

# **FALMOUTH UNIVERSITY HARDSHIP FUND**

## **DIGITAL HARDSHIP**

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A SUMMARY OF THE DIGITAL HARDSHIP ELEMENT OF THE  
HARDSHIP FUND

THE FALMOUTH UNIVERSITY HARDSHIP FUND IS DESIGNED TO HELP STUDENTS WHO HAVE ENCOUNTERED **UNFORESEEN** FINANCIAL PROBLEMS DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR. THE ASSESSMENT WILL CONSIDER YOUR INCOME, OUTGOINGS AND ORIGINAL FINANCIAL PLAN AT THE POINT OF ENROLMENT TO THE ACADEMIC YEAR.

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THESE NOTES ARE DESIGNED TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND HOW **DIGITAL HARDSHIP** ISSUES WILL BE CONSIDERED DURING THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS.

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In addition to this information sheet; further guidance is available on each stage of the assessment process:

- General Notes and Terms
- Course Information
- Personal Details
- Expenditure
- Supporting Evidence
- Income
- Appeals

## Summary

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, some students will be required to undertake a greater proportion of their studies online, requiring suitable hardware and internet connection. For some students these costs may be unforeseen and unaffordable. As such, the Hardship Fund will consider such issues which should be detailed as part of the applicants Supporting Statement.

## Awards

If the Panel feels there is a genuine digital hardship need, which is unforeseen and unaffordable, then a fixed award may be made. Award amounts are:

£600	For hardware costs
£250	For additional internet costs (for a 12-month period)

## Further Advice

For further advice on how to apply to the Hardship Fund, please contact one of the below support teams:

The Hardship Panel	<a href="mailto:falhardship@falmouth.ac.uk">falhardship@falmouth.ac.uk</a>
The Student Union	<a href="mailto:advice@thesu.org.uk">advice@thesu.org.uk</a> ; 01326 255861
The Student Funding Team	<a href="mailto:studentfunding@falmouth.ac.uk">studentfunding@falmouth.ac.uk</a> ; 01326 213744/255159/259257

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