

Students **starting in 2016-17** may be eligible for a tuition fee loan (non means tested) from a government department known as: 'Student Finance England'. The application for this loan must be made direct to Student Finance England and is completely separate from the application you make to come onto the course.

If you wish to access a government student loan you should apply using the following link:
<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>.

You will need to create an account and complete the online application process. The UCAS course code is **B500** and the course name **OPTICAL DISPENSING** and you should enter it as a **full-time** course. The tuition fee for this course is **£4,500**.

For **additional assistance** on finance matters you can contact:

The Fees Office
Canterbury Christ Church University
Rochester House,
St George's Place,
Canterbury, CT1 1UT

Email: fees@canterbury.ac.uk

You will then get an assessment from Student Finance England to confirm whether you have been successful in applying for a loan. If you are successful, Student Finance England will pay the fee directly to the University. However, Student Finance England will only pay the University once you have successfully registered with the University.

You are encouraged to make your application for the tuition fee loan as soon as possible. This should help to speed up the overall process later down the line. You will need to apply for a fee loan for **each year** of your studies if you wish to take out this loan.

Applications for full-time students for the academic year 2016-17 can be made now. Students who apply by the 27th May 2016 should receive confirmation of their loan in time for the start of the academic year.

The UCAS code for the Foundation Degree is **B501**.

Please note though:

1. because the fee for ABDO students is less than £6,000, you will not be eligible for the National Scholarship Programme;
2. because the fee for ABDO students is less than £6,000 you will not be eligible for the University bursaries or fee waivers;
3. students who have an equivalent level qualification are not normally eligible for any loans or maintenance grants, including the tuition fee loan.

More information can also be found on the CCCU website at <http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/StudyHere/FeesAndFinance/home.aspx>