

Information Session

School of Composition

School of Strings

Popular Music

Application, Audition and Selection

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How to Apply

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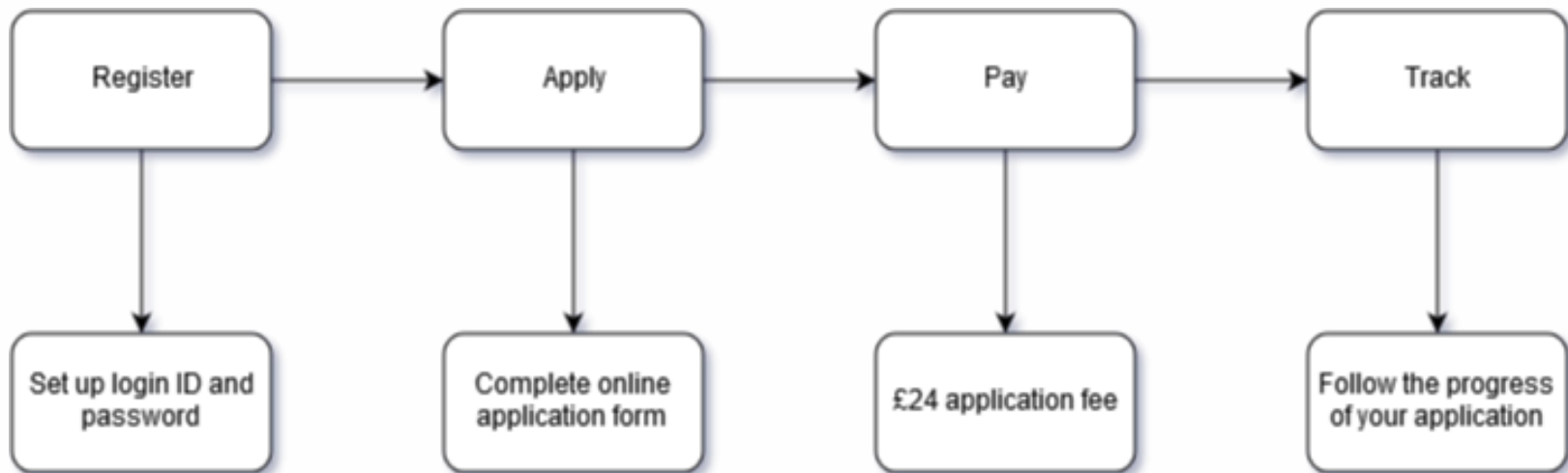
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UCAS Conservatoires Application

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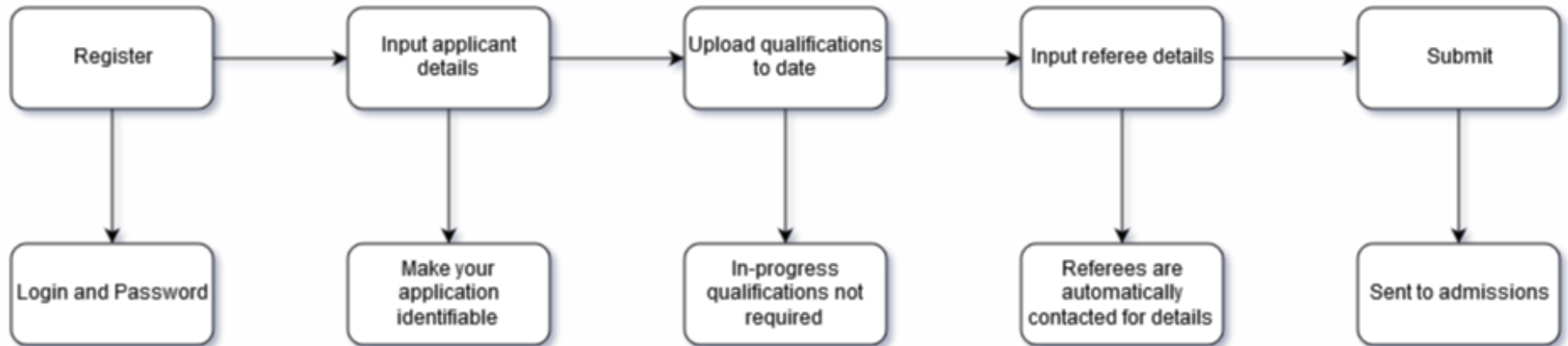


