University of **Kent**

EUROPEAN FINANCIAL SUPPORT INFORMATION

The European Financial Support fund (EFS) can provide discretionary financial assistance to all EU students registered at the University of Kent, **and** all non-UK University of Kent students (including overseas rate fee-payers) studying abroad as part of their degree programme.

The EFS fund can provide up to £500 financial support per year to students experiencing emergency situations or those experiencing a financial deficit over the academic year.

Please note that the fund is limited. Applications will be considered until all funds have been allocated or until 16th June 2023, whichever comes first.

The fund cannot be used to meet the cost of tuition fees.

HOW TO MAKE AN APPLICATION

- To apply, first obtain and complete an **application form** <u>https://www.kent.ac.uk/guides/emergency-funding/european-financial-support</u>
- Email your completed application form, together with all supporting documentation, to <u>FinancialAid@kent.ac.uk</u>
- You must supply continuous bank statements for a 3-month period on <u>ALL</u> your bank and building society accounts up to the date of your application. Where a gap occurs between the statement and the date of your application a mini-statement/balance must be supplied.
- You must supply evidence of your rent / mortgage payments such as a scanned copy of your tenancy agreement.
- You must fully complete the Income and Expenditure sections on the application form to allow the completion of your **Financial Shortfall Calculation** (FSC).
- Provided that an application form has been accurately completed, and the appropriate documentary evidence supplied, an assessment and decision will be made within 20 working days of submission.
- Awards will be paid directly into a student's <u>UK</u> bank account.
- Students requiring clarification before submitting their application form please email the Financial Aid Office (See 'Contact Information').
- Students who are unsuccessful in their application may appeal against the decision. Any appeal must be made in writing within 4 weeks from the date of the original decision marked CONFIDENTIAL and sent by email to <u>FinancialAid@kent.ac.uk</u>. All information held with your EFS application will be reviewed by the Head of Student Financial Services where an independent decision from the original assessment will be made.

| CONTACT INFORMATION | |
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