**Office for Students – Hardship Payments**

Queen’s has been supplied with a small payment from the Office for Students to help out students who have experienced financial hardship during the past academic year. We are able to make a number of small grants (in all likelihood between £50 and £100, but no more than £150) to students whose circumstances have changed during the year, or whose living costs have increased substantially whilst continuing to study.

The funding can only be used to support higher education students and can only be paid to individuals who are studying at higher education level (Level 4 or above) or towards a higher education qualification.

Applications for such grants should be made on the appropriate jotform and contain the following information:

* Your Name, home address and student number
* Details of the course on which you are studying
* A statement about your change of circumstances (loss of job, reduction in income) or increased costs. *Where possible, please provide evidence (e.g. a copy of substantial increase in energy costs) where an application is being made on the grounds of increased living costs.*

Applications should be made **by May 31st.**

Here is the link: <https://queens.jotform.com/231223336483855>

Decisions about payments will be made in the first half of June and you will be contacted accordingly. Successful applicants will be asked for their bank details and have their payments made directly to their accounts.

**Notes:**

1. Applicants for an Office for Students hardship payment may also consider applying for a grant from the Queen’s Hardship Fund. The applications will be considered separately and success or lack of success in one application will have no bearing on the outcome of the second application.
2. Applications are confidential to the awarding panel. Applicants’ tutors will not be informed about applications made.