

Summary of 2024 -25 to 2027 -28 access and participation plan

What is an access and participation plan?

An access and participation sets out provisions that will be meaningful and effective in promoting equality of opportunity for underrepresented groups, as determined by the Office for Students. You can see the full access and participation plan for the University of Cumbria at www.cumbria.ac.uk/about/publications .

Key points

The University of Cumbria was established to widen participation in Cumbria and address high-level skills demands across our public services and industries. We have higher than national average proportions of students who are 21 and over, from areas with low participation in higher education, with disclosed disabilities and experiencing multiple causes of disadvantage .

Our programmes are designed to create opportunities for students to engage in lifelong en 0 0 1 4h

We have identified the most significant indications of challenge to our prospective and current students through our assessment of performance . Our primary data sources are the [OfS access and participation dashboard](#), UCAS dataand our staff and student consultation feedback.

Our targets focus on the following groups of students: underrepresented males, Black students, $2\$/\# 2\$ - ') . *) / \#)\$ (\$) * \$ \$ \#$, mature students (aged 21 and over), care-leavers and students with a disclosed mental health condition within thie(u)6(ccc)-11(s)-6(s)-6(,)-7(m)-11(at)7(

time students and £500 for part time students per year of study. There are a limited number of awards due to funding, so not every eligible student will receive a bursary. Students do not complete an application but must consent to share their financial information with their Higher Education Institution and meet our eligibility criteria to be considered.

