will not be considered for an award
- Students must be ordinarily resident in England
- Students are from a household where the annual income is less than £42,875 per year
- Students will be UK state educated
- Students made an application to the University of Kent by the UCAS deadline of 15 January 2021.

Should sufficient funds be available, the University reserves the right to give consideration to those who submit an application after this date; at this point the University may take into account whether a candidate is the first in family to attend University.

Students must also meet **one** of the following criteria:

- Your household is located in an area that traditionally has had low levels of participation in higher education as defined by the Office for Students (OfS). A lookup of postcodes and their classification by participation (POLAR4) can be found on the OfS website <https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/postcode-search/>. Awards are made to students who:
 - a) Are under 21 on 27th September 2021 and fall into POLAR4 quintiles 1 and 2
 - b) Are over 21 on 27th September 2021 and fall into any POLAR4 quintile
- You live in **social housing**
- You are an eligible care leaver and are in receipt of the University of Kent Support for **Student Care Leavers**. Further information can be found on our website: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/funding/IndexCareLeavers.html>

- You are a young independent student and are in receipt of the University of Kent Support for **Young Independent Students**. Further information can be found on our website: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/funding/youngindependent.html>
- You are a student with caring responsibilities and are in receipt of the University of Kent Support for **Young Adult Carers**. Further information can be found on our website: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/funding/studentcarers.html>
- You are a student who is estranged from your parents and are in receipt of the University of Kent Support for **Estranged Students**. Further information can be found on our website: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/funding/estrangedstudents.html>
- You were living in a Foyer or 'homeless' before starting at Kent and are in receipt of the University of Kent Support for **Foyer & 'Homeless' students**. Further information can be found on our website: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/funding/foyerbursary.html>
- You are eligible for **Disabled Students' Allowances** (DSA).

Evidence of these criteria will be collected from the candidate's UCAS application and their student finance application to Student Finance England. Evidence should be maintained by the applicant to meet University audit requirements which may include in year spot checks. Successful applicants will be informed that they have met the University's criteria for the financial support package once the University is in receipt of all relevant information.

Candidates must demonstrate continued eligibility on the basis of household income as assessed by Student Finance England in order to receive the financial support package in subsequent years.

University of Kent Application Procedures

Eligible full-time students will need to make an application and provide evidence that they live in social housing to the Financial Aid Office if they believe they meet all other eligibility criteria.

Applications can be submitted once students are registered on their course. Application forms will be available online from mid September 2021.

Please note that applications can only be assessed once the income assessment process by Student Finance England (SFE) has been finalised.

If the information provided with the application is insufficient then a request will be made for additional backup information.

No award will be granted until all relevant documentation has been received and agreed.

Applicants will be informed whether they have met the University's criteria for the financial support package by email once the University is in receipt of all relevant information.

All KFSP Awards must be approved by 8th July 2022 otherwise students will lose their KFSP entitlement

For any further information please email FinancialAid@kent.ac.uk

Check list of supporting documentation:

- A copy of your tenancy agreement for the social housing property.

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- A copy of a recent rent/charges account statement for the social housing property.