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Guidance

Funding: initial teacher training (ITT), academic year 2019 to 2020

Funding guidance for schools and ITT providers for 2019 to 2020, including bursaries, scholarships and salaried route grants.

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Overview

The Department for Education is responsible for:

- managing bursary and grant funding associated with initial teacher training (ITT)
- monitoring the public cost of student loans accessed by trainees

For the 2019 to 2020 academic year we'll manage recruitment at a national level. In September 2018 we published the [Initial teacher training allocations methodology: 2019 to 2020](#).

This guidance refers to ITT funding for the academic year 2019 to 2020. For the academic year 2018 to 2019 please see [Funding: initial teacher training \(ITT\), academic year 2018 to 2019](#).

Tuition fee routes

Bursaries and scholarships are available to trainees on a fee-based teacher training course in England that leads to the award of [qualified teacher status](#) (QTS).

Availability is dependent on the highest relevant academic award and the ITT subject. To receive a bursary or scholarship trainees must be entitled to support under the [Student Finance England](#) criteria as either a home or EU student.

Applicants with a degree from outside the UK should refer to the [equivalency table](#) to see if their degree is likely to attract a bursary, or should consult their chosen training provider.

Postgraduate bursaries and scholarships

Subject	Scholarship	Bursary (Trainee with 1st, 2:1, 2:2, PhD or Master's)
Chemistry, computing, geography, languages, and physics	£28,000	£26,000
Biology and classics	no scholarship available	£26,000
Secondary mathematics	£22,000	£20,000
English	no scholarship available	£15,000
Design and technology, history	no scholarship available	£12,000
Music, religious education	no scholarship available	£9,000
Primary with mathematics	no scholarship available	£6,000

Graduates with a 2:1 and above can apply for a scholarship with the appropriate professional body. As well as the financial award, scholars will receive a package of additional benefits provided by the professional

bodies.

Trainees with a 2:2 may be awarded a scholarship in exceptional circumstances, if they have significant relevant experience.

Trainees awarded a scholarship cannot also receive a bursary. Trainees who are not awarded a scholarship may be eligible for a bursary, if they meet the eligibility and qualification criteria.

Secondary mathematics early-career payments

Secondary mathematics trainees will receive two additional early-career payments of £5,000 each (or £7,500 each if teaching in specified areas of England) in their third and fifth year of teaching, if they have taught in a state-funded school in England since completing their teacher training course. These amounts are after tax, so teachers will receive the full amount as stated.

For more information, please read the [mathematics early-career payments guidance](#).

Primary with mathematics

Primary with mathematics trainees with at least a B at A level in mathematics (or equivalent qualification or subject knowledge) will be eligible for a bursary of £6,000.

Undergraduate bursary

A training bursary for final year undergraduates of £9,000 is available for trainees on courses in secondary mathematics and physics that lead to qualified teacher status (QTS). The bursary is available to undergraduate trainees who enrol on a QTS course starting in the 2019 to 2020 academic year, and is payable in the final year of their course.

The same £9,000 training bursary is available to trainees on an opt-in secondary undergraduate mathematics, physics, computing or languages course that leads to QTS. The bursary is available to undergraduate trainees who enrol on a QTS course in the 2019 to 2020 academic year, and is payable in the final year of their course.

For both of these courses, trainees who are on a 4-year undergraduate course that leads to the award of QTS and that also leads to the award of a Master's degree receive a £9,000 bursary in both the third and fourth years of their course.

Troops to Teachers undergraduate bursary

A training bursary worth £40,000 is available for undergraduate veterans who have left full time employment from the British Army, Royal Air Force or Royal Navy no more than 5 years before the start of their course.

The bursary will be provided in equal monthly instalments in each of the final two years of the course, with £20,000 payable in each year. You are advised to confirm the actual payment schedule with your ITT provider.

The bursary is available to undergraduate trainees who enrol on an eligible ITT course that leads to QTS in secondary biology, physics, chemistry, computing, mathematics or languages, beginning in the 2019 to 2020 academic year.

The initial teacher training bursary guide for academic year 2019 to 2020 will be published in due course.

