

PG Initial Teacher Training Funding 2023/24

This leaflet gives a brief overview of financial arrangements for Postgraduate Certificate of Education Students (PGCE) and School Direct Tuition Fee Students (non-salaried) starting their course in the 2023/24 academic year.

This excludes School Direct (salaried) students, who are ineligible for support under the Student Support Regulations.

There are a range of funding options available to you if you're training to enter the teaching profession. For students embarking on unsalaried PG ITT 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) graduate students and EU students who are eligible for funding under the settlement scheme 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 and School Direct Tuition Fee students are expected to pay a fee of £9,250. However, eligible 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 £25,000 per year. Overseas students are responsible for paying their own fees which will be slightly higher.

How much bursary will I receive?

Teaching bursaries and scholarships are only available for the subjects listed below.

You'll need a first, 2:1, 2:2 degree or a PhD or master's degree to be eligible for a bursary, as well as meeting the bursary scheme's individual terms and conditions.

You cannot receive both a bursary and a scholarship.

Subject	Bursaries	Scholarship
Biology	£20,000	N/A
Chemistry	£27,000	£29,000
Computing	£27,000	£29,000
Design and Tech	£20,000	N/A
English	£15,000	N/A
Geography	£25,000	N/A
Languages	£25,000	£27,000 (French, German and Spanish only)
Maths	£27,000	£29,000
Physics	£27,000	£29,000

Further information can be found at the following link:
<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-support/scholarships-and-bursaries>

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. Telephone: **020 8411 2502**
Email: **disability@mdx.ac.uk**

Can I apply for the Living Cost Funds?

Students experiencing hardship can apply for the Living Costs Fund for small non-repayable grants.

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 Parents Learning Allowance will not be counted for benefit purposes. If you are no longer eligible for 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

Teaching Information Line 0800 389 2500

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk>

Any questions?

Contact the Middlesex University Student Welfare Advice Team on 020 8411 3008 between 11am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm Mon to Fri, or submit an enquiry at **<https://unihub.mdx.ac.uk/support/unihelp>** (use the subject Student Welfare Advice in the enquiry) or make an appointment at **<https://unihelponline.mdx.ac.uk/#/offlineBookAppointmentService/MzAw//MTY=/>**

You can access all of our other Welfare Advice Guides at:
unihub.mdx.ac.uk/welfare-guides

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