

Teacher Education Bursary – PGCE with Early Years Teacher Status (children aged 0-5) 2023/24

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

How much is available?

The bursary amount varies according to your degree classification.

Trainees with a:	Award
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First-class Honours degree • Doctoral degree • PhD • Medical Masters (with distinction) 	£5,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:1 Honours degree; • Masters degree 	£4,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:2 Honours degree 	£2,000

Who is eligible?

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

- You **must** meet the entry requirements for the course
- You **must** be taking a qualifying postgraduate **Graduate Entry** course, leading to the award of Early Years Teacher Status (EYTS) – **this is for the 0-5 age group**
- You **must** hold a UK degree with at least second-class honours (or equivalent)
- You must **not** already hold EYTS or Early Years Professional Status (EYPS)
- You must **not** do any type of paid teaching work that contributes to your training whilst undertaking a Graduate Entry course, for which the provider receives early years funding
- You must **not** be registered on another EYITT course
- 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

How are applications assessed?

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

Please note, if your bursary award is based on your predicted degree classification, you must provide the Student Funding team with your degree certificate as soon as this is available. If your actual degree classification means that you are not eligible for a bursary, your payments will stop and we must ask you to repay any bursary payments you have already received.

How is the award paid?

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	Monthly Instalment
£5,000	£500
£4,000	£400
£2,000	£200

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

Bursary Payment Dates	
10 th October 2023	12 th March 2024
14 th November 2023	9 th April 2024
12 th December 2023	14 th May 2024
9 th January 2024	11 th June 2024
13 th February 2024	9 th July 2024

What else do I need to know?

- Bursary payments can only begin once you are **fully enrolled** and your degree classification has been confirmed. 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)
- 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
- The bursary is **not** a salary paid in arrears – it is a financial incentive, with a payment schedule set by the Department for Education
- Should you withdraw from, or cease to engage with the course, you would be entitled to the training bursary for each month up to and including, the month in which you withdraw. We would seek to recover any overpayment of bursary from you
- 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
- 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 will be entitled to receive a new bursary. However, if you have already received a **full** bursary award on the previous route, you would not be eligible for another bursary

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

How to apply

Eligible students are asked to complete and submit a bursary claim form. This is so we can check that you meet the full eligibility criteria and allows us to obtain your bank details for payments.

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