

Funding for PG Initial Teacher Training Students

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 2018/19 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) 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 and School Direct Tuition Fee students are expected to pay a fee of £9,250. 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 £25,000 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>

	Scholarship ³	Trainee with 1st/PhD	2:1/ Master's	2:2
Physics	£28,000	£26,000	£26,000	£26,000
Maths²	£22,000	£20,000	£20,000	£20,000
Languages⁴	£28,000 ⁵	£26,000	£26,000	£26,000
Computing	£28,000	£26,000	£26,000	£26,000
Geography	£28,000	£26,000	£26,000	£26,000
Chemistry	£28,000	£26,000	£26,000	£26,000
Classics⁶	-	£26,000	£26,000	£26,000
Biology	-	£26,000	£26,000	£26,000
D&T	-	£12,000	£9,000	£0
English	-	£15,000	£15,000	£15,000
History, Music, RE	-	£9,000	£4,000	£0
Primary Maths⁷	-	£6,000	£6,000	£6,000
Primary	-	£0	£0	£0

Notes:

¹Bursaries and scholarships are available to trainees on a fee-based teacher training course in England that leads to the award of qualified teacher status. Availability is dependent on your highest relevant academic award and the subject in which you are training to teach. To receive a bursary or scholarship you must be entitled to support under the [Student Finance England](#) criteria. Residents of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland will need to be entitled for support as set out by your country's student finance body (Student Finance Wales, Student Awards Agency Scotland or Student Finance NI). Both elements will be assessed by your teacher training provider. If you have a degree from outside the UK, you should refer to the **overseas degree equivalency table** to see the bursary your degree may attract. You can also contact your training provider for clarification on your degree's equivalency and your eligibility for a bursary and student finance.

²You could receive £30k or £32k in total - £20k as a tax-free bursary or

£22k scholarship with additional payments of £10k after tax once in teaching. You'll need to have completed a non-salaried teacher training course and received a bursary or scholarship in the academic year 2018/19. You'll receive two additional early-career payments of £5k each in your third and fifth year of teaching - enhancements to these payments are available if you teach in specified areas in England. You must have taught in a state-funded school in England since completing your teacher training course.

³ Trainees in physics, maths, languages, chemistry, geography and computing with a 2:1 or above are able to apply for a teacher training scholarship with the appropriate professional body. You can still apply if you have a 2:2, but you'll need to provide evidence of significant relevant experience. Scholarships are awarded in place of a bursary.

⁴ Bursaries are available for trainees in French, German and Spanish. They are also available for other modern, community or ancient languages. The full list of eligible languages can be found on GOV.UK.

⁵ Languages scholarships are only available if you train to teach French, German or Spanish.

⁶ Bursaries are available to trainees on a classics course where the course is in an ancient language (Latin or Ancient Greek)

⁷ Bursaries are available to trainees on either primary maths specialist courses or primary general (with mathematics) courses with at least grade B maths A level or equivalent.

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**

To book a study needs assessment you can contact the Access Centre on **020 8411 5366** or **0792 663 197**

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

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 or email: **welfare@mdx.ac.uk**

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

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