

Teacher Education Bursary – Post-16 and Further Education PGCE 2023/24

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.

How much is available?

The bursary amount varies according to the subject in which you are training to teach and your degree classification.

Subject	Bursaries
Maths Science (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) Engineering or Manufacturing Computing	£29,000
SEND (Special Education Needs and Disabilities)	£15,000
English – capped at 100 bursaries available nationwide	£15,000

Who is eligible?

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

- 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, 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 Grade C/4 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)
- You **must** be taking a qualifying pre-service initial teacher education course in England. A qualifying course must lead, upon successful completion, to the award of a Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training (DET) or DET-compliant qualification with a specialisation in one of these subjects: Computing; Engineering; English; Maths; Science; Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- You must **not** already have a diploma in education and training (DET), DET-compliant qualification or equivalent
- You must **not** have already received a full FE ITE bursary or grant award for a previous FE programme
- 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)
- You must **not** be undertaking paid teaching work that contributes to your training when in receipt of the bursary
 - 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, including teaching apprenticeships, or programme that leads to a DET or DET-compliant qualification
- You must **not** be on an apprenticeship programme
- 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 an FE teaching post in England on successful completion of your course.

How are applications assessed?

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. When the bursaries are approved, Student Funding request that the students complete a bursary claim form. On receipt of the form, and once the student is fully enrolled, we will check that the Department for Education's full eligibility criteria for the award is met.

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
£29,000	£2,900
£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
- This is a pre-service bursary. It is not intended to be provided for trainees with unpaid teaching responsibilities in lieu of a salary. Other funding is available to support in-service teacher training for the FE sector, for example: [Taking Teaching Further](#) or [the learning and skills teacher apprenticeship](#)
- 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](#).