- Application will automatically be sent to the RNCM
- You will receive an email with a link to audition requirements and DecisionDesk
- Applications should be received by 2 October 2017

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DecisionDesk Application

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A Levels, BTEC & Highers/Advanced Highers submitted to RNCM via UCAS

Entrance Requirements

- Be 18 years of age by Dec 31 in year of entry
- Supply 2 references – 1 Academic and 1 Practical
- Hold 2 A Levels for BMus
- AAA for GRNCM/MusB
- AAB and DipABRSM for 3yr BMus (by selection only – cannot be applied for directly)
- A good honours degree for Master's applicants and example of written work
- Master's Degree for PGDip
- Meet appropriate IELTS requirements

Audition

- All applicants are invited to audition live (except conducting and composition applications) – all of whom will be considered for scholarship at the point of audition
- Audition date will be sent via UCAS Conservatoires and email
- Dates are non-negotiable to avoid clashes with other conservatoires
- UCAS Track will contain all appropriate information with regard to preparation and what to expect on the day
- All UG applicants will complete online theory test

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First round

- Submit a portfolio consisting of three scores via DecisionDesk as PDF files and, if possible, audio/video links of the pieces, to be assessed by a selection panel
- Electronic portfolio to arrive with Admissions by 1 October
- First round results informed in October-November

Second round

- Selected candidates will be invited for an interview (date to be notified through UCAS Conservatoires)
- Candidates must send a hard copy of the portfolio to Admissions upon receipt of the interview invitation

Conducting Studies (Postgraduate only)

First round

- Submit 20 minutes unedited footage, ideally a fairly equal mixture of rehearsal and performance, showing face and upper body via DecisionDesk
- Recordings to arrive with Admissions by 15 Oct

Second round

- Selected candidates will be invited for an audition/interview in person (time will be given on UCAS Conservatoires)

Third and fourth rounds

- A number of candidates will be invited to rehearse a soloist and accompanist in a standard concerto
- A few will be invited to stay for a final round in the evening on the same day

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- For **violin**, **viola** and **cello**, the audition has two parts
 1. Round one – 10 minutes from set repertoire
 2. Round two (selected candidates) – 15 minutes including a brief interview
- **Guitar**, **harp** and **double bass** auditions are one round of twenty minutes

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The audition will be in two parts:

Round one – 10-15 minutes

1. One piece, maximum 5 minutes, MP3 backing tracks are advised
2. Instrument-specific musicianship tests (approximately 5 minutes)

Round two (selected candidates)

1. Theory and aural exam (30 minutes)
2. One piece, 5 minutes, from the set pieces
3. Interview (approximately 10 minutes)

What happens if I'm offered a place?

- All places will be conditional on providing evidence of having met entry requirements
- Most conditions will have been met via DecisionDesk application, including references
- A Levels/BTEC/Highers received via UCAS
- Other documents to be emailed to Admissions@rncm.ac.uk
- You can follow the progress of your application through TRACK on UCAS Conservatoires
- You are advised to confirm your decision on UCAS Conservatoires by the end of January 2018 (Declined by Default in early February 2018)

What do I need to do?

- Apply on UCAS
- Read welcome email and set up DecisionDesk profile
- Check UCAS Track for time and date of audition (email will be sent)
- Attend audition
- Await outcome

