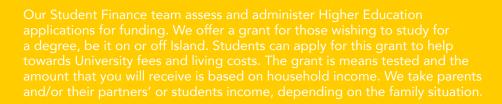
## Student Finance – Who are we?





We speak to Andreia Vieira, Trainee Student Finance Officer, who gives us an insight into her role.

## Tell us about your role in the Student Finance team?

I have worked within the department for the past six academic years and have progressed from an assistant role which entailed inputting data onto the system, to a Trainee Officer where I process payments and authorise assessments. I have learnt a great deal working for Student Finance and realise that there are a lot of individual case by case situations. The team has to ensure that detailed responses are provided in an efficient and timely manner.

There are many opportunities open to the Student Finance team that keep the job exciting. The team has the beauty of being able to work away from our desks, providing presentations on what is available from student finance, how to apply, our processes and time scales to apply to budgeting workshops for the students. These are a great opportunity to get students and parents thinking about the real costs of university. We now also provide drop in sessions at 'YES' and evening talks at the new Skills Jersey's building.

## Andreia's top tip:

## Do your research!

This is crucial, many students don't do their research, whether this is about their course, the University or having no idea on how to budget and expecting someone to bail them out. This just causes additional stress, during an already pretty stressful time.

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