



**Full-time PGCE students starting a course
or School Direct programme in 2018/19
Student Money and Accommodation Advice**

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 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 2018/19 at London Metropolitan University.

| Class of degree or qualifications | Physics | Maths | Chemistry | Languages | Biology | English | Early Years / Primary |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| 1st/Phd | £26,000 | £20,000 | £26,000 | £26,000 | £26,000 | £15,000 | £5,000 |
| 2:1/Master’s | £26,000 | £20,000 | £26,000 | £26,000 | £26,000 | £15,000 | £4,000 |
| 2:2 | £26,000 | £20,000 | £26,000 | £26,000 | £26,000 | £15,000 | £2,000 |

Extra incentives

Physics, chemistry, languages, and maths trainees with a 2:1 or higher (or a 2:2 in some cases) can apply for a scholarship worth £28,000 (£22,000 for maths trainees) 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)

www.britishcouncil.org/study-work-abroad/languages-teacher-training-scholarships (British Council)

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 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 £120/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.

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 50%¹ at enrolment and the balance by 31 December 2018.

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.

¹To be confirmed in your enrolment pack during September 2018.

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 us

Telephone your Student Hub and ask to book a phone or face-to-face appointment with a Student Money and Accommodation Adviser:

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Email: SMAA@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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