

Year 13

Your Student Finance Application

Wednesday 16th January 2019

1. * Student Ambassador01: Hi, my name is Val and I am currently in my 3rd year studying Renewable Energy. The theme for today's forum is Your Student Finance Application. For those of you who are new to the forums, you are welcome to ask me questions either directly related to the theme or about any other aspect of university life. Anything I can't answer I will refer on and someone from the Exeter Scholars team will get back to you with a response in the next few days. For those of you that have logged on before, welcome back!

Before we start I just want to give you a quick overview of how the session itself works in case you've not used one before.

2. * Student Ambassador01: When you post a message it will be sent to me to reply to and will show on your wall as awaiting reply. When I reply to your message it will then post to the public wall for you and everyone else to see. Until I have replied, no-one else will see your message. Bear with me, as when it gets busy it will take me a few moments to reply – but don't worry, you won't have been forgotten! I will start all messages with the name of the person I am replying to just to make the discussion easier to follow and if I'm posing a question to the whole group I'll start the message with 'Everyone'.

Also answering your questions today is Emily and they will introduce themselves to you in a moment.

3. Emily Pullen: When does the application process open for student finance? Many thanks!

* Student Ambassador01: Hi Emily, unfortunately I am not sure at the moment. I can search that answer for you or refer you to the student finance team if I haven't found the answer by the end of this session.

* Student Ambassador01: The launch date has not officially been set yet, therefore it is best to keep your eyes peeled. Looking at previous years, it is likely to open around March-April, and close in May. Hope that helps.

4. Student Ambassador01 2: Hi, My name is Emily and I am currently in my third year studying BSc Accounting and Finance with European Study (I am currently studying abroad in Germany!). I will also try to answer any questions today as best as I can!

* Student Ambassador01 2: I know the prospect of managing your money can seem quite daunting initially when you are given a sum of money and need to make it last, but there are many little ways you can keep track. I personally like to divide it up so I know what my weekly allowance is. I also have a little word document where I note down where I spend money each day so if I am slightly over budget, or want to save up for something, it is easy to see where I am spending money perhaps unnecessarily and where I can cut down on my spending. Hope this can help any concerns you might have!

5. Jack Munday: Hi, I was wondering when the best time to apply was?

* Student Ambassador01 2: Hi Jack, the sooner you apply, the better really. I believe the official launch date has not been set yet, but it is expected to open around March time. They will then also announce the date by which you need to apply in order to guarantee you get the money before starting your course.

* Student Ambassador01 2: It may be best to keep an eye on the Student Finance webpage over the next few weeks for important upcoming dates. Sorry I can't give you a more exact answer just yet!

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6. Eleanor: This isn't related to student finance, but I wanted to know the chances of getting into halls of residence if you choose Exeter as your insurance? I know University accommodation isn't guaranteed but wanted to know if there's a reasonable chance. Thank you :)

* Student Ambassador01: Hi Eleanor, unfortunately I can't give an exact answer to that. I have seen quite a few people get in despite picking it as their insurance choice but it would depend on the proportion of people picking Exeter as firm and insurance every year, and how many actually end up studying here. The best thing to do would be to get in touch with our accommodation team. You can find their contact details on the Exeter website. Let me know if you're having any further issues!

* Student Ambassador01 2: Also, Eleanor, if you didn't get student accommodation, the accommodation team would help you find a private rental

* Student Ambassador01: You can also check on the Student Room to get an idea of past student experiences regarding this, though keep in mind it may change from year to year.

7. Jack Munday: That is helpful, thanks. I shall keep it in mind for when I get to uni.

* Student Ambassador01 2: I'm glad you found it useful!

8. * Student Ambassador01: Everyone

There are less than 10 minutes left for this session. Please let us know if you have any other questions about student finance or more general university questions. Luckily Emily can tell you about the Exeter campuses whilst I am based down at the Cornwall campus.

9. * Student Ambassador01: Thanks very much for taking part in today's online forum; I hope you've found it useful! Details of the next session can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/exeterscholars/currentparticipants/liveonlinegaforums/. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact the Exeter Scholars team, who will be happy to help: www.exeter.ac.uk/exeterscholars/contact/currentparticipants/.