<u>DSA CONTRIBUTION FUND 2026/27</u>

<u>Fund Opening Date & Time:</u> Monday 28th September 2026 at 10am

<u>Fund Closing Date & Time:</u> Saturday 31st July 2027 at midnight

<u>Decision Timeline:</u> Within 10 working days.

<u>Fund Summary:</u>

Under current regulations for the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA), students are required to contribute the first £200 towards 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.

<u>Eligibility:</u>

Students who are in receipt of the Kent Financial Support Package (KFSP) due to meeting the criteria "The student is in receipt of Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)" are expected to use £200 from this support to pay the student contribution and are not eligible to apply for the DSA Contribution Fund.

Students who are not eligible for the Kent Financial Support Package (KFSP) or are eligible due to meeting other criteria and meet the criteria below, can apply for the DSA Contribution Fund.

- The fund is open to registered students in the following stages:

  Foundation Year
  UG Stages 1 & 2
  UG Stage 3 (applications only in terms 1 & 2)
  PG T (applications only in terms 1, 2 & 3)
  PG R

- The fund is means tested and so Foundation and UG Students need to be in receipt of a 2026/27 Maintenance Loan. PG students will need to submit a personal statement confirming why they would benefit from receiving financial support.

- Students need to be in receipt of a DSA2 letter from Student Finance England, in which equipment recommendations are detailed and the requirement for a £200 student contribution is explained.

Please note:
The £200 funding award is paid directly to the equipment supplier as set out in the DSA2 letter and is not reimbursed to the student.

The available funds are limited and awards cannot be made after the funds have been exhausted.