Eligibility criteria for OUSET funding
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The Trust WILL consider applications: -

1. from students who have already successfully completed 30 credits (at least at Level 1) of study with the Open University
2. from students who have already commenced their OU studies but through financial hardship now find it difficult to complete their study for the chosen qualification
3. normally grants up to 90% of the applicable rate
4. from post-graduate students who are graduates of The Open University and who will normally have completed their first (Bachelors) degree within the last 5 years
5. in respect of modules which form a component of a specific qualification which the student is intending to achieve
6. for assistance with costs which relate directly to OU study e.g. module fees, travel and child or dependent care costs associated with tutorials/residential schools, set books, toward the purchase, repair or maintenance of essential IT equipment

The Trust WILL NOT consider applications: -

1. from students new to the Open University
2. for individual modules, access modules, MOOCs and modules which form a component of a specific qualification which the student is intending to achieve that is not valid in the country where the qualification will be used
3. from any undergraduate or postgraduate student who is eligible for a loan from the Student Loan Company, or any National funding sources outside of England and has chosen not to take this option, or is currently in receipt of a student loan
4. from any student who has not first checked whether or not they have an entitlement to financial assistance from the University (this may include: DSA, SRF, OU Hardship Fund, alternative loan facilities or Study Support Fund)
5. for grants in respect of completed modules and never to clear a debt when the student has finished the modules concerned
6. for general cost of living expenses e.g. heating, lighting, rent, council tax, landline, internet connection
7. for purchase of a PC or similar equipment by students in their first or final year of study for a qualification unless there are exceptional circumstances
8. for purchase of a replacement PC or similar equipment that was lost, stolen or broken without the details of a crime reference number/police report or a letter from the insurance provider stating that the claim had been declined.
9. from students who already have an Equivalent or Lower Qualification (ELQ) degree whose degree is less than 10 years old unless under exceptional circumstances.
10. from post-graduate students who already have a higher degree
11. from students already studying at higher education level with another institution.
12. from students who are in full time education below their statutory school leaving age
13. from students who have failed two consecutive modules within three years
14. from students who have withdrawn on two consecutive occasions after OUSET has committed money for modules within three years
15. from students learning with external institutions affiliated to or validated by the Open University