

Enabling care-experienced students to access university

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Quick overview

- Admissions
- Easing their transition
- Academic support
- Financial support available to them
- Accommodation



Admissions

- For some courses, can be eligible for contextual offers
- Can use the Advice and Counselling Service when applying for QM for practical support
- Extra support available if they tick the care-experienced box on UCAS



Easing their transition

- Dedicated Welfare Advisor from the Advice and Counselling Service
- Access to counselling sessions, can speak to mental health advisors
- Disability and Dyslexia Service
- Queen Mary Buddy Scheme



Academic support

- Academic Advisors
- PASS Mentoring
- Student Support Officers



Financial support available to them

- Maintenance loans of up to £12,667
- Queen Mary Bursary of up to £1,700
- Trusts, bursaries & scholarships for e.g. Unite Foundation Scholarship
- Financial Assistance Fund
- Part time work opportunities



Accommodation

- All UG students are guaranteed a place in university halls during first year
- Can apply to live in halls for the summer vacation
- Housing Services team can help them find private accommodation



Wrapping up

- Lots of support available at university for care-experienced students
- Encourage them to seek out support once at university
- Tick the box on UCAS
- Email: care-experienced@qmul.ac.uk





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Our support: pre-application and point of application

- Named points of contact who can offer advice, information and guidance
- Invitations to online and in-person events
- Pre-entry courses (as appropriate)
- Adjusted offers of entry





On-course support: accommodation and finance

Accommodation

- 365 days accommodation offer & a rent guarantor scheme
- Resident life activities and 24 hour security support

Finance

- Scholarships and bursaries
- Hardship and discretionary funding





On-course provision: academic support and student well-being

- Networks and communities through student led associations and staff led events
- Staff and peer mentoring
- Focus on student success and student well-being with personal tutors and academic advisors, school support officers, counselling and well-being services, disability services, and community supports





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