



## European Social Fund

Every year the European Union dedicates more than €10 billion to the European Social Fund (ESF). Member states provide additional contributions to this fund.

The Fund is for making sure that Europeans have the right skills for the right jobs. This challenge is one that the European Union and its member states are tackling together.

Every year the ESF supports and trains more than ten million people. The ESF money is used within each country by organisations who are best placed to understand what is needed locally. Local needs could include:

- Improving education
- Creating new job opportunities and supporting businesses
- Supporting people to start their own business
- Investing in better public services
- Helping people to learn new skills
- Offering career counselling and mentoring
- Helping disadvantaged people into work.

As part of the ESF allocation of funds in the UK, further education courses are prioritised. The Department for Education requires the University to inform you of the part funding support for your course.

