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At the moment, living costs for students in Birmingham are estimated at around £175.00 per week, covering accommodation, bills, transport, food and general living costs. It varies between student to student but we would recommend using this as a rough guide. Whilst some master’s degrees are a lot cheaper than what undergraduate degrees were, the cost varies between subjects and departments so it’s best to check how much your masters costs (as this could really affect your budgeting for the year)

The University of Birmingham strongly recommends that post-graduates do not work more than 15 hours per week. However the majority of PG students here work to some extent alongside their degree as it helps to cover living costs. The university does provide services on campus to find work, notably; WorkLink and the Guild of Students, where departments of the university and businesses will advertise vacancies, but you need to check your eligibility beforehand for example whether you need a visa.

UK and EU students are eligible to apply for a non-means-tested loan of over £10,000 from the Student Loans Company. The amount changes slightly each year and is paid directly into your bank account; this may be used to pay tuition fees or living costs - you decide where this money goes. The deadline for application is a few months after the start date for your course, but we recommend applying before your course starts so that your payments come in early – just in case you need the money at the beginning of your course for tuition or rent.

You are required to pay this back via the same system as your undergraduate student loans, in which you pay a percentage of your salary over the payment threshold. If you are from Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, different governmental support is available.

The University of Birmingham also advertises the majority of internal and external scholarships applicable to UoB students on its online web-page. It advertises the eligibility, amount awarded and deadlines involved. This can be helpful if you are looking for a little more financial support to do your masters. They give you a search engine which asks you your nationality, area of study, and level of study, and it narrows down the scholarships which you are eligible to apply to.

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