

Hardship Fund

Terms and Conditions

What is Hardship Fund?

Hardship Fund is a grant provided by ARU London to assist undergraduate students who are experiencing financial difficulties and are therefore unable to pay their tuition fees for the academic year. If the application for financial relief is successful, partial discount will be offered on the tuition fees for the academic year. Hardship Fund only applies to your tuition fees.

Each request will be processed in line with this guidance, but we will take individual circumstances into account. Students are **expected** to also contribute towards tuition fees.

Who is eligible to apply for Hardship fund?

The following students are eligible to apply:

- Undergraduate Home/EU full time students

Are there any criteria I must satisfy?

Yes, the eligibility criteria are as follows:

- Undergraduate Home/EU full time student
- Registered on a course leading to a recognised qualification at ARUL
- No available funding for the current academic year
- Have made a reasonable contribution towards tuition fees
- Has provided information about any previous study that may impact on funding
- Good academic standing

Please note: Academic results and attendance records will be considered when assessing the application.

Are there any other conditions?

All students will need to speak to a member of staff from the ARUL Finance Team if they wish to apply for the Hardship Fund. This can be done before or after the submission of a Hardship Fund application form.

Applicants are expected to engage with any financial capability activity that the ARUL Finance Team deem necessary. You will be asked to provide as much supporting evidence as possible to confirm you are experiencing financial difficulties. We accept the following types of evidence:

- **Bank statements.**
- **Student Finance letters, including your entitlement summary.**
- Evidence of income, either from current or previous employment e.g. payslips.
- Letters from the DWP (Department of Work and Pensions).
- Evidence of childcare costs e.g. copies of receipts or a copy of the contract with your childcare provider.
- Evidence of rent e.g. a copy of your tenancy agreement or a rent statement from your landlord.