

Higher Diploma Fees & Funding Information

Fees for the Higher Diploma, as stated on your enclosed offer letter, are one flat fee for the duration of your course. There are no extra charges for room hire or equipment hire all of which are provided by the school. For students who need assistance with funding for the course, below are the most common ways our students can get help:

Student Loans Company

The Student Loans Company (SLC) is the UK Public Sector organisation that awards UK and EU students loans to cover their University tuition fee, maintenance and grants to cover living expenses and other costs. Applications can be made online at www.studentfinance.direct.gov.uk. Please note – you are able to apply for student finance regardless of whether you have accepted your place.

We have listed below some details to help you when applying for funding for your Higher Diploma course:

- **Course Title:** 1 Year Level 5 Diploma in Music (Music Performance)
- **University or College:** The Institute of Contemporary Music Performance
- **Campus Code:** A
- **Full Tuition Fee:** £4950 – the maximum students can borrow from the SLC is £3375
- **Start Date:** 16/04/2012
- **End Date:** 16/12/2012
- **Course Length:** 1 Year
- **Course Year:** 1
- **Qualification expected to gain:** Level 5 – Professional Diploma
- **Is this course franchised to another university/college?** No
- **Which of the following is your course?** Full Time Undergraduate

If you need any further help in making your application, please contact your Admissions Advisor at the Institute.

Students who are getting a student loan to cover their tuition will need to present confirmation of their loan approval at the payment deadline date as stated on your letter of offer.

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Scholarships

The Institute runs an annual scholarship program for the Higher Diploma course. This is generally launched in December each year, for the following autumn start. Entrants have the chance to gain a fully or partially funded place on the Autumn Higher Diploma as well as extra perks from awarding bodies such as Yamaha, Mapex and Shure to name a few. Check our website regularly for updates, information on how to apply and application deadlines.

2012 Scholarships are now launched – entries close 24th February 2012

Professional and Career Development Loan (PCDL)

Professional and Career Development Loans are commercial bank loans that can be used to help pay for work related learning. You can borrow between £300 and £10,000 to help support the cost of up to two years of learning (or three years if it includes one year's relevant unpaid practical work). The Government will pay the interest on the loan while you are learning and for one month afterwards. You will then need to start repaying the loan as you would any other commercial loans product. The loan can be used to pay course fees or other costs such as travel and living expenses. You can also use the loan to supplement other forms of support such as grants or bursaries.

As the Professional and Career Development Loan is a commercial loan product, you should make sure you have investigated all the funding options that may be open to you to ensure you take an informed decision about whether the Loan is right for you. For further information on financial assistance to support your learning, visit www.direct.gov.uk/adultlearning or contact Next Step on 0800 100 900. Our learning provider registration number is: 2922.

Charities

Some charities, be they in your local area or specifically music related, are willing to lend a helping hand for young people taking up further or higher education. It never hurts to approach them to find out if they have any available funding and how you may be able to apply. To help get you started, some charities worth contacting are:

- Awards for Young Musicians
- Musicians Benevolent Fund
- BBC Performing Arts Fund
- Laurence Atwell's Charity