



Some Helpful Tips for the MSc Postgraduate Loan Application Process

1. Start the application process as early as you can.
2. Download the 'Postgraduate Loan Application Supporting Notes' and keep them to hand while going through the application. These can be downloaded at the following links:
www.gov.uk/postgraduateloan for those applying through Student Finance England
www.studentfinancewales.co.uk for those applying through Student Finance Wales
3. The University name must be listed as **"Centre for Alternative Technology"** and **not** the name of the awarding body (i.e. UEL or LJMU).
4. The "Name of campus/location" should be entered as "Main Campus"
5. The Study type and duration should be either of the following:
 - i. Full-time 2 year
 - ii. Part-time 3 years
6. We offer blended learning of both onsite and distance learning modules. For the question "Is this a distance learning course" you will need to state how you intend to take the majority of your taught modules (not including the dissertation).
 - i. If you intend to take the majority of your taught modules onsite choose "No".
 - ii. If you intend to take the majority of your taught modules via distance learning choose "Yes".
7. Your offer letter from CAT should be adequate confirmation that you will be a student for Student Loan Company (SLC) purposes. If however there are any queries from the SLC concerning this, please contact CAT Student Finance
student.finance@cat.org.uk.
8. If for any reason you have to contact someone at the SLC please take their details (name and staffing ref number) and keep a record of what they tell you.
9. Always ask the SLC to follow up any telephone calls with a written email or letter. They do not do this automatically.



Course enrolment:

The £50 non-refundable enrolment deposit is due before you can be enrolled.

Once we receive the deposit we can then confirm you as a student at CAT with the SLC.

Student Loan Confirmation:

Once you have received an entitlement confirmation letter from Student Finance, please scan it or take a photo which is clear enough to read and send it to student.finance@cat.org.uk. Once this has been received, the Student Finance Officer can confirm with the SLC that you are registered on the course. Until this is done, the SLC will not release any payments.

Depending on your module choices and whether you are Full Time or Part Time, module payment deadlines and loan instalments may not synchronize so please ensure that you check the payment deadlines in the Fees Terms & Conditions against your loan payment schedule so you can plan ahead for your module payments.