

## Teacher Education Bursary – Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE) 8 – 20 unit courses (starting before 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021)

This training bursary is to assist with additional costs that are incurred while undertaking the SKE course. It is provided by the Department for Education and administered by Sheffield Hallam University.

### How much is available?

The bursary amount varies according to the subject of the SKE course and your degree classification.

SKE Subjects For trainees with 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2:1, 2:2, PhD or Master's degree	Bursaries
Maths Computing French Design and Technology RE	£175 per week <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>For SKE units delivered prior to the start of the PGCE (if a PGCE bursary is also payable)

### Who is eligible?

From the first day of training, you must meet and continue to meet the criteria set out below:

- You **must** have accepted a conditional offer of a place on an eligible initial teacher training course, and the completion of this SKE course must be a specific condition of this offer.
- Your highest academic qualification **must** be at the level of UK Honours degree classification 2:2 or above. We cannot pay your SKE bursary until your final degree classification has been confirmed.
- You must **not** have obtained a degree in your chosen ITT subject in the previous five years.
- You can only claim bursary funding for one SKE course per academic year (with the exception of language SKEs).
- You may be eligible to take two SKE courses (in languages only) where it is a condition of your initial teacher training course to complete a dual SKE course. If you are completing the two (language) SKE courses at the same time, then you will only receive one SKE bursary.

- Where you need to complete more than one SKE course across multiple academic years, you are only eligible for a maximum of 28 weeks in total.
- You can only receive one teacher education bursary at any one time. Therefore, if your SKE course runs at the same time as your initial teacher training course which also pays a bursary, you will only receive the initial teacher training bursary.
- If your SKE course runs at the same time as your School Direct **Salaried** course, the SKE bursary will stop when the School Direct salary starts.
- Although statutory student funding (loans and grants) is not payable for these courses, you **must** still meet one or more of the definitions for being an 'eligible' student to receive grants and loans towards tuition fees or living costs as set out in the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011.
  - Home/EU - It has been agreed with the EU that current EU principles of equal treatment will continue to apply for those covered by the citizens' rights provisions in the Withdrawal Agreement. This means that EU nationals, resident in the UK before the end of the transition period on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, and who qualify for pre-settled status or settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme, will continue to be eligible for home fee status and student financial support on a similar basis to Home students, subject to meeting the usual residence requirements.
  - Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey - Trainees from the Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey may not meet one of the definitions above. However, they may still be eligible for support from their respective home education departments and, where this is the case, they will still be eligible for a training bursary on the basis that they meet all other criteria.
- If you do not start your SKE course, you are not entitled to receive any SKE bursary.
- If you withdraw from, or cease to engage with, the SKE course, your SKE bursary payments will stop, and you will be expected to repay any overpayment of bursary. You must promptly notify your course leader/student support adviser of your intention to leave the course.
- You **must** agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the scheme; these include:
  - promptly informing us of any changes to your bank account or address details,
  - promptly informing us if you intend to withdraw from the course.
- You must **not** be receiving a salary or other payment for any type of teaching work that contributes to your training whilst undertaking your ITT course.
  - If your employment is unrelated to the ITT course, and will not be used as part of your assessment, then you may receive a salary for this work alongside your bursary payments.
  - You are deemed to be employed as a teacher if you are employed under a contract of employment or services with one or more local authority, governing body or institution. This can include teaching as a supply teacher, but does not include those employed by private teacher supply agencies or private tutors.
- You must **not** be simultaneously undertaking any other initial teacher training course or programme that leads to QTS.

## How are applications assessed?

On receipt of your application, and once you are fully enrolled, we will check that you meet the Department for Education's eligibility criteria for the award.

## How is the award paid?

Once your bursary has been awarded, you will receive a personalised payment schedule. Bursaries are normally paid on a monthly basis.

## What else do I need to know?

- Bursary payments can only begin once you are **fully enrolled** and your degree classification has been confirmed.
- Bursaries are not taxable; however, they may be treated as capital income for the purposes of income assessment if you receive state benefits
- If you undertake paid teaching work in a school or institution, you may become ineligible to receive the training bursary from the date you start this work
- If any of your SKE units are delivered at the same time as your PGCE/Initial Teacher Training course (and you are receiving a teacher education bursary for your PGCE/ITT course), you will not receive the SKE bursary for these units. You cannot receive more than one bursary at any one time
- Should you withdraw from, or cease to engage with the course, you would be entitled to receive the training bursary for the proportion of the SKE you have completed. We would seek to recover any overpayment of bursary from you
- The training bursary awards are relevant to the academic year of study and can change from year to year

## Appeals

As this is a Department for Education bursary, award decisions are generally not appealable. For information about the appeals process and other general policy terms relating to all University bursaries please see the [Bursary Guidelines](#).

## How to apply

Students will be required to complete and submit a bursary claim form. This enables us to check that you meet the full eligibility criteria and enables us to obtain your bank details for payments.

You can find details on how to apply by visiting our [Teacher Education Bursary page](#).