

University of Plymouth

Summary of 2020-21 to 2024-25 access and participation plan

What is an access and participation plan?

Access and participation plans set out how higher education providers will improve equality of opportunity for underrepresented groups to access, succeed in and progress from higher education.

Here is the [full access and participation plan](#) for the University of Plymouth.

Key points

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of the full plan

The focus of our access and participation plan is on improving outcomes for specific groups of students. Data for the period 2013-14 to 2017-18 showed that compared to their peers at the University of Plymouth, outcomes are lower for certain groups of students.

Students were less likely to **access** higher education at the University of Plymouth if they are:

- From Black, Asian and other diverse ethnic backgrounds
- From areas of high social deprivation (to measure this we use the national Index of Multiple Deprivation, which measures relative deprivation for small areas)

Students were less likely to **continue** their studies if they:

- Come from a neighbourhood where not many people go on to higher education (these are known as Low Progression Neighbourhoods)
- Are mature (over 21 years old when they start their university course).

The following groups of students were less likely to **attain** a degree award of 2:1 or above:

- Students from Black, Asian and other diverse ethnic backgrounds
- Disabled students
- Students from areas of high social deprivation

Students were less likely to **progress** to highly skilled employment or further study if they:

- Come from a Low Progression Neighbourhood
- Are from Black African or Black Caribbean ethnicities.

Fees we charge

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At the University of Plymouth, the maximum fees charged are:

- £9,250 for full-time students
- £6,935 for part-time students.

You can see a full list of [fees for courses](#) at the University of Plymouth.

Financial help available

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of the full plan

We offer financial support to students, some of which is targeted at students from underrepresented groups. This helps students to access higher education and continue studying until they complete their course. The support includes:

A **travel bursary** for students from under-represented groups to attend our open days, our applicant days and interviews.

A **bursary for the first year of study** of £1000 if the student's household income is below £25,000

We will publish evidence from our evaluations on our website by January 2024.

Contact details for further information

You can contact Julian True, Access and Participation Manager, at pao@plymouth.ac.uk for further information.