Widening Access Travel Fund

What is the travel fund for?

Our travel fund helps to ensure all students can take part in events and activities on Brunel's campus. Events covered by this fund include:

- Open Days
- Applicant Days
- Interview/Selection Days

Who can apply?

This fund is for **home students**, from **state schools**, who **live outside the M25** and who meet at **least one** of the following widening access criteria:

- Live in an area of greater socio-economic deprivation. This can be checked by visiting the <u>government website</u>, inputting your postcode, if the number in column F is between 1-4, then you are in the lowest 40% of postcodes and would be eligible.
- Have received free school meals
- Are a looked after child/have been in the care of the local authority
- Are a young carer
- Are estranged from your family
- Are a refugee or asylum seeker
- Are a mature student who will be studying for their first degree aged 21 or over
- Have a disability*

*Disability or specific learning difficulty as defined by UCAS

- A learning difference (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia, or AD(H)D)
- · A visual impairment uncorrected by glasses (e.g. blindness or partial sight)
- A hearing impairment (e.g. D/deafness or partial hearing)
- A physical impairment or challenges with mobility (e.g. climbing stairs or uneven surfaces), or dexterity (e.g. using a keyboard or laboratory equipment)
- A mental health condition, challenge or disorder (e.g. anxiety or depression)
- A social, behavioural or communication impairment (e.g. an autistic spectrum condition, Tourette's Syndrome or speech and language difficulties, including stammering)
- A long-term illness or health condition which may involve pain or cause fatigue, loss of concentration or breathing difficulties – including any effects from taking associated medication.
- A condition or impairment not listed above
- Two or more impairments or conditions

How do I apply?

- Please complete the application form
- Then, please complete the non-staff expenses claim form with your personal details, list the travel costs incurred and provide a receipt/s. Once we have received the form, we will complete the details of the financial codes. We are only able to accept electronic versions of the form and scanned/photos of receipts. Email the non-staff expense claim form, with copies of the receipt/s to widening-access@brunel.ac.uk within 30 days of the event.

Important Information

- Please book in advance where possible to take advantage of cheaper rates. Travel will only cover standard/economy class.
- Travel can only be claimed for the student; guests cannot claim travel costs.
- Ensure you sign in when you arrive at the event, failure to attend the event will result in no reimbursement.
- The travel fund is limited, so students who meet multiple criteria will be prioritised.