

Funding for postgraduate teacher training

Please note information relates to the academic year 2025-2026

Students on postgraduate teacher training programmes such as PGCE, either at a University or School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT), or on the non-salaried Schools Direct programme will be liable for tuition fees but may be eligible for a bursary. Further details below:

Your tuition fees and any other bursary or financial support depend on your status as a home or overseas student. All grants and bursaries are subject to conditions and you are not guaranteed funding, but you may be eligible for financial support.

Tuition Fee and Maintenance loans

If you are on a postgraduate Initial Teacher Training Course (ITT) course, you will have to pay tuition fees. These may vary depending on the course and provider.

Tuition fee and maintenance loans for Home and pre-2021 entry, settled or pre-settled status EU students are available from Student Finance England so that you don't have to find the fees up - front.

You can apply for a Tuition fee loan and a Maintenance loan

Apply online at <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

Training Bursaries and Scholarships

These are tax-free amounts of money you receive to train in certain subjects. You do not need to pay them back if you complete your course. To receive a bursary or scholarship you must be entitled to support under the Student Finance England criteria. Both elements will be assessed by your teacher training provider.

You do not need to apply for a bursary. If you're eligible, you'll automatically receive it. To be eligible for a bursary, you'll need at least one of the following:

- a bachelor's degree class 2:2 (honours) or higher
- a master's degree
- a PhD

To be eligible for a scholarship, you'll need at least one of the following:

- a bachelor's degree class 2:1 (honours) or higher
- a master's degree
- a PhD

In exceptional circumstances, if you achieved a 2:2 in your degree you may still be awarded a scholarship if you have significant relevant experience.

If you're a non-UK citizen without [indefinite leave to remain in the UK](#), you will not usually be eligible for a bursary or scholarship, unless you train to teach languages or physics. [Find out more about funding for non-UK citizens](#).

Financial incentives for postgraduate non-salaried teacher training courses in 2025/26 are only available for the subjects listed below:

	Bursaries (2:2 or above, Masters or PhD)	Scholarships (2:1 or above, Masters or PhD)
Art & design	£10,000	N/A
Biology	£26,000	N/A
Chemistry	£29,000	£31,000
Computing	£29,000	£31,000
Design & Technology	£26,000	N/A
English	£5,000	N/A
Geography	£26,000	N/A
Languages (French, German & Spanish only)	£26,000	£28,000
Languages (all other languages, including ancient languages)	£26,000	N/A
Maths	£29,000	£31,000
Music	£10,000	N/A
Physics	£29,000	£31,000
Religious education	£10,000	N/A

- Scholarships are provided by charitable organisations with a passion for their subject area.
- Scholarships are also provided by independent institutions who set their own eligibility criteria and application deadlines - find out more on the dedicated Scholarship pages at <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-salary/overview/scholarships>
- Scholarships are awarded in place of a bursary.

Further Information about training bursaries

www.gov.uk/government/publications/funding-initial-teacher-training-itt/funding-initial-teacher-training-itt-academic-year-2025-to-2026
<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-salary/overview/funding-by-subject>

School Direct Salaried scheme

A number of schools offer School Direct salaried schemes. To be eligible for this teacher training route, applicants must have at least 3 year's transferable work experience. Trainees are recruited and employed directly by schools, and may continue teaching in the school following training. The training via a salaried route will award QTS, and the cost of this is covered by the school. Students will be paid and taxed as an unqualified teacher. Salaries will vary depending the school.

Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeship

This programme offers a combination of classroom teaching, practical learning, and a salary. Students receive a combination of classroom teaching and 20% of the time is allocated to off-the-job training as students work towards qualified teacher status (QTS). Students are expected to undertake an end-point assessment (EPA) in the final term to ensure they are on-track to become an effective teacher.

For further information about teacher training routes and funding

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

If you would like to book a careers appointment, please visit:

<https://worcester.targetconnect.net>

myCareer

The information provided is intended as a guideline only. Funding for teacher training may be subject to change. Potential applicants should always research and check eligibility for funding for teacher training via Get Into Teaching or with the teacher training provider.

Careers & Employability

www.worc.ac.uk/careers