

PGCE Further Education and Skills 2025/26

1. This training bursary is a financial incentive provided by the Department for Education and administered by Sheffield Hallam University. The Department for Education has limited the availability of these bursaries. Meeting the eligibility criteria is no guarantee that you will receive a bursary.

What you could receive

2. The bursary award amount varies according to the subject in which you are training to teach.

Subject	Bursaries
Maths Science (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) Engineering or Manufacturing Computing	£31,000
SEND (Special Education Needs and Disabilities)	£15,000
English – capped at 100 bursaries available nationwide	£10,000

Who is eligible

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 – 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 who qualify for pre-settled status or settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme, are eligible for home fee status and student financial support on a similar basis to domestic students. This is 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. If they are still eligible for support from their respective home education departments, they will still be eligible for a training bursary if 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 to do with studying in the UK.
4. You **must** have achieved a standard equivalent to at least Grade 4 (C) in English and Maths GCSEs, and an A level (or equivalent) in your subject of training. This is a Level 2 qualification in

English and Maths, and a Level 3 qualification in your subject of training (or significant skills, knowledge and relevant professional experience).

5. You **must** be taking a qualifying pre-service initial teacher education course in England. The course must begin on or after 1 September 2025 and finish no later than 31 August 2026 (full time courses). Trainees must specialise in one of the subjects eligible for a bursary.
6. You must **not** already have a Diploma in Teaching (Further Education and Skills), a Diploma in Education and Training (DET), or equivalent qualification at level 5 or above.
7. You must **not** have already received a full FE ITE bursary or grant award for a previous FE programme.
8. You must **not** get a salary or other payment for any teaching work associated with the FE programme.
9. You must **not** also be on another ITE course, training scheme or programme, which leads to a Diploma in Teacher (Further Education and Skills) from September 2024 or a DET or DET-compliant qualification, for qualifications starting before September 2024.
10. You must **not** be on an apprenticeship programme.
11. You must **not** already hold, or be eligible to receive, Early Years Teacher status (EYTS), Qualified Teacher Status (QTS), Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) or Advanced Teacher Status (ATS).
12. You **must** agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the scheme, which include:
 - signing a declaration of understanding that you expect to seek a teaching post in the FE sector in England on successful completion of your course,
 - 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 and when to apply

13. Eligible students are identified by the College and their details are passed onto the Student Funding team. Student Funding apply to the Department for Education for bursaries for the nominated students.
14. If a bursary is awarded to you, you do not need to do anything else until your course has started and you are fully enrolled.
15. The Student Funding team will ask you to complete a bursary claim form.
16. 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.
17. Please **do not** include dashes in your sort code and **do not** enter a 16-digit card number.

How are applications assessed

18. 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

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

Bursary/Scholarship Award	Monthly Instalment
£31,000	£3,100
£15,000	£1,500
£10,000	£1,000

20. 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

21. Bursary payments can only begin once you are **fully enrolled** and your course has started. 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).
22. Bursaries are not taxable; however, they may be treated as capital income for the purposes of income assessment if you receive state benefits.
23. 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.
24. The bursary is **not** a salary paid in arrears – it is a financial incentive, with a payment schedule set by the Department for Education.
25. 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.
26. If you leave and then re-join your course, the Department for Education (DfE) may allow us to award you with the remainder of your bursary award in the year of your return. This is not guaranteed and we refer these to the DfE on a case-by-case basis.
27. 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.
28. The training bursary awards are relevant to the academic year of study and can change from year to year.

Appeals

29. 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

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