

TEC Partnership

Summary of the 2026/2027 to 2029/2030 Access and Participation Plan

What is an Access and Participation Plan?

An Access and Participation Plan explains how we will improve equality of opportunity in higher education. It sets out the actions we take to help students from all backgrounds access, succeed in, and progress from higher education.

Read the full plan: <https://tecpartnership.com/quality-standards-handbook/>

About TEC Partnership

We are one of the largest college groups in England, based in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire. We deliver higher education mainly at the Grimsby campus (61%), with smaller sites in Beverley, Bridlington and Hull (38%) and Scarborough (1%).

In 2024/25, we taught 1,190 higher education students. Most live locally and many come from areas with high levels of deprivation. Our mission is to provide inclusive education that inspires, equips and empowers students. This is part of our Ambition 2030 strategy, which focuses on empowering students, improving performance, supporting economic development and achieving growth.

See page 2 of our full Access and Participation Plan for more information.

Fees Charged

Our maximum fee for full-time provision is £8,500, and £11,440 for accelerated degrees. Specific provision in Veterinary Nursing and Social Work courses charge £9,535. The maximum fee for part-time provision depends on the number of credits studied, charged on a pro-rata basis up to the maximum for full-time study.

Subject to the maximum fee limits set out in Regulations, we will increase fees each year for new starters using CPIH. Our fees for full-time and part-time courses are published on our website each year. Fees do not increase during your course.

See page 43 of our Access and Participation Plan for full details.

Financial Help Available

We offer a Hardship Fund to help with living costs and emergencies. From 2026, 226 grants of £500 will be available each year. We also provide four Care Leaver Scholarships, which include free tuition, accommodation and support for up to three years. Information is published on our website each year about how to access this support.

More information is available in our full access and participation plan, pages 10-11, 21-22.

Information for Students

Details about fees and financial support are on our website and updated annually. We also provide information during enrolment and throughout your course.

See more information in our full access and participation plan, page 21.

What We Aim to Achieve

Our goal is to remove barriers to success for students from disadvantaged backgrounds. By 2030 we aim to:

- Increase access for young people and care leavers.
- Improve continuation and completion rates for students from deprived areas.
- Close awarding gaps for students with disabilities and young students.
- Improve progression to postgraduate study and highly skilled jobs.

See pages 4-5 of our full Access and Participation Plan for more information.

How We Will Do This

We will deliver three main strategies:

- Widening Access – outreach events, university visits, fair admissions, and care leaver scholarships.
- Academic and Personal Support – hardship grants, success coaches, academic support, and inclusive curriculum design.
- Employability and Progression – guest speakers, graduate award, alumni support, and integrated work placements.

See pages 7-18 of the full access and participation plan for further information.

How Students Can Get Involved

Students help shape our plan through the Student Senate and consultation events. They also sit on key committees that monitor progress.

See page 19 of our full Access and Participation Plan for further information.

How We Measure Success

We use the Office for Students evaluation framework and TASO guidance. We track student outcomes, review feedback, and publish annual reports on our website.

See page 20 of our full access and participation plan for further information.

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