Tuition Fee Instalment Plan

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What do you want?

I want the SU to lobby for a change in the tuition fee instalment plan, specifically for international postgraduate programmes. I would like QMUL to introduce an option for international students to pay their tuition fees in three instalments instead of the current two instalments of 50% in October and January.

Why do you want it?

I find the current payment structure quite financially inflexible, particularly because the two payments are relatively close together. For many international students who are self-funding their studies, having to make two substantial payments within such a short period simply isn't a feasible arrangement.

I have also done some research into other UK universities and found that payment structures are not fixed across institutions. For example, the University of Edinburgh offers postgraduate students three instalments, while UCL allows students to pay their tuition fees in three equal instalments. This shows that alternative payment structures are already being implemented at other established UK universities.

I am also a UKCISA Student Ambassador, and putting this lobby forward means a lot to me. As an international postgraduate student myself, I want to advocate for students in similar positions, particularly those who are self-funding their education.

What impact will this have?

Introducing a three-instalment option would give international postgraduate students greater financial flexibility by spreading their tuition fee payments more evenly across the academic year. This would make it easier to manage tuition fees alongside other expenses, such as accommodation and living costs, and reduce some of the financial pressure associated with studying in the UK.

Ultimately, I want international postgraduate students to have greater reassurance that their tuition fees can be managed in a way that is more financially accessible and less stressful.