

## PGCE Funding for Teacher Training Students

This leaflet gives a brief overview of financial arrangements for Postgraduate Certificate of Education Students (PGCE) starting their course in the 2016/17 academic year.

There are a range of funding options available to you if you're training to enter the teaching profession. For students embarking on PGCE courses these include:

- A tax-free training bursary (for some subjects) provided by the Training and Development Agency, which includes higher payments for those studying priority subjects.
- A fee loan and a variety of other means-tested grants and loans for living costs and other special circumstances paid via the Student Loan Company.
- The Student Support Fund for those who experience hardship.

### What do I need to know about the training bursary?

- It is paid to 'home' (UK) and EU graduate students irrespective of household income levels.
- It is paid in monthly instalments from the end of September into your bank account.
- You do not have to apply directly to the TDA; the University will process the application on your behalf.
- The amount you receive is dependent upon the level of your degree classification
- It is not taxable for full timers, but for part timers who are working, it may be taxable depending on your total taxable income for any year.
- It is not repayable if you withdraw from the course, but any future teacher-training grant will be reduced by the amount of any already paid.

### I am not a School Direct salaried student; do I have to pay fees?

**Yes.** PGCE students are expected to pay a fee of £9,000. However, both 'home' and EU students can apply for a non means-tested fee loan to cover this cost. The loan is repayable after you have left your course when you are earning over £21,000 per year. This may vary depending on which European country you live and work in after the course. Overseas students are responsible for paying their own fees which will be slightly higher.

### How much bursary will I receive?

You can find this information via the following link:

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/bursaries-and-funding>

| Eligibility 2016/2017 <sup>1</sup> Bursaries |                          |                      |               |         |                     |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------|---------------------|
|  | Scholarship <sup>2</sup> | Trainee with 1st/PhD | 2:1/ Master's | 2:2     | Other               |
| Physics                                      | £30,000                  | £30,000              | £25,000       | £25,000 | £9,000 <sup>3</sup> |
| Maths  | £25,000                  | £25,000              | £25,000       | £25,000 | £9,000 <sup>3</sup> |
| Languages <sup>4</sup>                       | -                        | £25,000              | £25,000       | £20,000 | £0                  |
| Chemistry, Computing                         | £25,000                  | £25,000              | £20,000       | £20,000 | £0                  |
| Biology                                      | -                        | £20,000              | £15,000       | £15,000 | £0                  |
| Geography                                    | -                        | £15,000              | £15,000       | £15,000 | £0                  |
| D&T  | -                        | £12,000              | £9,000        | £0      | £0                  |
| English, History, Music, RE                  | -                        | £9,000               | £4,000        | £0      | £0                  |
| Primary Maths <sup>5</sup>                   | -                        | £6,000               | £6,000        | £6,000  | £3,000              |
| Primary                                      | -                        | £3,000               | £3,000        | £0      | £0                  |

#### Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Applicants with a degree from outside the UK should refer to the equivalency table ([www.gov.uk/government/publications/overseas-degree-equivalency-table-and-methodology](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/overseas-degree-equivalency-table-and-methodology)) to see if their degree is likely to attract a bursary, or should consult their chosen training provider.

<sup>2</sup> Trainees in Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Computing with a 2:1 or above are able to apply for a teacher training scholarship with the appropriate professional body.

<sup>3</sup> Trainee teachers in Maths and Physics, with a relevant degree and at least a B at A level in Maths or Physics (or equivalent) may be eligible for a bursary of £9,000. Trainees will not be entitled to this bursary if they are also entitled to a higher bursary based on degree class.

<sup>4</sup> Bursaries are available to train to teach modern foreign languages, community languages and ancient languages including Latin and Ancient Greek classics course where the majority of the course is also in an ancient language are also eligible. Other classics courses are eligible for the history bursary.

<sup>5</sup> Bursaries are available to trainees on either primary Maths specialist courses or primary general (with Mathematics) courses with at least

a grade B Maths A level equivalent. Trainees on other primary courses will be eligible for the standard primary bursary.

### What about the other funding available?

In addition to the bursary and fee loan, there is a financial support package available for 'home' students who are not on the salaried School Direct programme. This is similar to the funding available for undergraduate students.

### I am disabled. Do I get extra help?

**Yes.** There are also grants to assist disabled students who have extra needs that arise from attending their course. These allowances are NOT related to household income and cover specific areas.

Contact the Disability and Dyslexia Service at the Hendon Campus for more information and a needs assessment.

Telephone: **020 8411 2502**

Email: **disability@mdx.ac.uk**

### Can I apply for the Student Support Fund?

All 'home' UK students enrolled for at least 60 credits per academic year can apply. This is a non-repayable grant which you can apply for if you are experiencing hardship or unexpected costs.

### Is there anything I should be aware of if I claim benefits?

For students who can claim benefits, e.g. lone parents, you should submit a new claim at the beginning of the academic year and various other times throughout the year. You should check when to claim with a Student Advisor. Remember, you must provide details of your Bursary and Student Loan with your claim as this is counted as income. However, any money paid via the Childcare Grant or PLA will not be counted for benefit purposes. If you are no longer eligible for Income Support/Universal Credit because your income is too high, you may still be entitled to some support with housing costs.

### Useful contacts and websites

**[www.gov.uk/student-finance](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance)**

Teaching Information Line 0800 389 2500

**[www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk](http://www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk)**

### Any questions?

Contact the Middlesex University Student Welfare Advice Team on 020 8411 3008 or email: **welfare@mdx.ac.uk**

You can access all of our other Welfare Advice Guides at:  
**[unihub.mdx.ac.uk/welfare-guides](http://unihub.mdx.ac.uk/welfare-guides)**

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