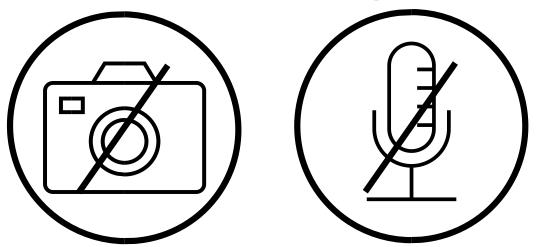


# Pre-Arrival Money Masterclass: Funding and Financial Support for international students





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We ask that all participants keep their cameras and microphones off during the presentation.

Any questions can be asked in the Q&A section and will be answered at the end of the session.

#### What will we cover?









Bursaries and Financial Online Blackbullion Scams scholarships support platform and fraud

#### Tuition fees and invoices

You will receive your tuition fee invoice shortly after starting your course.

Tuition fees are usually split across two instalments across the academic year. You can pay your tuition fees online through eVision.

It's very important that you pay your fees before the deadlines set. If tuition fees are outstanding, this could impact your future at the University.

If you think you will have any problems paying your fees, please speak to the Financial Support Team as soon as possible.

#### Bursaries and scholarships

You can find a full list of the scholarships and bursaries that Keele University offers on our webpages, along with the eligibility criteria.

Our main scholarships for undergraduate international students are:

- Global Scholarship (automatically applied)
- Advanced Entry Scholarship (automatically applied)
- Article 26 Scholarship (application pre-entry)

You can find a full list of our bursaries and scholarships on our webpages.

#### Financial support



Our Financial Support Team offer confidential, non-judgmental advice and guidance about a variety of financial issues:

- International student funding
- Bursaries and scholarships
- Budgeting and money management
- Bank accounts
- Urgent financial support
- Student discounts
- Financial scams and fraud

You can contact us at the Student Services Hub (email or phone call).

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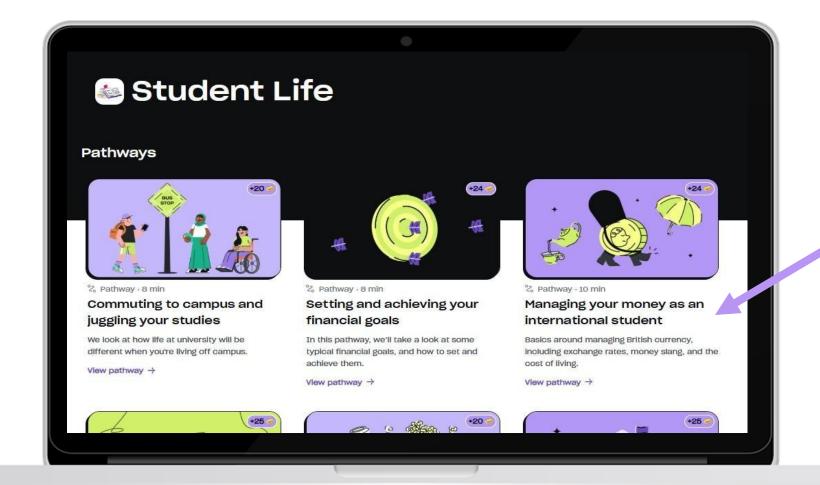
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Sadly, international students can also often be targeted to become money mules in laundering money.

This usually involves individuals contacting you to ask for money to be sent to your bank account, and then for you to send it to someone else.

You might be contacted on social media or by another student.



Money laundering is illegal and may impact your visa.

#### Never agree to hold money in your bank account for someone else.

Sadly, some criminals specifically target international students, and we have seen international students at Keele become victims of this.

It's important to be careful and look out for signs:

- You may be contacted you by phone call, email or social media
- The scammer will pretend to be from a legitimate organisation (such as the UK Home Office) they can be convincing and may have information about you

- They may tell you that there is a serious problem with your immigration status, and that you need to pay a fine, or send a payment
- The payment is often demanded to be made via Western Union as soon as possible to prevent further action or investigation by the UK Home Office
- They will usually speak in dramatic terms, perhaps talking about deportation or cancelling your visa this is false

If you experience a call like this, hang up and report it to Action Fraud or contact Student Services.

Never send money or provide bank details.

#### 4 ways to protect yourself from a fraudster:

- 1. Check who is really contacting you
- 2. Don't automatically click on links in emails
- 3. Use different secure passwords for your online accounts
- 4. Use 2 step verification where you can

**REMEMBER: STOP, THINK, CHECK!** 



https://stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk/



Q & A

Need advice and support?

#### Financial Support Team

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