

How much will I have to pay in undergraduate tuition fees in September 2018?

For full-time, undergraduate and PGCE (QTS) courses for 2018/19, Cardiff Metropolitan University **intends** to charge a tuition fee of £9,295, and to further increase this fee for successive years of study in line with the inflation-linked maximum tuition fee permissible by Welsh Government.

Whilst it is our expectation that our intention to levy a fee of £9,295 will be realised it is not yet possible to confirm this. This is because the maximum fee level for full-time, undergraduate and PGCE (QTS) courses offered by universities in Wales is determined upon approval of a Fee and Access Plan by the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW). Fee and Access Plans for 2018/19 were approved by HEFCW in July 2017, in advance of an announcement from Welsh Government that from 2018/19 the maximum tuition fee level will increase in line with inflation. Consequently, and in common with all universities in Wales, our Fee and Access Plan currently reflects a maximum tuition fee for full-time, undergraduate and PGCE (QTS) courses for 2018/19 of £9,000.

Universities in Wales have been informed that the necessary regulatory changes which need to be implemented by Welsh Government to accommodate this new policy will be finalised in December 2017. Cardiff Metropolitan University will subsequently seek HEFCW approval for a variation to our 2018/19 Fee and Access Plan to increase the tuition fee to the new maximum permissible tuition fee (which, at the time of writing, is understood to be £9,295), and to further increase the fee for successive years of study in line with the inflation-linked maximum tuition fee permissible by Welsh Government.

Cardiff Met will keep all applicants informed of the fee levels for 2018/19 and successive years of study as soon as confirmation is received from Welsh Government.

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It is not yet possible to state with certainty what the fee for new entrants to full-time, undergraduate and PGCE (QTS) courses will be in 2019 but it is our intention to set the maximum fee level permitted by Welsh Government. In practice this is expected to be the 2018 fee of £9,295 plus inflation.

Why are you increasing tuition fees?

The decision to increase our fees for UK and EU students on full-time, undergraduate and PGCE (QTS) courses has been taken following four years during which tuition fees have been frozen. The consequence of freezing the maximum fee is that, in real terms, the £9K fee is now worth in the region of £8.2K compared to when it was fixed and is continuing to depreciate year-on-year.

The cost of educating students has not been similarly fixed and, whilst the University has taken steps to ensure that it is operating efficiently and effectively, it is now necessary to increase the fee if we are to continue to meet our commitment to offer an exceptional student experience.

How does the University use tuition fee income?

Expressed at the highest level, your fees contribute to the achievement of the University's purpose, which is to deliver high quality and high impact practice-focused and professionally recognised education, research and innovation in partnership with our students and industry. Investment in this core purpose means that, through working together and championing creativity and diversity, the University can enable every student to fulfil their full potential to make outstanding graduate-level contributions and thereby generate sustainable economic growth and social cohesion for our City, Wales and the wider world.

More specifically student tuition fees are used to pay for the direct education that students receive, including the ancillary services, such as libraries and student welfare, which provide the support necessary to ensure that each individual in a diverse population of students is able to reach their full potential.

Student life at Cardiff Met is not merely the sum total of lectures and seminars. The student experience extends well beyond the core activities of teaching and student support. Tuition fees contribute towards the cost of providing bursaries and scholarships, hardship funds, overseas mobility opportunities, social and sports facilities, student transport and a students' union. Fees also contribute towards the cost of major investments in the University which benefit students such as the Students' Union facilities at Cyncoed and Llandaff, and the buildings which house the Cardiff School of Art and Design and the Cardiff School of Management. Looking ahead, there are plans to invest £10M in improving the University's technological infrastructure and £65M in improving learning, social and sports facilities on both Cardiff campuses.

Your fees are also an investment in less tangible outcomes which nevertheless ensure that you receive value for money at Cardiff Met. For most students their time at University will have a significant influence in shaping who they become and what impact they will have on the wider world. We are proud to say that 95% of Cardiff Met graduates are in employment or further study within 6 months of graduation, but your Cardiff Met experience will ensure that you develop skills that do more than prepare you for a specific career. A unique and vibrant student experience - the Cardiff Met Student EDGE - is being developed to nurture those ethical, digital, global and entrepreneurial skills which will enhance and future-proof your social, economic and cultural capital. In purely financial terms, research undertaken by the Institute of Fiscal Studies identifies, that 10 years after graduation, graduate earnings are between 2 and 3 times the earnings of those without a degree.

Where can I find more information about fees at Cardiff Met?

<http://www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/study/finance/>