Need financial assistance?

Help with fees

**Negotiate payment of tuition fees via instalments with Monash Connect.** You won’t be able to graduate until you pay the fees in full, but it may give you some time to sort things out.

**Inquire with your faculty about funds for some sort of scholarship.** If you are performing well academically the faculty may be persuaded to help.

Help with living costs

Monash University will be offering support packages of up to AUD $5,000 on compassionate and hardship grounds, to those students who have been directly affected by COVID-19. Information on eligibility and how to apply [HERE](#).

**Apply for a student loan at Monash Connect.** Monash offers small, interest-free loans for both domestic and international students to help cover living and studying costs (aside from fees). Student loans must be repaid before you can graduate. More info [HERE](#).

**Contact Monash Connect for a financial grant.** A financial grant does not have to be repaid. There are strict criteria to qualify for a grant, but it’s worth asking. Find out [HERE](#).

**Approach the MGA for help with food.** We can sometimes provide emergency non-perishable food packages up to $50 but usually on no more than 3 occasions. Please email an MGA Advocate [HERE](#) if you would like further information.

**Contact the Department of Human Services.** This government run department offers an interest-free Bond Loan Scheme to help renters meet the financial requirements of a bond. You must be a permanent resident of Australia. More info [HERE](#).

Help for international students

**Contact your embassy/consulate.** Some nations offer financial aid to their students studying in Australia. Ask your embassy/consulate if they can do this for you.

**Community groups.** Some community groups and associations offer support to people from the same background as themselves. For example, the Nepalese community in Melbourne provided support for Nepalese students affected by the earthquake in 2015.

**Contact Study Melbourne.** Study Melbourne may be able to offer financial assistance or have scholarships you could apply for. If you’re experiencing financial hardship as a result of the
coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, please contact the Study Melbourne Student Centre to speak with one of their case workers. Further info HERE

Help for residents

Many local councils offer financial aid and/or food packages for residents in their area. Check your local council or suburb below to see what’s available in your area. Eligibility varies. Most places, with the exception of the CBD centres, require you to present proof that you live in the local area along with your Student ID. Many will also require that you are an Australian citizen or resident, and some will require a current Centrelink ID. Please contact your local centre to check your eligibility.

CBD: Hamodava Café/ The Lighthouse Café (free meals)
  a: Level 1, 69 Bourke Street, Melbourne
  t: 9653 3299

Study Melbourne Student Centre (food vouchers, financial assistance)
  a: 599 Little Bourke St
  t: 1800 056 449

Camberwell: Camcare Inc (food vouchers, financial assistance, counselling, health services)
  t: 9831 1900
  https://camcare.org.au/

City of Casey: Cornerstone Contact Centre (meals, crisis assistance)
  t: 0481 186 323

City of Glen Eira: Community Information, Glen Eira (food vouchers, food parcels, clothes, travel cards, phone cards)
  t: 9571 7644

Clayton: Monash Oakleigh Community Support & Information Services (food, food vouchers, op shop, caseworker assistance)
  a: 25 Downing Street, Oakleigh
  t: 9568 4533

Coburg: Coburg Community Information Centre (financial assistance)
  t: 9350 3737
  https://acnc.gov.au/charity/91b2fa201db5479f7610eb3abc2e1471

Dandenong: Dandenong Community Advisory Bureau Inc. (food vouchers, petrol vouchers, advocacy services)
  t: 9791 8344
Carlton: Cornerstone Contact Centre (meals, crisis assistance)
  t: 9794 5654

The Couch International Student Program (safe lounge space for international students to socialise, relax, study, and seek assistance.):
  t: 0451 374 507
  a: 324 Drummond St, Carlton Victoria 0451 374 507

Keysborough: Dandenong Community Advisory Bureau Inc. (food vouchers, petrol vouchers, advocacy services)
  t: 9791 8344

Frankston Community Support Frankston Inc. (food, meals, housing, medical, clothing and whitegoods)
  t: 9783 7284
  https://frankston.net/service-support/

Mount Waverly: Mount-Waverly Community Support & Information Services (food vouchers, food parcels, clothing, white goods and furniture)
  t: 9807 9844
  t: 9827 5996

Oakleigh: Monash Oakleigh Community Support & Information Services (food, food vouchers, op shop, caseworker assistance)
  a: 3 Atherton Road, Oakleigh
  t: 9518 3555

Abbotsford, Thornbury, St Kilda: Lentil as Anything Restaurant (All restaurants have no set prices. Everyone is welcome to Pay-As-They-Feel: through a financial contribution or volunteering)
  https://lentilasanything.com/