

Teacher Education Bursary – PGCE with Qualified Teacher Status 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 award amount varies according to the subject in which you are training to teach and your degree classification.

Subject	Bursaries	Scholarships ¹
Chemistry Computing Mathematics Physics	£27,000	£29,000
Languages (French, German, and Spanish only)	£25,000	£27,000
All other languages Geography	£25,000	–
Biology Design and technology (including engineering and food technology)	£20,000	–
English	£15,000	–

¹Trainees in Chemistry, Computing, Mathematics, Physics, and some Languages can apply for a scholarship with the appropriate professional body. More information about scholarships is available on the Get into Teaching website. If you are awarded a scholarship, please keep a copy of your scholarship award letter/email, as you will need to upload this document when you complete the online bursary/scholarship form.

Who is eligible?

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

- You must hold one of the following qualifications:
 - a first-class, 2:1 or 2:2 undergraduate honours degree
 - a master's degree
 - a doctoral degree
 - a medical master's degree (distinction)
 - an aegrotat (unclassified) honours degree
- 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
- You **must** hold, at least, a UK honours degree or equivalent
- You **must** be taking a qualifying postgraduate initial teacher training (ITT) course in England. A qualifying course must lead to the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)
- 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
- 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
 - Overseas-qualified teachers may be able to receive QTS depending on where they qualified and whether they already have teaching experience. For more information, read the guidance at [Qualified teacher status \(QTS\): qualify to teach in England](#)
 - Individuals who hold QTLS (Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills) or EYTS (Early Years Teacher Status) are able to apply for an ITT place, and may receive a bursary, if they meet the full eligibility criteria
- You must **not** receive 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 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 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/Scholarship Award	Monthly Instalment
£29,000	£2,900
£27,000	£2,700
£25,000	£2,500
£20,000	£2,000
£15,000	£1,500

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](#).