

# Summary of Access and Participation Plan 2025-26 to 2028-29

## What is an access and participation plan?

An access and participation plan describes what a university intends to do to support disadvantaged and underrepresented groups. It covers getting into university (access), staying at university (continuation), doing well in your studies (success), graduating at the end of a course (completion) and getting a good job after you leave (progression).

For further details you can read the full Bath Spa University [Access and Participation Plan](#).

## Key points

We aim to support disadvantaged and underrepresented groups by embedding inclusive practices in all our activities.

- We are committed to attracting more students from backgrounds that are under-represented in higher education.
- We are committed to supporting those students to do well at Bath Spa University and with our [delivery partners](#).
- We are committed to providing bursaries and other forms of financial assistance to support those students.

## What are we aiming to achieve?

We are working collectively as a community to embed equity at the heart of Bath Spa and ensure that everyone has access to the same opportunities; no matter their background.

To help us achieve this we will:



To guide our progress, we have a [Widening Participation Strategy](#) which further describes our principles.

## What are we doing to address risks to equality of opportunity?

Bath Spa University promotes **equality of opportunity**. This means that students from all backgrounds are supported to access, succeed and progress in higher education. We have developed six areas where we will work towards eliminating the challenges facing disadvantaged and underrepresented groups of students.



The strategies are designed to work together. This connected approach allows us to target activities for underrepresented groups in specific locations and to address our objectives.

## How will students be involved in our plan?

We will continue to work with students both through co-creation and evaluation of activities. We will achieve this through student representation on university committees, continual student engagement and feedback, and a Student Panel co-delivered with our [Students' Union](#).

## Evaluation – how will we measure what we have achieved?

- We will continue to invest in staff development and training in evaluation
- We will involve students and graduate research assistants in the planning, monitoring, evaluation and delivery of access and participation work.
- We will support evaluation activity within our partner providers.
- We will publish our evaluation outcomes both within the University and externally.

## Fees we charge

At Bath Spa University tuition fees vary according to the type of degree programme you study, your mode of study and where you study. Fees specific to each course are listed on the individual course pages on our website. You can find further information via our website pages on [Course Fees](#).

## Financial help available

We offer a range of scholarships, bursaries and awards to help students fund their time at university and to ensure that students from disadvantaged backgrounds are given the support they need. You can see examples below:

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<a href="#">Bath Spa Bursary</a>	Home undergraduate students with a household income up to £27,500
Priority group awards	Independent Bursary (for care leavers/foyer students)
	Young Adult Carers
	GTRSB (Gypsy, Traveller, Roma, Showman and Boater) students
<a href="#">Access Funds</a>	Undergraduate students in temporary financial difficulty
<a href="#">Accommodation Bursary</a>	Home undergraduate students with a household income of up to £20,000
<a href="#">Laptop Fund</a>	Home undergraduate students with Student Finance Funding, studying at Newton Park, Sion Hill, Locksbrook, Corsham Court or BSU London (Hoxton)
<a href="#">Global Horizons Award (Outward Mobility) Fund</a>	Home undergraduate students with a household income of up to £42,875, embarking on an international placement of at least 10 days
<a href="#">Professional Placement Bursary</a>	All home undergraduate students on a Professional Placement Year (Bath only)

To help students understand university fees and finance we have also produced a resource to explain how it all works: [Your guide to student finance](#).

You can find further information on the full range of financial help available from Bath Spa University via our website pages on [Scholarships and Bursaries](#).

## Information about finance for students

Information about financial support is available for both current and prospective students via:

- our Student Finance website
- Open Days and Offer Holder Days
- regular updates to the Finance Guide on the Student Hub
- our Student Portal
- the MyBathSpa App
- student newsletters
- regular contact with tutors

## Contact details for further information

To find out more about the University's plan or our access work, you can contact the Access and Participation team: [ap@bathspa.ac.uk](mailto:ap@bathspa.ac.uk)

For specific information you can [contact one of our university departments directly](#).