

## CONTACT

If you would like more information, require support, or have any questions about estrangement or your own circumstances, whether this is before you apply or at any stage of your course, please contact the Student Guild Advice Service at [advice@exeterguild.com](mailto:advice@exeterguild.com)

For more information about the support available for estranged students, visit [exeter.ac.uk/students/wp-support/supportfor/estrangedstudents](https://exeter.ac.uk/students/wp-support/supportfor/estrangedstudents)



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# WELCOME TO YOUR UNIVERSITY >>

The University of Exeter is committed to supporting any young person who has UK Home Fee Status, who is estranged from their family network.

At the University of Exeter we define an estranged student as a young person, up to the age of 25, who is studying without the support of a family network (biological or adoptive parents).

## STUDENT FINANCE ENGLAND – INDEPENDENT STATUS

If you are irreconcilably estranged from your family, you can ask to be assessed as an independent student and therefore assessed on your own household income.

Student Finance will define you as an independent student if you have not had verbal or written contact with both of your biological, adoptive or only living parents for a significant period (usually over 12 months) and do not expect this to change.

The Guild Advice Service can offer advice about applying as an independent student and provide guidance throughout this process. For more information please contact the Student Guild Advice Service at [advice@exeterguild.com](mailto:advice@exeterguild.com)



# SUPPORTING YOU THROUGH YOUR JOURNEY >>

The University of Exeter has proudly taken the Stand Alone Pledge, we will help provide financial support, accommodation and wellbeing support. ([thestandalonepledge.org.uk](http://thestandalonepledge.org.uk))

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Eligible for 'Access to Exeter' bursary.
- Opportunity to apply for additional financial support (Estranged Student Bursary), this amount is not fixed and will be dependent on your situation.

For more information about financial support visit [exeter.ac.uk/studentfinance/studentfunding](http://exeter.ac.uk/studentfinance/studentfunding)

## ACCOMMODATION

We recognise that estranged students can face significantly greater disadvantage while searching for a home and when looking for year-round accommodation. The University of Exeter will provide 365 day access to accommodation – in particular to cover the holiday periods – to remove the obstacle of having to find temporary vacation accommodation.

## UNITE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The Unite Foundation is a charitable trust that focuses on enabling young people under the age of 25 to make the most of educational opportunities. The Unite Foundation offers generous scholarships for estranged students. Each scholar currently receives free accommodation for three years in a Unite student building. Scholarships are awarded annually. To download an application form visit the Unite Foundation website at [unitefoundation.co.uk/get-a-scholarship](http://unitefoundation.co.uk/get-a-scholarship)

## WELLBEING

Health and wellbeing are integral to effective study, as well as a rich and fulfilling student experience, but staying well in body and mind isn't always easy at university. We recognise that it's much more difficult to learn and enjoy student life when personal difficulties or emotional worries arise. Sometimes you need a little help to get "back on track" and our Wellbeing Team can offer a range of services to support you both personally and within your studies. For more information about this support visit: [exeter.ac.uk/wellbeing](http://exeter.ac.uk/wellbeing)

## ACADEMIC AND CAREERS SUPPORT

The University of Exeter offers career and employability support and guidance throughout your time studying with us, with continued support after you graduate. The Career Zone can offer a wide variety of programmes, including fully funded internships and mentoring schemes to support your entrance into the workplace. These programmes offer the flexibility to create your own internship, financially supported by the Career Zone.

For further information please see the Careers website or contact:

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