Inspire the Possible
Are you at school or college and thinking about higher education?
Video Objectives

Do you have a medical condition, special educational need or a disability?
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Would you like to know whether there'll be support to help you with your higher education studies, and how to access this?
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Choosing to go to university

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- Personal choices made
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What will influence your decision:

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5. To meet new people
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The equipment loan meant that I didn't have to get behind on my work, and when it came to requesting my own equipment from student finance, the process was made quicker and easier with the help of advice about DSA.

Although studying at Loughborough can be intimidating or confusing, knowing that I had constant support if I needed it meant that I could get the most out of the experience.”

Helen, English graduate at the University of Loughborough, Asperger Syndrome
Student Life

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- These are based around the country and your funding body will advise you how to locate your nearest one.
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Megan, Criminology at Leicester University, Dyslexia
How do I get a fridge/sharps bin/equipment for my room?

Contact Universities early so you can discuss your requirements with a Disability Advisor. They will need medical evidence of your condition before any adjustments/equipment can be provided.
Is an adapted room more expensive than other rooms?

Adapted en-suite rooms are charged at the same rate as non-adapted en-suite rooms.
Accommodation - Some frequently asked questions...

I have a professional carer – how does accommodation support this?

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To explore everything that's available, the best thing to do is to have a full assessment of your needs as part of your DSA assessment and speak to your chosen higher education provider to set up university support.
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Here's a list of examples of what support might be provided:

- One-to-one mentor support
- One-to-one tutoring
- Computing and specialist equipment
- Mind mapping software
- Scanning and proof-reading software
- Stickers
- Alternative assessment methods
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Here's a list of examples of what support might be provided:

- Smaller rooms to sit exams
- Sitting exams with fewer students
- Use of a computer or assistive software
- Rest or nutrition breaks
- Exam papers in alternative format
- More appropriate language
- Support with getting around
- Personal assistants, parking permits and taxis
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- You do not have to disclose any information that you don't want to, but the more information you share about how your impairment might affect your studies, the more opportunity your higher education institution has to support you.
What to do and when

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4. Start your course!
Student Life

Faculties with their own support centres may be able to help with:

- Coursework hand-in and collection
- Supply of forms forms for change
- Contact details for lecturers
- Photocopying
- Locker rental
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- Information leaflets
- General enquiries and signposting
- Exam and coursework advice
- One-to-one appointments