

Undergraduate with QTS Veteran bursary 2025/26

1. This training bursary is a financial incentive provided by the Department for Education and administered by Sheffield Hallam University.

What you could receive

Undergraduate with QTS Veteran Teaching Bursary	Bursary Amount in both penultimate and final year	10 monthly instalments per year
QTS in Secondary: Biology Chemistry Computing Languages Mathematics Physics	£20,000	£2,000

Who is eligible

2. Veterans who have left full time employment from the British Army, Royal Air Force or Royal Navy no more than five years before the start of their course.

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

3. You **must** be eligible to receive UK student support (unless you are training to teach Languages or Physics) – this means that you must 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. For further information, refer to [Student finance eligibility](#).
 - EU - European Union (EU) nationals resident in the UK before 1 January 2021, 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 domestic students, subject to meeting the usual residence requirements. For further information on those requirements, contact the [Student Loans Company](#) (SLC).
 - 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.
 - International students can contact the UK Council for International Student Affairs (www.ukcisa.org.uk) for advice on student support and other issues around studying in the UK.

4. You **must** be taking a qualifying undergraduate initial teacher training (ITT) course in England. A qualifying course must lead to the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS), and be delivered by an accredited institution.
5. You **must** agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the scheme, which 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,
 - signing a declaration of understanding that you are expected to seek a teaching post in England on successful completion of your course.
6. You must **not** already be in possession of, or be eligible for, QTS. Individuals who hold QTS on the first day of their course are not eligible for a training bursary.
 - Some teachers who are trained and recognised overseas may be able to apply for QTS without further assessment or training. More details of the recognition service can be found on the [Fairer approach to awarding QTS to overseas teachers](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awardingqualified-teacher-status-to-overseas-teachers/a-fairer-approach-to-awarding-qts-tooverseas-teachers--2) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awardingqualified-teacher-status-to-overseas-teachers/a-fairer-approach-to-awarding-qts-tooverseas-teachers--2>) page.
 - Individuals who hold QTLS (Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills) and are members of the Society for Education and Training (SET) are legally recognised as 'qualified teachers' for the purpose of employment in maintained schools in England. They must continue to maintain SET membership. They will still be able to apply for an ITT place and receive a bursary, if they meet the full eligibility criteria.
 - Individuals who hold early years teacher status (EYTS) are also still able to apply for an ITT place, and receive a bursary, if they meet the full eligibility criteria.
7. You must **not** receive a salary or other payment for any type of teaching work that contributes to your training while 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.
8. You must **not** be simultaneously undertaking any other initial teacher training course, or training schemes or programmes that lead to QTS.

How and when to apply

9. Students who are fully enrolled and who are identified on the university's records as being veterans will be invited to submit an online bursary claim form shortly after their second year has started. This is so we can check that you meet the full eligibility criteria and allows us to obtain your bank details for payments.
10. The above process will be repeated shortly after their final year has started.
11. The application form will also ask you to provide your bank details. We will use these to make a payment to you if your claim is successful. Please ensure to double check that you have entered your account details correctly. Changes cannot be made easily after we have processed your application. Mistakes will cause a delay in a payment being made to you and your payment may be cancelled.
12. Please **do not** include dashes in your sort code and **do not** enter a 16-digit card number.
13. A separate claim for is required for each of the two years.

How are applications assessed

14. On receipt of your claim form, 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

15. Once your bursary has been awarded, it is usually split equally over 10 monthly instalments (while you remain on the course) from October to July.

Bursary Award per year	Monthly Instalment
£20,000	£2,000

16. Bursary payments are made on the second Tuesday of each month:

Bursary Payment Dates	
14 October 2025	10 March 2026
11 November 2025	14 April 2026
9 December 2025	12 May 2026
13 January 2026	9 June 2026
10 February 2026	14 July 2026

What else do I need to know

17. If you are eligible for the Undergraduate Veteran bursary, you cannot also receive the Undergraduate final year bursary offered by the Department for Education.
18. Bursary payments can only begin once you are **fully enrolled for each academic year**. If you aren't fully enrolled in October, your appropriate bursary amount will be rolled over into your November payment (or to the month that you become fully enrolled).
19. Bursaries are not taxable; however, they may be treated as capital income for the purposes of income assessment if you receive state benefits.
20. If you undertake paid teaching work in a school or institution that contributes to your training, you may become ineligible to receive the training bursary from the date you start this work.
21. The bursary is **not** a salary paid in arrears – it is a financial incentive, with a payment schedule set by the Department for Education.
22. Should you withdraw from or cease to engage with the course or drop the QTS element, you would be entitled to the training bursary for each month up to and including the month in which you withdraw or drop QTS. We would seek to recover any overpayment of bursary from you.
23. If you leave and then re-join your course, you will normally only be eligible to receive the remainder of the bursary awarded in the year you started the course.
24. If you leave your course and join a new one with no transfer of standing or credit from the previous course and are being charged a new tuition fee, you may be entitled to receive a new bursary. However, if you have already received a **full** bursary award on the previous route, you may not be eligible for another bursary.
25. The training bursary awards are relevant to the academic year of study and can change from year to year.

Appeals

26. 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 our [General Funding Terms and Conditions](#) and [Appeals](#) pages.

Need help

27. If you have any questions about this funding, please contact [Hallam Help](#).