FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (IF ELIGIBLE)

HELP loans (including HECS-HELP / FEE-HELP)
studyassist.gov.au
HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP can assist you with paying your Student Contribution or tuition fees.

SA-HELP
A loan scheme that assists student to pay all or part of their Student Services and Amenities Fees. For further information, visit the Study Assist site.

Centrelink study payments
humanservices.gov.au
▶ Youth Allowance, Austudy and ABSTUDY payments
▶ Student Start-Up Loan

Griffith University Scholarships
griffith.edu.au/scholarships
A range of equity, merit or sporting scholarships is available through Griffith University

Employment
griffith.edu.au/careers-employment
The Careers and Employment Service can assist with finding employment, both while studying and as a graduate

Welfare and Student Liaison Office
griffith.edu.au/welfare
▶ Interest-free student loans for textbooks or living expenses
▶ Bursaries if you experience extreme financial difficulties and meet the eligibility criteria
▶ Explore financial options and assist with budgeting
▶ Textbook Exchange and FreeStuff@Griffith to help you save money

How can the Welfare and Student Liaison Office help?
▶ Griffith University interest-free loans and bursaries
▶ Budgeting and financial issues
▶ Centrelink payment issues
▶ Renting issues
▶ Carer support
▶ Other welfare matters e.g. appeals and complaints, carer support

We also coordinate:
▶ Online Textbook Exchange service
▶ Online FreeStuff@Griffith service
▶ Student Partner Program
▶ Student Leadership Program
▶ On-campus Justices of the Peace

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STUDENT CONTRIBUTION

If you are studying in an undergraduate program in a Commonwealth supported place, the government subsidises the cost of your education and you pay a student contribution. The amount of your student contribution each trimester depends upon the individual courses you are enrolled in from the various discipline areas, not the overall program.

The maximum annual student contribution amount for full-time enrolment in 2017 within set discipline bands (for students commencing on or after 1 January 2017) is:

Band 1: $6,349
Behavioural Science, Clinical Psychology, Education, Foreign Languages, Humanities, Nursing, Social Studies, Visual and Performing Arts

Band 2: $9,050
Agriculture, Built Environment, Computing, Engineering, Health (Allied Health and other), Mathematics, Science, Statistics, Surveying

Band 3: $10,596
Accounting, Administration, Commerce, Dentistry, Economics, Law, Medicine, Veterinary Science

Eligible students may defer their Student Contribution amount to a HECS-HELP loan. Currently, the following commonwealth support students are eligible for HECS-HELP:
- Australian citizen, or
- New Zealand Special Category Visa holder who meets the long-term residency requirements, or
- Permanent humanitarian visa holder.

HECS-HELP loan repayment:
You have to start repaying your HELP debt once your repayment income is above the compulsory repayment threshold. You need to tell your employer that you have a HELP debt so the correct repayments can be made.

The amount you pay each year is a percentage (4% to 8%) of your income. This is paid to the Australian Taxation Office along with your income tax. The compulsory repayments for the 2017–2018 financial year starts at 4% when your income reaches $55,874.

TUITION FEES
You are required to pay tuition fees if you are a domestic fee-paying student (undergraduate or postgraduate) or an international student. If you are an Australian citizen (or other eligible visa holder), you may be eligible to take out a FEE-HELP loan from the government to cover all or part of your tuition fees (up to a life-time limit).

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STUDENT SERVICES AND AMENITIES FEE

This charge helps to fund services and amenities of a non-academic nature such as clubs or campus events. This fee is attributed to Student Guild (Gold Coast) and Student Representative Council / Campus Life (Brisbane and Logan).

Eligible students can defer this fee through the SA-HELP loan scheme (criteria for eligibility is similar to HELP loans as outlined previously).

Students who are ineligible for SA-HELP or wish to pay upfront can pay Griffith University directly. For 2017 the charge is $3.67 per enrolled credit point for on-campus courses, to a maximum charge of $294. The fee will be indexed annually.

TEXTBOOKS / COURSE MATERIALS

The cost of textbooks varies depending on what courses you are enrolled in (from $0 to $800 or more) per trimester. Some courses provide digitised readings, which you can print or read online.

Other costs include stationery, excursions, exhibitions, art supplies and specific equipment (such as camera, medical or musical instruments).

You can check your course profiles on the Griffith University website to get an idea of the resources you will need. It is a good idea to do this prior to the start of semester so you can budget for these expenses.