

**Application for DSA Contribution Fund 2022/23**

Under current regulations for the Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA), students are required to contribute the first £200 towards any computing equipment which is recommended in their DSA needs assessment report.

The University recognises that, for some students, this is a barrier to them accessing the DSA, which means that they do not then benefit from the support which has been recommended. In recognition of this, the University has created a fund to which eligible students can apply.

If you are a stage 1 student, studying in Higher Education for the first time, you may be eligible for the Kent Financial Support Package (KFSP). You can check your eligibility [here](https://www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/funding/kfsp.html) \*. Any student receiving the KFSP due to just meeting the criteria “The student is in receipt of Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA)” is expected to use £200 from this support to pay their DSA contribution and is not entitled to apply for the DSA Contribution Fund.

If you are **not** eligible for KFSP or are eligible for KFSP due to also meeting other criteria (POLAR3 area; Social housing; Care leaver) and meet the eligibility criteria below, you should use the form overleaf to apply for a £200 award from the DSA Contribution Fund.

To be eligible, you must:

* Not be eligible for the KFSP (or meet other KFSP criteria, see above);
* Be in receipt of a DSA2 letter from Student Finance England, in which your equipment recommendation is detailed and the requirement for you to pay £200 towards the equipment is explained;
* For students starting since 2016 - be in receipt of a 2021/22 Maintenance Loan of £7224 or above if you live away from home, or £5713 or above for students living at home, OR,
* For students starting in 2015 or earlier, be in receipt of a maintenance grant.

\* https://www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/funding/kfsp.html

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| Student Name**(Full Name)** |  |
| Student ID number |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Home Address |  |
| Term-Time Address |  |
| Academic course |  |
| Stage |  |
| Full-time or Part-time |  |
| Home telephone |  | Mobile phone |  |
| E-mail Address |  |
| **In order to apply for the DSA Contribution Fund, you must attach:*** **A copy of your SLC student loan letter;**
* **A copy of your DSA2 letter.**

**You will be informed of the outcome of your application by email. Any award made will normally be paid directly to the equipment supplier.** |

**Student Declaration:**

* I declare that the information that I have given on this form is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.
* I give permission for my eligibility for KFSP to be checked with the University’s Financial Aid Office

Signed: Date:

Print name:

**Please email this form and the required documentation to StudentServicesFinance@kent.ac.uk OR hand it into the Student Support and Wellbeing Reception, H-Block, Keynes (Canterbury) or G0-05 Gillingham Building (Medway)**