FUNDING

EXTERNAL FUNDED SUPPORT

**UK STUDENTS**

**What funding is available?**

The main source of additional funding for students with disabilities or long term conditions is Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA). DSA is available to full-time and some part-time undergraduate students who are resident in the UK, and to some postgraduate students.

**How do I apply?**

Students must complete and submit a funding application to their relevant Student Finance funding body (e.g. Student Finance NI, Student Finance England, Student Finance Wales, Student Awards Agency Scotland or Central Services Agency or Social Services Inspectorate) to ascertain if they are eligible to receive funded support.

**What happens if I am eligible for support?**

If eligible, students must undergo a Needs Assessment at an approved centre. A list of approved Needs Assessment Centres is made available to students by their funding body, which will include reference to the DSA Needs Assessment Centre located at Queen’s University. Students can choose to attend any centre on the approved list.

Once a student’s assessment is completed a report is compiled and sent to their funding body for confirmation and approval for the agreed support to be put in place. This process can take a number of months, therefore, students are advised to complete their funding application as early as possible to ensure support is put in place for the beginning of the academic year.

**ROI STUDENTS**

**What funding is available?**

Students with disabilities and long term conditions from the Republic of Ireland, can apply to its Department of Education's Special Fund for Students with Disabilities.

**How do I apply?**

Disability Services keep a supply of application forms, however, it should be noted that the closing date for applications is at the beginning of October each year so early application is essential.

**What happens if I am eligible for support?**

If eligible for support you will be invited for a Needs Assessment at the University. [Click here for further information](https://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/sgc/disability/NeedsAssessmentCentre/)

**Please note: DSA and ROI funded supports are not provided by Disability Services or the University, but we can help you with your application.**

For information on the funded supports available through the University, please click [here](Funding%20support%20additional%20.docx)