

Need financial assistance?

Help with fees

Negotiate payment of tuition fees via instalments with Monash Connect. Make these arrangements before the deadline and remember you must pay before graduation.

Inquire with your faculty about funds for some sort of scholarship. If you are performing well academically, the faculty may be persuaded to help or offer you advice on finding help.

Help with living costs

Contact Monash Connect for a \$500 emergency financial grant. This grant does not need to be repaid and there are strict criteria to qualify, but it is worth checking your eligibility. <https://www.monash.edu/financial-assistance/support/student-grants>

Consider a Monash Connect Loan. Monash offers short term (up to \$750) and longer-term (up to \$3000) interest-free loans for both domestic and international students to help cover living and studying costs (aside from fees). Loans must also be repaid before graduation. <https://www.monash.edu/connect/forms/modules/loans-for-students/loans-for-students>

Approach the MGA for help with food. We can sometimes provide emergency non-perishable food packages or grocery vouchers. Please email an MGA Advocate you would like further information <https://mpa.monash.edu.au/get-help/advocacy/>

Contact The Department of Human Services (domestic students). This government run department offers an interest-free Bond Loan Scheme to help renters meet the financial requirements of a bond. You must be a permanent resident of Australia. www.housing.vic.gov.au/bond-loan-scheme

Check your eligibility for a Low Income Health Care Card (domestic students). This card entitles the holder to cheaper health care and discounts including cheaper medicine, bulk billed doctor visits and discounts on water, gas, electricity, public transport and motor vehicle registration. <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/low-income-health-care-card>

Help for international students

Contact your embassy/consulate. Some nations offer financial aid to their students studying in Australia. Ask your embassy/consulate if they can do this for you.

Community groups. Some community groups and associations offer support to people from the same background as themselves. Check online, with friends or via social media.

Contact Study Melbourne. Study Melbourne sometimes offer financial assistance or have scholarships. If you have financial hardship due COVID-19 pandemic, please contact the [Study Melbourne Student Centre](https://www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/). Further info <https://www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/>

Australian Government workplace rights online toolkit. Resource aimed to help international students learn about their workplace rights while studying here in Australia. <https://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/english/live-in-australia/work/fair-work-ombudsman/provider-toolkit>

Help for residents

Many local councils offer financial aid and/or food packages for residents in their area. Check your local council or suburb below to see what is available in your area. Eligibility varies. Most places, with the exception of the CBD centres, require you to present proof that you live in the local area along with your Student ID. Many will also require that you are an Australian citizen or resident, and some will require a current Centrelink ID. Please contact your local centre to check your eligibility.

- CBD:** Hamodava Café/ The Lighthouse Café (free meals)
a: Level 1, 69 Bourke Street, Melbourne
t: 9653 3299
<https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/melbourne614/what-we-offer/lighthouse-cafe/>
- Study Melbourne Student Centre (food vouchers, financial assistance)
a: 599 Little Bourke St
t: 1800 056 449
<https://www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/help-and-support/study-melbourne-student-centre>
- Camberwell:** Camcare Inc (food vouchers, financial assistance, counselling, health services)
t: 9831 1900
<https://camcare.org.au/>
- City of Casey:** Cornerstone Contact Centre (meals, crisis assistance)
t: 0481 186 323
<https://www.cornerstonecentre.com.au/>
- City of Glen Eira:** Community Information, Glen Eira (food vouchers, food parcels, clothes, travelcards, phone cards)
incl. Caulfield t: 9571 7644
<https://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/services/community-support/community-information-and-support-glen-eira>
- Clayton:** Monash Oakleigh Community Support & Information Services (food, food vouchers, op shop, caseworker assistance)
a: 25 Downing Street, Oakleigh
t: 9568 4533
<https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/Services/Community-Directory/Monash-Oakleigh-Community-Support-And-Information-Service>
- Coburg:** Coburg Community Information Centre (financial assistance)
t: 9350 3737
<https://www.acnc.gov.au/charity/91b2fa201db5479f7610eb3abc2e1471>
- Dandenong:** Dandenong Community Advisory Bureau Inc. (food vouchers, petrol vouchers, advocacy services)
t: 9791 8344
<https://www.secl.org.au/>
- Cornerstone Contact Centre (meals, crisis assistance)
t: 9794 5654
<https://www.cornerstonecentre.com.au/>
- Carlton:** The Couch International Student Program (safe lounge space for international students to socialise, relax, study, and seek assistance.:
t: 0451 374 507

a:324 Drummond St, Carlton Victoria 0451 374 507

<https://salvosmelbourne.com.au/the-couch-international-student-program/>

- Keysborough:** Dandenong Community Advisory Bureau Inc. (food vouchers, petrol vouchers, advocacy services)
t: 9791 8344
- Frankston** Community Support Frankston Inc. (food, meals, housing, medical, clothing and whitegoods)
t: 9783 7284
<https://frankston.net/service-support/>
- Mount Waverly:** Mount-Waverly Community Support & Information Services (food vouchers, food parcels, clothing, white goods and furniture)
t: 9807 9844
t: 9827 5996
<http://monashwaverleycis.org.au/>
- Oakleigh:** Monash Oakleigh Community Support & Information Services (food, food vouchers, op shop, caseworker assistance)
a: 3 Atherton Road, Oakleigh
t: 9518 3555
<https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/Services/Community-Directory/Monash-Oakleigh-Community-Support-And-Information-Service>

Help for all students

- Abbotsford, St Kilda Thornbury** **Lentil as Anything Restaurant** All restaurants have no set prices. Everyone is welcome to Pay-As-They-Feel: through a financial contribution or volunteering
<https://www.lentilasanything.com/>
- Various Melbourne Locations** **Foodbank and other Community Relief Welfare Providers:** Offering food items/panty hampers and other forms of emergency relief. See Find Local Services:
<https://www.foodbank.org.au/homepage/who-we-help/individuals/?state=vic>
- Various Melbourne Locations** **Kasih Project:** Arranges food and essential items by appointment:
Preferred contact via WhatsApp +61 430 903 366
Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/kasih.project/>
- Various Melbourne Locations** **Askizy:** This website operates as a search engine for many forms of community assistance and supports including housing, food, health, employment and many others.
<https://askizy.org.au/>
- Various Melbourne Locations** **Empower Food Relief Centres:** Open across Melbourne on weekends to anyone in need facing serious food insecurity.
<https://www.empoweraustralia.com.au/>
- Various Melbourne Locations** **Study Melbourne:** Numerous forms of community and government assistance and support
<https://www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/news-updates/updates/support-and-food-relief-organisations>
<https://www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/>
- Clayton** **St Kilda Mums:** This group offers support, referrals and services to any mother in need, including free recycled nursery equipment: cots, prams, and car seats, as well as clothes and other baby essentials. For more information <https://www.stkildamums.org/pages/our-service>

Please note: Some welfare services listed above may be offering more limited range of services due the pandemic.