



IN RECOGNITION OF ESTRANGEMENT SOLIDARITY

STANDALONE PLEDGE

The University of Exeter is committed to attracting, admitting and supporting students with the most potential to succeed at the University, irrespective of their background. **We recognise the barriers estranged students may face accessing, and remaining in, higher education.** The University acknowledges the need for financial and pastoral support for estranged students and aims to support students in the following ways;

- Offering **advice and guidance** about applying as an independent student to Student Finance England and providing support throughout the process.
- Having a **designated member of staff** as first point of contact.
- Providing opportunities to apply for a **discretionary hardship fund**.
- Provision of **365 day access to accommodation**.
- Provision of **peer mentoring support**.

We also aim to raise awareness of the **Stand Alone pledge** and the support available to estranged students internally to all members of staff.

The University of Exeter **commits to Stand Alone's pledge** to support estranged students.