



Student Awards

Funding for Isle of Man Students

Tuition Fee Grants



Maintenance Grants

Isle of Man Government Student Awards Team can only support students over the age of 18 at the beginning of their course if studying at University College Isle of Man.



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Timeline Overview: Year 1 Application & Processing

PHASE 1		PHASE 2			PHASE 3	
Year 1 Applications by Students	Conditional Award Letter	Income Estimates by Contributors	Course Verification by Students	Provisional Award Letters	Payments	Income Verification by Contributors
April - July	August	April - July	August - September	August - September	September - April	April - September
<p>Applications open for year 1 students.</p> <p>Student information required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course details Proof of age Previous addresses Your own email address and contact details If applying for a means-tested award, details of a bank account in the student's name & a bank statement or a screenshot of online banking confirming bank details <p><u>Initiate contributor submission (phase 2) as soon as possible.</u></p>	<p>Conditional Award letters sent to students via email.</p> <p>This letter will not contain award amounts and is conditional upon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades (80 UCAS points or more) Unconditional offer from UCM Your eligibility Parent/Contributor income checks 	<p>Students will receive a Contributor Instructions email which must be shared with all contributors.</p> <p>Contributor information required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Application Review (AAR) number for all dependent students (from Contributor Instructions email) Gross income Charges on income <p>Provisional Award letters can only be finalised once the income estimates for all contributors have been received and processed.</p>	<p>Students must return to their Student Awards account to supply additional details.</p> <p>Student information required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of unconditional offer Proof of A-level results/ Level 3 qualification confirmation <p>You will be able to upload scanned copies, screenshots or photographs directly to your online application.</p>	<p>Confirmation of provisional award amount sent to students via email.</p> <p>The award confirmation email you receive must be given to the Finance department at UCM to show the agreed offer of support from the Isle of Man Government.</p>	<p>Tuition fee payments and maintenance award payments.</p> <p>DESC will pay the Department's contribution towards tuition fees to UCM in one payment from December onwards.</p> <p>Maintenance grant payments are made by the Department during the following months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September/October January April 	<p>Contributors must provide income verification by returning to their Student Awards accounts.</p> <p>Contributors must submit income verification as soon as it is issued by the tax office.</p> <p>Contributor information required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income Tax Resident Assessment Notice (RAN) for the previous year Accounts (if applicable)

Notes:

- All applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis.
- Applications must be received by the closing date of 31/07/2024.
- Please note that delays in providing required information/documentation will result in delays to your application. In the event of any queries please refer to our website in the first instance www.gov.im/student-awards

Before you start your 1st Year online application on DESC Digital Services, you will need the following information:

The details of any address where you have resided in the past 4 years

This is to evidence that you meet the residency criteria set out in the Student Awards regulations.

Your email address. This must be a student's personal email and not a shared address.

This is how the Student Awards team will contact you during your studies. If you change your email address please contact the Student Awards team via email at StudentAwards@gov.im as soon as possible so we can update your records, otherwise you may not receive important updates from the Student Awards team.

Your course details

Don't worry if this changes later on, you can change this via your student account on the DESC platform when completing your course verification.

Your Bank details

If you are applying for a Maintenance Grant we will need your bank details to pay this to. If these details change please contact the Student Awards team via email as soon as possible. It can take at least 7 working days to make the change.

To complete your online application you will need to provide the following:

Your Unconditional Offer from UCM

You need to upload to your student account the unconditional offer letter you will receive from UCM.

Your Level 3/A-Level results

You will need a minimum of 80 UCAS points to meet the academic criteria for a Student Award. For example this is equivalent to A-Level grades C/D/D.

Action for your Contributors

Once you have submitted your application and you have received the contributors instructions email, please pass this on to your contributors (for example parents). They will need to create individual accounts to agree to the Student Awards declaration. For an independent student, any partner would need to create an account. If you wish to apply for a maintenance grant, your contributors will need to provide financial details for the last tax year.

Any further questions can be answered by the Student Awards Team.

What the Student Awards team may accept as evidence/proof

When you make an application for funding from the Isle of Man Student Awards team, we may ask you to provide proof during some parts of the application. Below is a list of what the Team may accept.

For Proof of Age the department will accept the following proof

- Current passport or time expired passports where the photograph is still recognisable
- Driving licence
- EU identity card
- Isle of Man Proof of Age Card

For Bank details the department will accept the following proof

- A bank statement that shows your full name and banking details
- A screenshot of your Online banking that shows your full name and banking details

For Unconditional offer the department will accept the following proof

- A letter from your University showing a clear Unconditional offer
- A screenshot of your Online UCAS Track Unconditional offer details

For Exam results the department will accept the following proof

- A copy of your Candidate Statement of Results
- Copies/Photos of your Exam certificates
- Proof of your continuing studies (for Continuing students only)
- Proof of receiving 120 credits (for Continuing students only)
- Proof of your 2.1 or above results (for Post Graduate students only)

For Student Income the department will accept the following proof

- Proof of any Scholarship or Sponsorship
- Proof of any Trust Income
- Proof of any pension payments
- Proof of any other Unearned Income

This list is not extensive and there may be other papers/documents/proof that the Student Awards team may accept

Not got the grades you were expecting?

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First Degrees

The academic criteria for support a first degree is 80 UCAS points.

If you have not met the academic criteria laid out in the Education (Student Awards) Regulations 2019 your application for support will be **refused**. However, should you decide to self-fund the first year of your course and successfully pass year 1, the Department may consider support from year 2 onwards, under the Regulations in force at that time. You must also have met the 4 year residency criteria at the start of your course.

Alternative Courses

The academic criteria for support an alternative course is listed below:-

Foundation degree – 32 UCAS points

HND or comparable course - 32 UCAS points

Further information is available our website at: www.gov.im/student-awards

Advice and guidance can also be obtained from:-

School Sixth Form Heads

UCM team – tel: 648200 or email mail@ucm.ac.im

DESC Careers Advisory team – tel: 685128 or email careerscentre.desc@gov.im

<https://www.gov.im/categories/education-training-and-careers/careers-guidance/advice-for-young-people/>