

Supporting Statement

To be included by all applicants

Information provided in your Supporting Statement will help the Panel understand the details of your situation. Please include all pertinent points which you would like the Panel to consider in assessing your application, remembering to be clear on which issues were 'reasonably unforeseeable'.

Supporting Statements should be uploaded as a PDF under the Supporting Evidence section of the application.

It is suggested that applicants try to address the following points:

How did you originally plan to fund the current year of study?

We expect students to only enrol on their course with a robust financial plan in place. Briefly explain how you planned to pay for all your costs throughout the academic year. We expect all known pre-existing costs to be covered. It is also the students' responsibility to be clear on their eligibility status with Student Finance prior to enrolment.

What unforeseeable issues have since arisen?

Please explain the unforeseeable issues which have had a detrimental effect to the above plan, leading to financial hardship. This may include issues which have led to higher costs/outgoings, or issues which have led to a reduced income.

What effect have these issues had on you?

Which areas of your life are affected? What are you struggling to pay?

What action are you taking to rectify this issue?

The Hardship Fund is only able to help students in the short term. As such, please explain what steps you are taking to rectify the situation (where possible) in the longer term. This might include finding part-time work; resolving issues with Student Finance; seeing university advisers regarding your options or speaking to your bank about overdraft arrangements etc.

Anything else?

If you feel there are points you want the Assessor to consider which haven't already been covered, please include these in this Supporting Statement. You don't need to include specific figures regarding your income and outgoings if they have already been covered elsewhere in the application.