Student Money and Accommodation Advice

Full Time PGCE students / School direct – 2022/23 – unsalaried route

‘Home’ students may be eligible for both the Department for Education (DfE) training bursary and the student support package from Student Finance England (SFE). European (EU) students may be eligible for the DfE training bursary and SFE funding on the basis of being either pre-settled or settled under the European Settlement Scheme (EUSS).

To be eligible for the DfE training bursary you need to be entitled to SFE support by fulfilling the requirements set by the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011 and its amendments. The qualifying criteria can be found here:   
[www.gov.uk/student-finance/who-qualifies](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance/who-qualifies)

International students, and asylum seekers awaiting a Home Office decision do not qualify for financial support.

\*Please note this information does not apply to trainees on the employment based initial teaching training routes where they receive a salary while training.

# Training bursary – assessed as part of application

Bursaries are tax-free amounts of money for training in certain subjects that do not need to be repaid. Applicants require a First, 2:1, 2:2 degree, PhD or Master’s to be eligible, as well as meeting the bursary scheme’s individual terms and conditions:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/funding-initial-teacher-training-itt](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/funding-initial-teacher-training-itt)

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| Physics | Maths | Chemistry | Languages | Biology |
| £24,000 | £24,000 | £24,000 | £15,000 | £10,000 |

Applicants do not apply directly to DfE for the bursary. Eligibility will be assessed by London Metropolitan University as part of the application process.

# Scholarships – separate application to external bodies via London Metropolitan University

Trainees in Physics, Maths and Chemistry with a 2:1 or above are encouraged to apply for a teacher training scholarship with the appropriate professional body. You can apply if you have a 2:2, but you’ll need to provide evidence of significant relevant experience. Scholarships are higher financial incentives than the bursaries and come with a range of prestigious benefits. Each professional scholarship body sets its own criteria. For 2022/23, Physics, Chemistry and Maths attract a scholarship of £26,000.

Royal Society of Chemistry ([www.rsc.org/prizes-funding/funding/teacher-training-scholarships/](http://www.rsc.org/prizes-funding/funding/teacher-training-scholarships/))

Institute of Mathematics (ima.org.uk/support/mathematics-teacher-training-scholarship/)

Institute of Physics ([www.iop.org/about/support-grants/iop-teacher-training-scholarships#gref](http://www.iop.org/about/support-grants/iop-teacher-training-scholarships#gref))

Trainees cannot receive both a scholarship and a bursary. Scholarship applications must be submitted through the relevant scholarship body (links above). If your Scholarship application is successful, the scholarship will replace the bursary award.

# Value and timing of bursary and scholarship payments

Scholarships and bursaries are paid in monthly instalments from October to July

Bursaries for Biology will be paid in ten instalments of £1,000 each

Languages bursaries will be paid in ten instalments of £1,500 each

Bursaries of Chemistry, Physics and Maths will be paid in 10 instalments of £2,400 each

Scholarships will be paid in 10 instalments of £2,600 each

# Student Finance England (SFE) Support

Though the PGCE is a postgraduate qualification, it attracts the undergraduate funding package of Tuition Fee Loan, Maintenance Loan and supplementary support including: Childcare Grant, Adult Dependants’ Grant, Parents’ Learning Allowance and Disabled Students’ Allowance. Any loans taken out will be added to those from previous studies. You are not obliged to take out your full entitlement of funding and can specify how much you wish to borrow.

PGCE term-dates at the University may be longer than the standard undergraduate academic year, so students can receive additional maintenance support or ‘long courses loan’, depending on household income, to cover these extra weeks.

More information can be found at [www.gov.uk/student-finance](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance) where you can apply online, as well as [www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice). To ensure your funding is in place for September, we advise you to submit your funding application before the end of May.

# Combining bursary, SFE support with self-funding tuition fees

Students entitled to both the training bursary and the student support package might decide to meet some or all of the fees themselves. Students will be expected to commit themselves to the payment of fees when they enrol and if they have not taken out a Tuition Fee Loan they will be expected to make a binding payment agreement in accordance with one of the University’s [instalment plans](https://www.londonmet.ac.uk/applying/funding-your-studies/ways-to-pay/pay-in-instalments/).

It is recommended that students do take out the Tuition Fee Loan and at least part of the Maintenance Loan as the PGCE is intense and there is no opportunity to work during the course. Students can apply for SFE support partway through the year as long as their application is made within 9 months of the first day of the academic year.

# Further information

For an overview of the funding and support available to train as a teacher in England, please refer to the government’s ‘Get Into Teaching’ website:[getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-support#bursaries-and-scholarships](https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-support#bursaries-and-scholarships)

For full details about eligibility and the bursary terms and conditions you can refer to the funding manual issued by the DfE: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/initial-teacher-training-itt-bursary-funding-manual/initial-teacher-training-bursaries-funding-manual-2022-to-2023-academic-year](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/initial-teacher-training-itt-bursary-funding-manual/initial-teacher-training-bursaries-funding-manual-2022-to-2023-academic-year)

Mathematics, physics, chemistry and computing teachers can claim payments for teaching in eligible state-funded secondary schools in their first five years. [www.gov.uk/guidance/levelling-up-premium-payments-for-teachers](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/levelling-up-premium-payments-for-teachers)

Between September and January eligible biology, chemistry, physics, computing and languages teachers can claim back student loan repayments made while employed as a teacher: [www.gov.uk/guidance/teachers-claim-back-your-student-loan-repayments](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/teachers-claim-back-your-student-loan-repayments)

# How to contact us

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