




## Party Manifesto Commitments on Higher Education

  		
<b>Fees and funding</b>		Establish a review of HE finance
<b>Research</b>	Raise public R&D spending to £22bn a year (from £20bn); maintain R&D tax reliefs; continue investing in compute clusters; continue with Advanced Manufacturing Plan; distribute £1.5bn through Catapults	Continue to participate in Horizon Europe; join the European Innovation Council; aim for 3% of GDP invested in R&D by 2030, 3.5% by 2034;
<b>International</b>		Return to Erasmus Plus (CH9); report international student flows separately to long-term migration
<b>Maintenance support</b>		Reinstate maintenance grants for disadvantaged students
<b>Non-traditional routes into HE</b>	Create 100,000 apprenticeships by 2029	Create £5,000 Lifelong Skills Grants for adults to spend on education and training
<b>Other</b>	Scrap 130,000 'low-quality' degrees	Statutory duty of care for higher education institutions; ensure universities 'work to wide participation'; require universities to be transparent about selection criteria



**Fees and funding**

Scrap interest on student loans; extend loan repayment periods to 45 years

**Research**

**International**

Close back door immigration route by shutting low-quality courses

**Maintenance support**

**Non-traditional routes into HE**

**Other**

Restrict undergraduate numbers 'well below current levels'; enforce minimum entry standards; cut funding to universities that undermine free speech; require the provision of 2-year graduate courses