The Imperial Bursary is one of the most generous of its kind of any UK university. It is designed to ease the cost of studying in London for Home students by providing up to £5,000 for every year that your course lasts. It’s paid on top of any government funding you may be eligible for and it’s money which you never have to pay back.
£60,000
Home students whose household income remains below this level will automatically qualify for an Imperial Bursary for every year of their course.

37%
of Home undergraduates received an Imperial Bursary in 2018–19

39%
of Imperial Bursary recipients received the maximum £5,000 bursary in 2018–19

Imperial Bursary 2020–21

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<th>ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME</th>
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*Please note: exclusions apply to repeat years of study and NHS-funded years for MBBS/BSc Medical students. Graduate Medicine students are not eligible for the Imperial Bursary.

This bursary offer may need to be adjusted if the UK government changes the levels of fees or the associated arrangements for supporting students, for example, as a result of the outcome of the recent Higher Education Review. If this does prove necessary, we will publish any revisions clearly on our website.

£30,000
Median salary for Imperial graduates

£42,875
Imperial is currently the only UK university to support students with annual household incomes above this level.
WHEN AND HOW WILL I RECEIVE MY BURSARY PAYMENT?
The bursary is paid directly into your bank account in equal monthly instalments from 7 November until 7 June in your first year. In subsequent years your bursary will be paid in equal instalments from 7 October to 7 June. Care leavers and estranged students who have been awarded a bursary can choose to receive it two months earlier than the usual first payment date.

WILL I STILL RECEIVE THE IMPERIAL BURSARY IN THE CLINICAL YEARS OF MY MEDICINE COURSE?
In years 5–6, government funding arrangements for medical students change. To make up for any shortfall in maintenance funding we give medicine students (excluding Graduate Medicine students who are not eligible for the Imperial Bursary) the option to spread their bursary funding over all six years. This involves setting aside 33.3% of the Imperial Bursary amount they’re entitled to in years 1–4, to be paid out in their remaining two years.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO I APPLY?
To be considered for an Imperial Bursary you must **apply for a means-tested government loan** from your regional funding body e.g. a Maintenance Loan from Student Finance England for students from England. With your consent, this information is passed to us and we use it to assess your eligibility for the bursary – there is **no separate application form**.

IS THERE A DEADLINE?
We must receive your household income information from your regional funding body (which pays the loans) by 1 May after the start of the academic year e.g. 1 May 2021 for students entering the College in September 2020. You should aim to submit your application for funding **at least six weeks before this date**.

WILL I RECEIVE THE SAME BURSARY EVERY YEAR?
Not necessarily. Bursaries are awarded based on your household income which may vary from year to year. If your household income moves above the £60,000 upper threshold, or you fail to apply for means-tested government funding for a particular academic year, you will no longer be eligible.
Scholarships

Our scholarships are designed to reward academic excellence and potential. Outstanding athletes and musicians may also be eligible for additional support to develop their talent.

**ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

Many of our departments offer academic scholarships. The amount available varies depending on the award. Eligibility criteria apply.

The majority of scholarships also have a fixed deadline so it’s worth starting your search early to see what you may be eligible for and avoid missing out!

**SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH TOOL**

Use our scholarship search tool to see what you may be eligible for.

[www.imperial.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/scholarships-search](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/scholarships-search)

“...The financial support from the sports scholarship has helped a lot. It gives me more flexibility which is vital in balancing my course workload and playing rugby.”

– Abigail Dow, England Women’s Rugby player and Imperial Sports Scholarship recipient.

– Matt Langworth, Elite UK Domestic Team (Saint Piran) and National Time Trial Cyclist.
SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS
Students who compete at national or international level in their chosen sport may qualify for a sports scholarship. This consists of financial and practical support to help your athletic development.

Students who excel in their sport during their studies, and require additional support, can also apply for a bursary of up to £500.

www.imperial.ac.uk/sport/performance-sport/sport-scholarships

ASH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS
Exceptional musicians (with Grade 8 distinction), starting their first undergraduate course at Imperial, can compete for one of five music scholarships.

The scholarships give you the chance to have instrumental or vocal lessons for up to three years at the Royal College of Music (the College’s neighbour in South Kensington).

www.imperial.ac.uk/music-and-arts/music/awards/scholarships
Studying in London

Every year thousands of students decide that investing in a university education in London is worth every penny. The city ranks as the **best student city in the world** overall – and **number two as a top recruiting ground for graduate employers** across the globe – in the 2018 QS Best Student Cities rankings.

**BIGGER MAINTENANCE LOANS**

are available for Home students studying in London than elsewhere in the UK to help balance the cost of life in the capital.

**ACCOMMODATION GUARANTEE**

We guarantee a first-year place in College accommodation for all firm-choice applicants who are coming alone* for the full academic year and who meet our deadline requirements.

*Unfortunately we cannot accommodate partners, dependants or children.

Don’t forget to check what UK government funding is available towards your tuition fees and living costs:

[www.imperial.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/ug/loans-and-grants](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/ug/loans-and-grants)
### Frequently Asked Questions

#### How Much Should I Budget for My Living Costs?

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† Based on prices for 2019–20. Once confirmed, costs for 2020–21 will be displayed at: [www.imperial.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/accommodation).
‡ This £178.47 average cost includes a £2 weekly contribution to the Hall’s Activities Fund. 65% of rooms in College accommodation cost less than the weekly average of £178.47.
§ Figures taken from a Student Experience Survey 2019 of Imperial students.
* Students choosing to live in private accommodation may be required to commit to a 52-week contract and therefore may need to budget for 52 weeks of accommodation costs.
≠ Based on buying a monthly zones 1–3 travelcard with a 18+ Student Oyster photocard for nine months (2019 prices) from: [tfl.gov.uk](http://tfl.gov.uk)

#### Can I work during my studies?

Courses at Imperial are very demanding so, where possible, we recommend that you don’t take up part-time work during term-time. Where this is unavoidable we advise you to work no more than 10–15 hours per week, which should be mainly at weekends. There are some opportunities for part-time work at the College, for example, in Imperial College Union, in our catering outlets and in halls of residences. There may be visa limitations for international students on working while you study.

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90%+ of undergraduates choose College accommodation for their first year.

- **£179**

  average weekly cost of College accommodation, including utility bills and insurance (based on 2019–20 prices)

*Exact cost is £178.47

- **30%**

  discount available off the price of adult-rate Transport for London travelcards and bus and tram pass season tickets with an 18+ Student Oyster photocard.