



Help for Higher Education Students.

University Disability Officers offer specialist advice about all aspects of support. Dyslexic students should contact their DO as soon as they accept a place.

1. Disabled Students Allowance (DSA).

Dyslexic students in Higher Education, who have been assessed as dyslexic, can apply to their Local Education Authority (LEA) for a DSA. Part-time students, studying at least 50% of a full-time degree course and post-graduate students are now eligible for this allowance.

Students should apply to their LEA. The LEA will need post 16 evidence of dyslexia from a qualified chartered educational psychologist or a specialist SpLD teacher with suitable qualifications. The DfES has appointed a working party to review this process and they will report shortly.

If you are eligible for a DSA, you can go to an **ACCESS Centre**, which can assess the needs of disabled students including ICT.

National Federation of Access Centres (NFAC).

Tel: 01752 232 278.

Web: www.nfac.org.uk.

The DSA can include a once only equipment allowance, such as a PC, hardware and appropriate software. an annual non-medical helper's allowance, which can include funding for ICT training, proof-reading, and an annual general allowance for books etc. See Bridging the Gap, below, for full details.

2. Useful publications.

The DfES Leaflet 'Bridging The Gap - A Guide To Disabled Students Allowance (DSAs) in higher education' gives details of the allowances and can be downloaded from the DfES website. Web:

www.dfes.gov.uk/studentssupport/students/stu_students_with_d.shtml

Tel: 0800 731 9133

University disability awareness publications, e.g. 'Understanding Dyslexia: An Introduction for Dyslexic Students in Higher Education. Glasgow School of Art

Web: www.shefc.ac.uk/publications/other/dyslexia/dyslexia.html.

3. Further sources of information

The Open University.

Open University, Disabled Student Services.

Tel: 01908 655 354.

E-Mail: Disabled-Student-Services@open.ac.uk. Web: www.open.ac.uk.

SKILL. The National Bureau for Students with Disabilities Skill has helpful general information and literature, especially about allowances for disabled students and about many charities and grant making trusts.

Tel: 0800 328 5050. Fax: 020 7450 0650.

E-Mail: info@skill.org.uk. Web: www.skill.org.uk.

Information for dyslexic nursing students.

NHS grants for nursing students etc..

Tel: 01253 655 655.

See also: Web: <http://www.shef.ac.uk/~md1djw/HCP-disability/dyslexia/dyslexia.html>.

Students with Disabilities (SWD) Officer,

National Union of Students (NUS) SWD officer.

Barry Farleigh.

Tel: 07930 556 058. E-Mail: barry@nus.org.uk.

The Educational Grants Advisory Service (EGAS) offers guidance about loans, grants and benefits from educational trusts and charities for disadvantaged students over 16. Send an SAE or phone for a form for completion to enable EGAS to give you appropriate advice to 501-505 Kingsland Road, London, E8 4AU.

Tel: 020 7254 6251, Fax: 020 7249 5443.

Scholarship Search UK.

Academic Scholarships and Bursaries for UK Universities and Educational Institutions.

Web: www.scholarship-search.org.uk.

FunderFinder has links to fund-raising resources and to a wide range of trusts (not all educational).

Web: www.funderfinder.org.uk

'The Educational Grants Directory' and other books. Libraries and careers offices may have reference copies. Available from the Directory of Social Change:

Tel: 020 7209 5151 Fax: 020 7209 5049

E-mail: info@dsc.org.uk Web: www.dsc.org.uk

BDA Helpline: 0118 966 8271

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