

Funding your studies

The costs of a postgraduate education may seem daunting, yet the advantages include not only a great sense of personal satisfaction following the completion of an intellectual challenge but also the possibility of improved career prospects through the development of higher-level skills sought after by employers.

Investing in your future

- at Sussex, we are committed to providing a high-quality postgraduate education and our thriving academic culture, extensive professional support and outstanding learning resources will help you get the most out of your time at Sussex and assure you a bright future
- postgraduate students are highly employable and, on average, they earn more than individuals whose highest qualification is an undergraduate degree
- Sussex offers a range of full and partial awards and studentships for both taught and research students and UK and non-UK students. To find out if you are eligible for University funding, visit our online funding guide, where the most up-to-date details will go live in autumn 2011, at www.sussex.ac.uk/study/funding

The value of postgraduate study

Postgraduates are highly employable and:

- enjoy better employment prospects than undergraduates
- are more likely to be in employment six months after graduating than undergraduates
- are more likely in the longer term to be in the highest-earning three occupational categories than undergraduates
- those with a Masters degree earn, on average, 15 per cent more over a lifetime than those with an undergraduate qualification alone
- those with a research degree earn, on average, 23 per cent more over a lifetime than those with an undergraduate qualification alone.

(Professor Adrian Smith et al *One Step Beyond: Making the Most of Postgraduate Education*, March 2010)

How much does it cost?

Owing to changes in the way in which Higher Education is funded in England, we are reviewing all our tuition fees for 2012 entry. At the time of going to print (July 2011) these tuition fees had not been finalised. We expect to be able to publish detailed information on tuition fees and on bursaries and scholarship schemes at Sussex for 2012 entry online in autumn 2011.

You will have access to clear information at Sussex to assist you in submitting your applications. Fees will be published with each programme in our online Postgraduate Prospectus 2012. For details, refer to the individual programme entries at www.sussex.ac.uk/study/pg

Securing funding is one of the main challenges graduates face when it comes to postgraduate study, but it is by no means insurmountable. Many of our students fund postgraduate study through a combination of personal savings, earnings, loans and small grants.

For information on University and Research Council funding, funding for disabled students, and Professional and Career Development Loans, refer to page 160.

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Working while you study

Our Careers and Employability Centre recognises the importance of part-time work and advertises over 3,000 jobs annually.

If you are a student from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) wishing to work while you study, refer to page 155 for information about the UK Government's Points-Based Immigration System.

For more information about part-time work, refer to pages 26 and 160 and visit www.sussex.ac.uk/careers

