



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE ADVICE SERVICE

End Date for Final Year Students (UK Students)

Most final year undergraduate students will no longer be classed as students from the Monday following the official course completion date. For most courses, this is Monday 29th May 2017.

From this time, if you are not in employment or you have a low income, you may be eligible for welfare benefits such as Universal Credit, Jobseekers Allowance, Housing Benefit, etc. This applies even if you believe you may have resits or you intend to pursue postgraduate study in the following academic year.

If you are on a non-standard course, with a different end date, please contact the Advice Service for more information.

If you are already in receipt of welfare benefits and would like more information about what may change please contact the Advice Service for more information.

Student Finance 2017/18 (UK and EU Students)

Student finance applications for the academic year 2017/18 are open now. Please remember that you need to apply each academic year and there is a final deadline of nine months after the start of the academic year. To be certain that your funding is in place in time for re-enrolment, you need to make sure your application is fully complete and submitted by 23rd June 2017.

If you haven't yet made an application for 2016/17 (this includes tuition fee loans), the deadline is 31st May 2017 (assuming your course started in September 2016). This is the latest you can apply for student finance for the 2016/17 academic year.

The link for Student Finance England (English and EU applicants) to make an application is: <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

Extenuating Circumstances (All Students)

If you are experiencing any unforeseen difficulties that are impacting on your studies you may be able to make an application for extenuating circumstances to the University. This can be done through your Blackboard account.

Confidential advice and information about the whole process and support in making an application are available from the Advice Service.

More information is available here:

<http://adviceguidancefunding.blogs.lincoln.ac.uk/extenuating-circumstances/>

Review and Appeal (All Students)

Examination results will be available in the week beginning 5th July 2017. If you want to challenge the decision of a Board of Examiners you can request a Review within ten working days of being notified of the result.

For more information on the Review and Appeal process see this link:

<http://secretariat.blogs.lincoln.ac.uk/student-contention/academic-reviews-and-appeals/>

For help and support with this please contact the Advice Service.

University of Lincoln Financial Assistance Fund 2016/17 (UK Students)

If you are experiencing financial hardship, the University of Lincoln has a Financial Assistance Fund.

The term time fund closes at your official course end date or 31st July 2017, whichever is sooner, so for most students it closes on 26th May 2017. For continuing University of Lincoln students who are unable to work over the summer vacation period, there will be a Summer Financial Assistance Fund which will open for applications on 29th May 2017 for most students. Please note that final year students will not be able to make an application to the summer fund.

For more information and to apply online see this link:

<http://adviceguidancefunding.blogs.lincoln.ac.uk/hardship-funds/>.



The Advice Service is a confidential, impartial, professional and specialist service available for all University of Lincoln students.

We offer drop-ins, in the Student Support Centre, Monday to Friday 12.00noon to 2.00pm. Appointments are also available either in person or by telephone and you can book one by email: adviceappointment@lincoln.ac.uk.

More information about the Advice Service can be found on our website. There is a link on your University desktop, or visit: <http://adviceguidancefunding.blogs.lincoln.ac.uk/>