

Winter cost of living assistance

OVERVIEW

The rising cost of living and energy prices in the UK has resulted in an unexpected financial burden. This is particularly acute in the winter months, due to the high energy costs for heating. This program aims to provide temporary financial relief for the newly arrived alumni/current students of IITs in the UK, who are in conditions of need, or financial hardship within the scope of the objectives of the IIT AA UK's constitution.

GOALS

1. To raise funds for this programme through donation from IIT alumni and others. (Goal: £4000)
2. To provide temporary financial assistance to augment govt support, for the winter months (Dec '22 - Feb '23) for eligible applicants.
3. To offer guidance regarding other assistance programmes related to energy costs and other cost of living support.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must be a current student of IITs visiting the UK for academic purposes or an alumnus of the IITs residing in the UK.
2. Disposable income/allowance (after excluding housing, loan payments, and bills) is less than £300 per month. This value is a guidance, and applicants in need of assistance, are encouraged to apply even if they don't meet this criteria.

HOW TO DONATE

Please donate at <https://iituk.org/w-a-donate> and mention "Winter cost of living assistance" in the **comments** field of the form. All donations will be 25% matched by IIT AA UK up to £1000 cumulatively. All donations from UK Taxpayers are tax deductible and will additionally receive 25% GiftAid, if opted for while donating.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants meeting the eligibility criteria can apply by filling up the form on the IIT AA UK website at <https://www.iituk.org/winter-assistance-application/>. An IIT AA UK representative will get in touch after reviewing the application. Approved applicants will receive up to £100 as a one-off payment, contingent on availability of funds and prioritization. All requests and information shared for this purpose would be kept confidential.