

Financial support for La Trobe students

Many students experience financial difficulties during their study; accordingly, the University (and external bodies) provide a range of services and supports to assist.

Aid, loans and grants

You may be eligible for financial support through:

- Emergency aid
- Student loans
- Student grants

Please visit the [student financial support](#) webpage for more info and to access application forms.

Bursaries

- Student equipment bursaries for low income students
- Bursaries for student at risk of homelessness
- Travel bursaries for regional students on a low income
- Bursaries for students from a refugee background
- Care-leaver bursaries

For more information, please visit the [support for low income and disadvantaged students](#)' webpage.

Scholarships

Scholarships are available to students for a range of reasons, including financial disadvantage, leadership and community service, personal hardship, and significant caring responsibilities. Some scholarships are available for [domestic students](#) while others are for [international students](#). Some scholarship opportunities may be open to [everyone](#).

Financial counselling

Financial counselling is available through the [La Trobe Student Union](#) for Bundoora, Shepparton and Mildura students, and the [Bendigo Student Association](#) for Bendigo and Albury-Wodonga students.

You can also access free, professional support through the [National Debt Helpline](#) (1800 007 007), including information about how to prioritise debts; how to contact the hardship team of utility providers to ask for a variation of your payments; how to work out a payment plan that is affordable and sustainable; and how to lodge a dispute with the ombudsman if the provider won't accept your offer of a payment plan.

Financial counsellors provide free, neutral and independent advice on your options for tackling debts, and are required to act in your best interests.



Centrelink advance payment and student start-up loan

You may be eligible to receive part of your income support early. Find out more [here](#).

If you're claiming Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY Living Allowance, you can apply for the [Student Start-up Loan](#) during your claim. (This is a voluntary loan you can get up to twice a year if you're an eligible higher education student.)

Health care card

A concession card to get cheaper medicines and some discounts. For eligibility, click [here](#).

Budgeting

If you need assistance with budgeting, try [MoneySmart](#), a government website with heaps of helpful, free resources to assist you in managing your money.

Free IT software and antivirus

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