

Doctoral Lunch 13/12/22 feedback

What initiatives would you like to see [the SU](#) implement to help you save money?

- University Freecycle – Facebook page
- Free coffee – often the biggest weekly expenditure
- Charity shop on campus
- More discount cards for students, coupons
 - Such as for services (Hairdressers, chemists, etc.)
- Organise part-time babysitting jobs
- Being able to buy discounted leftover food
- More laundry credit for students living in university accommodation
- More Doctoral Lunches

What initiatives would you like to see [the University](#) implement to help you save money?

- University based flexible jobs – part time
 - Not enough tutoring
 - Exam invigilation doesn't pay well
- 'Soup kitchen' – big communal dinners
- Create a food bank for students in need
- Lowered tuition fee
- Higher stipend
 - Ensure stipend increase is matched for all funding types
- Accommodation subsidy, cheaper accommodation
- Provide more microwaves in public spaces
- More affordable or free coffee – installing coffee machines?
- More gatherings, lunches
- University subsidising the bus service
 - Cheaper bus tickets
- More buses on the weekends
- Reduced sports fees
- Start running the free sports sessions again
- Childcare support, especially for older children and during school holidays
- More varied affordable food options
- Everyday menu for PGRs – as it was in the Claverton Rooms pre-Covid
- Make the Claverton Rooms for PG students only again
- Better transport, different routes
 - Electric bike hire
 - Buses with bike racks
- Better showers
- More affordable gym passes
- Apps/websites to help car sharing

What's your biggest concern regarding the rise in cost of living?

- How to finish my PhD once my funding runs out
- How to take work to conferences with no budget
- Impossible to save money for the future
- Difficult to pay for all expenses using the stipend, even trying to cover basic expenses
- Being able to afford rent and bills
- Increased living expenses, inflation, gas bills
- Accommodation, rent costs
- Transport costs
- Tuition fee
- Salary has not changed since 2019

What steps are you personally taking in response to the rise in cost of living?

- More freelance work
- Walking to campus whenever possible to save money on transport
- More aware of electricity and heating use, using less
 - Turning the radiator off when sleeping
 - Reducing temperature of heating
 - Some have not switched-on heater yet
- Spending less money on eating out, coffee, etc.
 - Bringing food to campus from home
- Buying cheaper food
- Showering in the Virgil building, or at the gym
- Shopping only for the basics, looking for deals
- Eating 1 meal a day
- Giving more to charity – food banks, homeless
- Staying on campus as late as possible
- Borrowing more from parents
- Funding expiring – living on borrowed money