

Postgraduate - fact sheet

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The Student Room, the world's largest online student community, surveyed 511 UK students about postgraduate study.

- 68% of A-level students are planning on (or considering) doing a postgrad after university. 77% of undergraduates say they will definitely do (or are considering doing) a postgraduate course after their degree.
- Following the government's introduction of a new postgraduate loan scheme providing £10,000 funding for Master's degrees in all subjects from 2016, 28% of students say the scheme is the main factor in their decision to study a postgraduate course.
- 68% of students who are definitely going to do a post grad course say they will do their course at a different university to their undergrad degree. The main reasons given were a change of scenery, better uni reputation and that their undergrad uni doesn't offer the postgrad course they're interested in.
- Of those A-level students who have already decided they're doing a postgrad after university, 63% already want to do it at a different uni to their undergrad degree. The main reason for this is that the undergrad uni doesn't offer the postgrad they are looking to study, followed by wanting a uni with a better reputation for their postgrad once they've completed their degree. One A-level student comments: "I aim to do my PG at a more prestigious university."
- 51% of students are doing a postgraduate course to enhance their career prospects while 27% are doing postgrad study because they really enjoy the subject.
- 62% believe having a postgraduate degree will significantly enhance their employment prospects and salary.
- 40% chose not to do a postgraduate course because they didn't want to continue studying and wanted to start earning. 37% opted against postgrad because they didn't need it to get the job they wanted and 19% say it's too expensive.
- Males are more likely (37%) than females (26%) to say they definitely plan to do a postgraduate course.
- Postgraduate applicants who are no longer in education are more likely to do a postgraduate in a different subject (50%) than those currently at university (18%).
- A third of undergraduates also decided that they were going to do a postgrad when they were applying to university at A-level.
- Current postgrad students said they decided they were doing a PG course within the first year after graduation (23%), during third year (19%) or they always knew (23%).