

Access Academy Webinar Series:

Scholarships and Financial Aid in the UK

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Agenda

Introductions

UK Loan - Undergraduate and Postgraduate

How and where to look for resources on scholarships?

Extracurricular benefits of scholarships

Our experiences

Q&A

Mission to help untraditional students



Project Access is an **international non-profit** set up to provide **bright students from untraditional backgrounds** with personal mentors, who are currently university students at one of our target universities

We have a network of

160+ team members

3,500+ mentors

We have supported

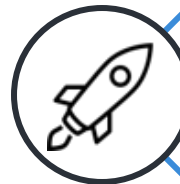
3,000+ aspiring students!



Mentees come from untraditional backgrounds and need resources and guidance



Mentors help students navigate the application process and offer 1:1 support



Once they receive an offer, mentees form part of our campus community

Introductions



Anton Lammers
European Politics BA,
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BSc Philosophy, Politics
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Irene Germani
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UK Loans – UG & PG

Irene

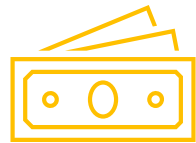
UK Loans – UG & PG

Undergraduate	Postgraduate
Cover partially or in full undergraduate tuition fees	Maximum of £11,222
Can be integrated with Maintenance Loans and Maintenance and Special Support Grants (UK students only)	Can be integrated with scholarships
Start repaying (with interests) only when your income is over £2,214 a month	Start repaying (with interests) only when your income is over £1,750 a month

UK Loans – Brexit



EU students starting their degree in starting in academic year 2021-22 will lose their 'home fees status'



What does it mean?

- Higher tuition fees
- Loss of eligibility for UK student loans



Unclear prospects



How to find scholarships | Anton

Scholarships & Funding – Where to find them?



- Universities
- Social organisations
- Political organisations



- Dedicated portals
- Government
- Religious associations



- Student associations

Scholarships & Funding – What to do and crucial tips.



Start early!



Check eligibility criteria!

Check funding options and interference (if possible)



Get active!

- Do not be afraid to ask
- Do extra-curriculars



Extracurricular benefits | Lea

Extracurricular benefits of scholarships



Business Networking

Networking events with business partners of foundations

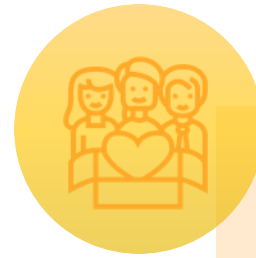
Alumni network keen to help (e.g. Mentoring)



Workshops & Seminars

Acquire knowledge beyond your subject area

Meet experts in their respective field



Like-minded people

Get personal and professional inspiration from fellow scholars

Make friends with ambitious, creative people like you



Opportunity for personal growth and social change

Take over responsibility within the foundation

Have a social impact using the foundation's support



Our experiences

**Anton, Lea
& Irene**

Anton's story

- Tuition fee loan from **Student Loans Company (SLC)**
- Scholarship of German Foundation: **Deutsche Bildung** (German Education)
 - ✓ 300€ per month for 3 years, up to 450€
 - ✓ Vast extra-curricular programme
 - ✓ "Social-Fee" pay-back, individually adjusted
- My advice:
 - ✓ Do your Research!
 - ✓ Do not be disheartened if everything does not work out perfectly at first



Lea's story



- Tuition fee loan from **Student Loans Company (SLC)**
- Scholarship of German Foundation supported by German government:
Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft
(Foundation of Germany Business)
 - ✓ "Book money" 300€/month + need-based amount (up to about 600€)
 - ✓ Vast extra-curricular programme
- My advice:
 - ✓ Make sure you understand **application criteria**
e.g. volunteering experience, grades, foundation-specific values
 - ✓ The application process might be **tedious, but worth it!**

Irene's story



- Tuition fee loan from **Student Loans Company (SLC)**
- Scholarship of London Interdisciplinary Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership (LISS DTP):
 - ✓ Masters programme tuition fees covered
 - ✓ Stipend £14,00/month approx.
 - ✓ Vast extra-curricular programme
- My advice:
 - ✓ Plan in advance!
 - ✓ Seek advice from your professors
 - ✓ Don't be afraid to apply!

Q&A

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