Contact



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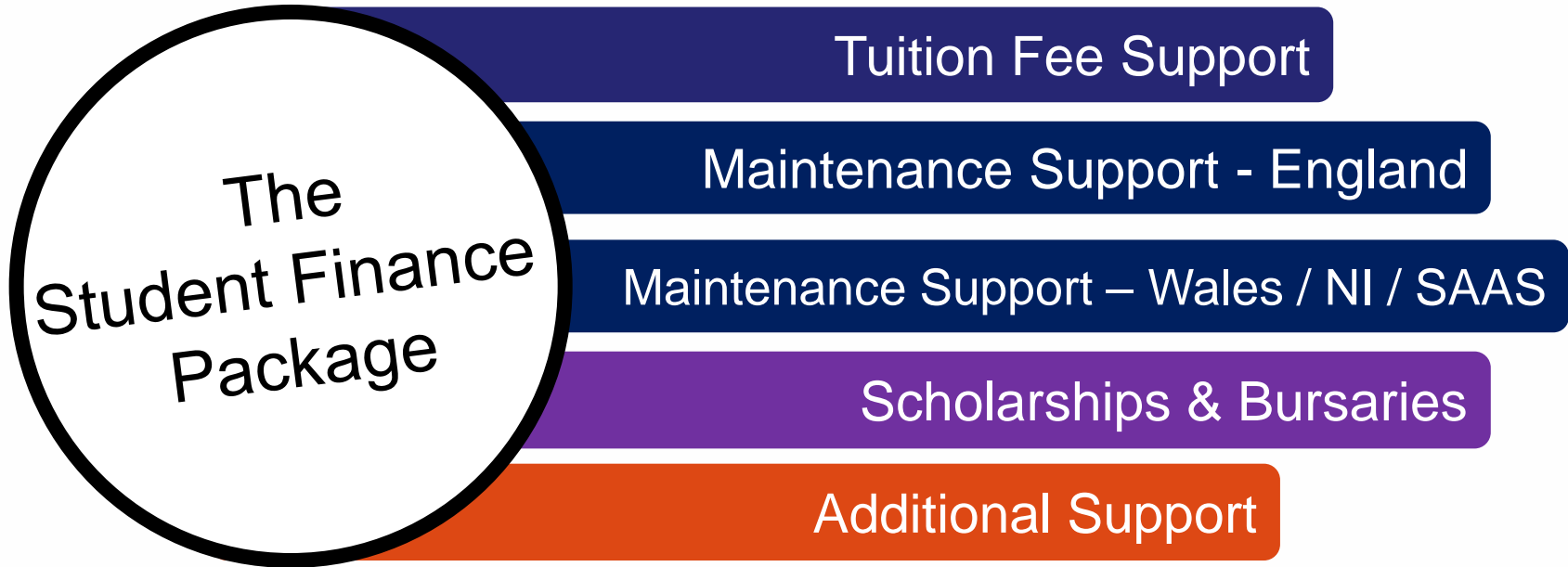
Student Finance

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Session Content

- Student Finance Package
- Repayment
- Applications and Information
- Questions and Comments

The Student Finance Package 2017/18



Tuition Fee Support – Full-Time Students

- Tuition fees for the 17/18 academic year are £9,250 for Home / UK students
- Eligible students **won't** have to pay any tuition fees up front
- A Tuition Fee Loan (**not dependent on household income**) is available to cover the fee levels set by the university or college
Welsh students will receive a £4,954 grant towards their tuition fee
- The Student Loans Company pay any Tuition Fee Loan to the university/college directly in instalments across the academic year
- The loan is repayable, but linked to future earnings over £21,000 a year

Statement on EU Student Support



The government has confirmed that EU students will continue to remain eligible for undergraduate, master's, postgraduate and advanced learner financial support in academic year 2018 to 2019.

The decision means EU students applying for an undergraduate or master's course at an English university or further education institution in the 2018 to 2019 academic year will continue to have access to student loans and grants, even if the course concludes after the UK's exit from the EU.

EU students are eligible for home fee status, which means they are charged the same tuition fees as UK students. Other non-EU, international students do not have their tuition fees capped in this way.

Maintenance Support – England

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The logo for Student Finance England, featuring the text "studentfinance" in a dark blue sans-serif font, followed by "england" in a lighter blue sans-serif font. A dark blue curved line underlines the word "england".

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Maintenance Loan – 2017/18 Rates

How much can I get?

The amount you can get depends on where you live, where you study and your household income. Below are the maximum amounts for the year.

