

# Student Financial Support Reflective report

## Support in 2023/24

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Families (students with dependants) - £3,000

Final year students who apply after the end of term 2 - £1,000

## **Other Financial Support**

### **Diagnostic Testing**

The University provides financial support towards the costs of diagnostic tests for students from households with assessed household incomes of less than £27k who have been recommended by the Disability Advisory Service for Dyslexia or Asperger's diagnostic testing to confirm disability.

### **Foundation Degree Fee Waivers**

Students entering the University Foundation Degree in Children's Development and Learning or progressing onto our BA Children's Development and Learning programme will receive a 50% fee waiver; this waiver applies to both years of the Foundation Degree.

### **Undergraduate University of Reading Sanctuary Scholarships**

Funds 4 bursary payments of £5,000 for each year of study for new applicants to undergraduate courses with refugee or humanitarian protection status.

## **2023/24 data and spend**

### **Reading Bursary Scheme (RBS)**

For the academic year 2023/24 the University paid £2,734,600 in awards to 2544 students from 1st August 2023 to 15th May 2024.

48 students undertaking a Postgr







## Appendix - Financial Support Evaluation

The appendix report here is the statistical analysis of the financial support packages on student retention and outcomes.

### Background

In January 2024, the University received the latest data release from the Designed Data Body (DDB), Jisc, for use with the OfS financial support evaluation toolkit. The purpose of these data is to support providers in the evaluation of their financial support offerings to students, as well as understanding the impact of these investments on the retention and success of their students.

The DDB data release contains:

- Full-time, first degree entrants for each cohort.
- Sandwich students.
- English-domiciled students.
- OfS-funded students (including Initial Teacher Training).

The DDB data release excludes:

- Students on degree courses over five years in length.
- Students who qualified with a first degree in their year of entry.
- Students who left their course prior to 1 December in the relevant year.
- Students whose reason for leaving the course was serious illness or death.

The data provided are derived from the University's annual Student record submission, split into two separate files:

- Retention 1 year and 14 days after commencement for the 2020/21 coh63 TJETQq0.000



## Methodology

The Planning and Strategy Office (PSO) conducted binary logistic regression analyses on the following variables:

**Retention of students into their second year of study** – This relates to the 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21 cohorts. Students who continue at a level of study below first degree are classified as not being retained.

Continuation:

<b>Household Income Group</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>
<b>1: HHI between £25,001 and £42,737</b>	305	315	295
<b>2: HHI £25,000 and below</b>	700	715	775
<b>3: HHI over £42,737</b>	485	515	685
<b>4: HHI unknown/missing (assumed high)</b>	1440	1210	1130



formula proposed by Zhang and Yu (1998)<sup>1</sup>: “Relative likelihood =  $OR / ((1-P) + (P * OR))$ ”, where OR is the odds ratio ( $\exp(B)$ ) and P is the proportion of students in the reference group achieving the outcome being analysed (e.g. retained into their second year 1td into a





**Household Income Group**

**B**

**Sig**





Household Income Group	B	Sig	exp(B)	Relative likelihood
3: HHI over £42,737	-0.512	0.004	0.599	6.4% to 16.4% less likely for good degree
4: HHI unknown/missing (assumed high)	-0.477	0.003	0.620	6% to 15.1% less likely for good degree

2016/17:

Household Income Group	B	Sig	exp(B)	Relative likelihood
1: HHI between £25,001 and £42,737				
2: HHI £25,000 and below	-0.296	0.064	0.744	2.8% to 12.9% less likely for good degree
3: HHI over £42,737	0.041	0.809	1.042	N/A
4: HHI unknown/missing (assumed high)	-0.170	0.260	0.844	N/A

2017/18:

Household Income Group	B	Sig	exp(B)	Relative likelihood
1: HHI between £25,001 and £42,737				
2: HHI £25,000 and below	-0.195	0.180	0.823	N/A
3: HHI over £42,737	0.197	0.222	1.218	N/A
4: HHI unknown/missing (assumed high)	-0.085	0.546	0.918	N/A

## House Income Analysis 2

A second set of regression analyses were











