

Turing Scheme 24/25 additional funding

Extra funding for students from disadvantaged backgrounds

Students from disadvantaged backgrounds can receive extra funding. You will need to set out the disadvantaged groups you intend to recruit and support in your application.

We generally define these students as people who meet any of the following criteria:

- someone with an annual household income of £25,000 or less
- someone who receives universal credit or income-related benefits because they are either financially supporting:
 - themselves
 - themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them, such as a child or partner
- someone with experience of being in care or who is a care leaver – including anyone who is or has been in care, or from a looked after background, at any stage of their life
- a carer, meaning anyone who both:
 - looks after a family member, partner or friend who needs help because of their illness, frailty, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction, and cannot cope without their support
 - is not paid for this care
- someone entitled to free school meals
- a refugee or an asylum seeker

This list is not exhaustive. If you identify students who do not precisely meet these definitions but share similar characteristics which justify extra support, you may include them in your application.

We will review the eligibility criteria for students from disadvantaged backgrounds for future years of the scheme.

Readiness to travel funding

We will provide funding to help students from disadvantaged backgrounds to prepare to travel.

You must only use readiness to travel funding for:

- passports
- visa applications and reasonable associated costs such as translated documents and police certificates
- vaccines
- travel insurance
- medical certificates

You should apply using estimated costs associated with the items. They will be paid as actual costs rather than at set rates.

Extra funding for students with SEND

We provide extra funding for students if their FE provider says they attend as a student with special educational or additional needs or disability, including ASN in Scotland and ALN in Wales.

You can claim support for additional costs that these students may face on international placements.

For example, we will fund visits, of up to 3 days, where staff or students may need to visit the host destination to carry out pre-placement checks. You must outline why you need the funds when you apply for the scheme.

You will need to show the estimated costs associated with students with SEND. These will be paid as actual costs, rather than based on set rates.

Language support

For further education providers, DfE will provide up to £135 per student on placements over 19 days to help them learn the local language at the host organisation.

Funding may only be used to cover language learning costs, like classroom courses or educational materials, that:

- directly relate to the student's studies
- are reasonable given the length of the placement

Successful applicants will need to regularly report on what they have spent on language support, with supporting evidence. You must promptly return any unused funds to DfE.