Living with parents	Up to £7,097
Studying in London and not living with parents	Up to £11,002
Studying outside London and not living with parents	Up to £8,430
Living and studying abroad for at least one term	Up to £9,654



Additional loan may be available for any extra weeks of study if your course goes beyond 30 weeks in an academic year

Maintenance Support – Wales/NI/Scotland

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If you're studying outside London and living away from your parents:

Household Income	Welsh Government Learning Grant	Maintenance Loan	Total Support
Up to £18,370	£5,161	£4,342	£9,503
£20,000	£4,715	£4,565	£9,280
£25,000	£3,347	£5,249	£8,596
£26,500	£2,936	£5,454	£8,390
£30,000	£2,099	£5,873	£7,972
£34,000	£1,142	£6,351	£7,493
£40,000	£734	£6,555	£7,289
£45,000	£393	£6,726	£7,119
£50,020	£50	£6,897	£6,947
£50,753	£0	£6,922	£6,922
£55,000	£0	£6,073	£6,073
£59,408 and over	£0	£5,191	£5,191

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Maintenance Support – Northern Ireland



- The maximum **non-repayable** maintenance grant level in 2017 is £3,475. Partial grant available for students with a household income of up to £41,065. The grant a student receives is solely dependent on household income levels. (100% means tested)
- Maintenance loan of up to £4,840 (outside of London) available
- Maintenance loan is 75% non means tested / 25% means tested
- £19,203 is the threshold for the maximum maintenance grant

Maintenance Support – Scotland



Table A shows the loan amounts available for dependent students in session 2017-2018, for the levels of household income shown.

Household income	Loan
£0 to £18,999	£5,750
£19,000 to £23,999	£5,750
£24,000 to £33,999	£5,750
£34,000 and above	£4,750

Table B shows the loan amounts available, for independent students in session 2017-2018, for the levels of household income shown.

Household income	Loan
£0 to £18,999	£6,750
£19,000 to £23,999	£6,750
£24,000 to £33,999	£6,250
£34,000 and above	£4,750

Scholarships and Bursaries

RNCM Support:

- **Access Bursaries** (Household income and being UK/EU the only criteria)
Up to £1,370 per year of course (17/18 figures)
- **Access to Learning Fund** (UK students only)
Application to the Assistant Head of Registry (Student Finance and Wellbeing)
- **Scholarships:**
Awarded at audition – All students considered
Limited in numbers

Check RNCM website and ask at audition for information on bursaries and scholarships – what's available and how to apply

Additional Support

You may get extra money or support if you:

- have children or adults dependent on you
- have a disability, mental-health condition, long-term health condition or specific learning difficulty

Student Loan Repayment

- Repayments don't start until the student is earning at least **£21,000 a year (£1,750 a month) gross**.
- **Full-time students** will begin to repay in the April after graduating from or leaving their HE course.
- If income falls to £21,000 or below, repayments will be suspended.
- Repayments will be 9% of income over £21,000 and will be deducted from salary through the HMRC tax system for most students.

Student Loan Repayment – The Figures

Yearly income before tax	Income from which 9% will be deducted	Approximate monthly repayment
£21,000	£0	£0
£25,000	£4,000	£30
£30,000	£9,000	£67
£35,000	£14,000	£105
£40,000	£19,000	£142
£45,000	£24,000	£180
£50,000	£29,000	£217
£60,000	£39,000	£292



Any outstanding loan balance will be written off 30 years after entering repayment.

Applications and Information

- Students should apply as soon as possible to make sure they have their money at the start of their course
- Applying online through **GOV.UK / SAAS** is the quickest and easiest way
- No need to wait for a confirmed offer from a university, but SLC need to know right away if anything changes (uni, course or personal details)
- Make sure any required evidence is sent straight away to support applications. In most cases this will be details supplied during the application, with no need for original documents to be sent, including:
 - Valid UK passport number (for student identity)
 - National Insurance numbers (student and parents' – for income details)

Social Media – Facebook & Twitter

The image shows the Facebook login interface for Student Finance England. At the top, there are input fields for 'Email or Phone' and 'Password', with a 'Log in' button to the right. Below these fields are links for 'Keep me logged in' and 'Forgotten your password?'. A large banner image of a woman's face is in the background. A white box with a blue border contains the text: 'Student Finance England is on Facebook. To connect with Student Finance England, sign up for Facebook today.' Below this text are 'Sign Up' and 'Log in' buttons. On the left, the 'sfe studentfinanceengland' logo is displayed. Below the logo, the text reads 'Student Finance England' and '20,656 likes · 634 talking about this'. At the bottom, there are links for 'About', 'Photos', 'Likes', and 'FAQs'. A 'Government Organization' badge is also visible.

