

**Full-time PGCE students starting a course
or School Direct programme in 2016/17
Advice, Information & Funding Service (AIFS)**

Funding for full-time PGCE and PGCE School Direct programmes (unsalariated route)

'Home' students may be eligible for both the training bursary from the National College for Teaching and Leadership and the student support package from Student Finance England (SFE). EU students may be eligible for the training bursary as well as tuition fee support in the form of a loan from the Student Finance Services non-UK team, depending on their UK residency. See the section below on 'student support package' for more details.

International students, and **asylum seekers** who have submitted an application for asylum to the Home Office and are awaiting a decision, do not qualify for statutory help.

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

The current system of financial incentives in the form of the training bursary is based on teaching subject and class of degree or highest relevant academic qualification. The table below lists the standard training bursaries available in 2016/17 at London Metropolitan University.

Class of degree or qualifications	Physics	Maths	Chemistry	Languages	Biology	English	Early Years / Primary
1st/Phd	£30,000	£25,000	£25,000	£25,000	£20,000	£9,000	£3,000
2:1/Masters	£25,000	£25,000	£20,000	£25,000	£15,000	£4,000	£3,000
2:2	£25,000	£25,000	£20,000	£20,000	£15,000	£0	£0
Other (see note below)	£9,000	£9,000	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0

Other: trainee teachers in maths and physics may be eligible for a bursary of £9,000 without a 2.2 classification. They need to have a relevant degree and at least a B at A-level in maths, further maths, or physics (or equivalent). Trainees will not be entitled to this bursary if they are also entitled to a higher bursary based on degree class.

Extra incentives

Physics, chemistry and maths trainees with a 2:1 or higher (or a 2:2 in some cases) can apply for a scholarship worth either £30,000 or £25,000 with the relevant subject association group. Applicants will be subject to a competitive process and they cannot hold this scholarship as well as the training bursary. For more details go to:

www.iop.org/education/teach/itts/page_52632.html (Institute of Physics)

www.rsc.org/awards-funding/funding/teacher-training-scholarships/?e=1 (Royal Society of Chemistry)

www.ima.org.uk/careers/teacher_scholarships.cfm.html (Institute of Mathematics and its Applications)

Payment

- The training bursary is paid by the University and students need to be enrolled. No separate application is required. The department will work out the bursary and applicants can expect to be notified before the course/programme starts. Bursaries of up to £12,000 are expected to be paid in ten equal monthly instalments from October – July.
- Bursaries of £15,000 and over will have a proportion set aside for enhanced payment(s) while the student is on the course/programme, the remainder being paid in equal monthly instalments.

Student support package (England)

'Home' students can apply for exactly the same full-time student support package as undergraduate students, including additional support for students with dependants or with disabilities or specific learning difficulties. Any loans taken out will be added to those from previous studies.

PGCE term-dates at the University tend to be longer than the standard undergraduate academic year, so students can receive some additional maintenance loan or 'long courses loan', depending on household income, to cover these extra weeks up to a maximum of £113/week.

More information can be found at www.gov.uk/student-finance from where you can also apply online, as well as www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice where the EU and EEA information explains what help EU students are eligible for, including whether they might be seen as 'Home' students for funding because they have been in the UK for 5 years or can be seen as 'EEA migrant workers'.

Interplay of training bursary and standard student support with payment of 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 from the combination of funding available.

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 and pay at least **£4,500 at enrolment and the balance by 31 December 2016.

However, it is recommended that students do take out the tuition fee loan and some at least of the maintenance loan, since the pressure of work on the PGCE is intense and there is no opportunity to work during the course. Students do have the option of deciding to borrow the money partway through the year if they change their minds.

** To be confirmed in your enrolment pack during September 2016.

Further information

For information on the training bursary go to the National College for Teaching and Leadership website: www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/funding/postgraduate-funding

How to contact the Advice, Information & Funding Service

Telephone Student Services reception and ask to speak to a student adviser:

Aldgate campus – 020 7320 2370; Holloway campus – 020 7133 2094

Email: advice.studentservices@londonmet.ac.uk

Website: www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice

Attendance at classes and completion of all assessments is a requirement for all students, and is monitored by the University. If students cannot demonstrate this and do not have good reasons, then they will be unable to continue on the course. This is also likely to affect both current and future student funding.

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