

Support for Students

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Jennifer Read, lead for the University of Sheffield programme, appears on screen alongside a PowerPoint slide titled Support for Students. The slide contains the following text:

- Access to clinical research networks
- Allocated personal tutor
- Practice based mentor and academic supervisor
- Course administrators and learning technology support staff
- Access to online libraries
- Academic writing skills support
- Support for students who have English as a second language
- Career support
- Extensive student support services, including pastoral care
- Flexibility for exceptional unexpected events - eg extensions, interrupted study/leave of absence applications

Jennifer starts speaking.

Thank you. Yes.

So student support, at all universities is, very important and very well established. For these courses, all the universities have got strong links and access to clinical research networks and reach out to the individuals within your region to get additional support if needed.

Everybody will be allocated a personal or academic tutor for the duration of your studies. At Sheffield, we recommend that you meet with them at least once a semester, sometimes more. Within the RPE (Research Practice Experience) modules at all the universities, you'll have your own practice based mentor. So that's the person that you've identified yourself and an academic supervisor based within the university to help you through that module.

You'll also be supported at the universities by non-teaching staff. With all of the universities have got very experienced and skilled course administrators and learning technology teams, who support you through your studies. And we all have online libraries that you'll be able to access with librarians who'll be able to direct and support.

If you, any of you would, are anxious about returning to academia and academic work. We as universities have all got academic writing skills, support services, and you can access materials and support all online for those. Students have support from the different departments within the universities for English language support if English is your second language.

And we all have career support as well for exploring other opportunities to further develop your own career within the health service or beyond. And looking for additional opportunities to enhance your CV.

Extensive support services are available, including pastoral care, and student support plans for people with learning needs or accessibility needs, mental health or wellbeing needs, and financial support services as well.

All of the universities completely understand the need for flexibility. We appreciate that you're working part time and juggling this with studying and home life. And the demands that that brings. We all recognise there will be unexpected life events, in work and out of work. And in these instances, we offer opportunities to apply for extensions, take a break from study, a leave of absence. And these reasons could be, they could be financial, medical, personal or academic.

But the key thing is that you reach out to us and we can help you with any challenges, and support that you might need. And we obviously will support maternity, paternity and adoption leave.

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