The image shows the Twitter profile page for Student Finance England (@SF_England). The profile header includes the name 'STUDENT FINANCE ENG', the handle '@SF_England', and a bio: 'SFE is part of the Student Loans Co UK. We are a public sector org and provide funding and student loans on behalf of the UK Government. United Kingdom http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance'. It also shows '16,730 TWEETS', '218 FOLLOWING', and '16,368 FOLLOWERS'. A 'Follow' button is present. Below the header, there is a 'Follow STUDENT FINANCE ENG' section with a sign-up form containing fields for 'Full name', 'Email', and 'Password', and a 'Sign up' button. To the right of the sign-up form is a 'Tweets' section with a list of recent tweets. The tweets include: 'Still to return your online declaration form? Print a copy from your online account - go to "My Account" & "View Correspondence"', 'Parents' Learning Allowance helps towards your course costs – apply for this on your student finance form. Details: bit.ly/PbRjAL', 'Got a query about your payment? Pls review our payment checklist and payment info on F/book before calling. on.fb.me/S2gscs', 'Need to change your Maintenance Loan amount? You can do this by downloading & completing a Maintenance Loan form from your online account.', and 'A number of phishing emails in circulation. Some look very authentic. We will not ask you to confirm security details by email.' The profile also has links for 'Following', 'Followers', 'Favorites', 'Lists', and 'Recent images'.

Questions or Comments?

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Student Wellbeing

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Support at the RNCM

- 2 Counsellors
- 3 Alexander Technique Tutors
- Specific Medical Advice/Support for Performers
- Chaplaincy based at Manchester University
- 4 Mental Health First Aiders
- Financial Hardship
- Accommodation advice
- Students' Union
- International Office
- Learning Support Tutor
- Disability/ Long Term Condition Support

Personal Learning Plan

A PLP is for students who have a disability or long term condition that will impact on their study.

A PLP provides staff with information about the student's condition and how it may affect them.

It provides the student with support so they are not disadvantaged by providing, for example, extra time in exams.

Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)

Available to students living in the United Kingdom.

Paid on top of the standard student finance package and don't have to be paid back.

Provide specialist equipment you need for studying, like computer packages and specialist software, also non-medical helpers, such as a support tutor.

How to apply for DSA

If you normally live in the following countries, you can apply online via the following websites:

England/Wales/Northern Ireland – www.gov.uk

Scotland – www.saas.gov.uk

Student Accommodation



Sir Charles Groves Hall is owned by Liberty Living
www.libertyliving.co.uk

The RNCM holds 314 rooms for their students

Each new student is guaranteed a room in Sir Charles Groves Hall if required (the halls can only guarantee rooms if you respond by the set deadline)

We have two Senior Residents living in the halls that provide wellbeing support, knowledge of life in the halls and at the RNCM, and organise events for residents

Sir Charles Groves Halls of Residence

- City centre accommodation – right next door to the college
- All utility bills included in the cost of the rent
- Internet (Unlimited 16mbps – provided by Ask4)
- FREE personal contents insurance (up to £5K)
- En-suite shower, toilet and washbasin in all bedrooms
- Comprehensive CCTV coverage
- Electronic entry systems
- On-site management and maintenance teams
- Weekly cleaner for cluster flat communal areas
- Spacious communal living area
- On-site laundry facility
- Guest flats available for visiting relatives for a night or short stay
- £151.00 per week (2017-18) – 42-week or 51-week available

Private Student Accommodation

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University approved accommodation

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