School Direct salaried route

On the School Direct (salaried) training route the full costs of training and the trainee's salary need to be met by the partnership. We provide grants to School Direct lead schools to contribute to these costs. Amounts vary on a regional basis.

[Find out which areas are covered by the definitions for inner London, outer London and London fringe.](#)

High priority subjects: chemistry, classics, computing, languages, physics, secondary mathematics

Funding per place (by region)	Amount
National	£19,000
Inner London	£23,900
Outer London	£22,600
London fringe	£20,200

Other priority subjects: biology, design and technology, English, geography, history, music and religious education

Funding per place (by region)	Amount
National	£14,000
Inner London	£17,600
Outer London	£16,600
London fringe	£14,900

Primary (non-specialist)

Funding per place (by region)	Amount
National	£9,000

Inner London	£11,400
Outer London	£10,800
London fringe	£9,600

Primary with mathematics

This funding only applies to trainees with at least a B at mathematics A Level (or equivalent qualification or subject knowledge) on primary with mathematics courses.

Funding per place (by region)	Amount
National	£14,000
Inner London	£17,600
Outer London	£16,600
London fringe	£14,900

School Direct (salaried) trainees on the salaried route are not eligible for bursaries or scholarships.

All recipients of School Direct (salaried) grant funding must agree to the [grant funding agreement: terms and conditions](#).

The School Direct (salaried) funding manual for academic year 2019 to 2020 will be published in due course.

Postgraduate teaching apprenticeships

Schools in a School Direct partnership employing an apprentice teacher can receive grant funding through the lead school. This grant funding is in addition to funding available from the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

High priority subjects: chemistry, classics, computing, languages, physics, secondary mathematics

Funding per place (by region)	Amount
National	£14,500
Inner London	£19,400
Outer London	£18,100

London fringe	£15,700
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Other priority subjects: biology, design and technology, English, geography, history, music and religious education

Funding per place (by region)	Amount
National	£9,500
Inner London	£13,100
Outer London	£12,100
London fringe	£10,400

Primary (non-specialist)

Funding per place (by region)	Amount
National	£4,500
Inner London	£6,900
Outer London	£6,300
London fringe	£5,100

Primary with mathematics

This funding only applies to trainees with at least a B at mathematics A Level (or equivalent qualification or subject knowledge) on primary with mathematics courses.

Funding per place (by region)	Amount
National	£9,500
Inner London	£13,100
Outer London	£12,100
London fringe	£10,400

The postgraduate teaching apprenticeship funding manual for academic year 2019 to 2020 will be

published in due course.

Subject knowledge enhancement (SKE)

We are committed to the use of SKE to support ITT recruitment in priority and EBacc subjects. We expect ITT providers and lead schools offering these subjects to also consider offering SKE to eligible applicants.

SKE courses are fully funded and delivered by universities, schools and private organisations across England. For more information see [Subject knowledge enhancement: an introduction](#).

Early Years ITT

The Department for Education (DfE) allocates and funds early years ITT places each academic year. Early years ITT leads to the award of early years teacher status (EYTS).

We provide training bursaries and training grants to attract high-quality graduates to become early years teachers. This funding can only be used in delivering training programmes to support trainees in meeting [the early years teachers' standards](#). The training grant includes the costs of assessment against these standards.

The early years initial teacher training funding guidance for academic year 2019 to 2020 will be published in due course.

Grant funding agreements

If you are a new ITT provider or lead school for School Direct in the academic year 2019 to 2020 and have not previously received grant funding, such as Training Bursary, School Direct (salaried), Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeship and Early Years funding you will need to complete the relevant grant funding agreement. This is an agreement between the ITT provider or lead school, and DfE. It stipulates how you should treat the grant funding.

If this applies to you please contact gfa.ittfunding@education.gov.uk. We will advise providers if a new grant funding agreement is required and publish the new template in October. We will need to receive and accept the grant funding agreement before any funding for the academic year 2019 to 2020 is released.

The grant funding agreement template for subject knowledge enhancement is:

- [Grant funding agreement for subject knowledge enhancement](#)

Financial requirements for providers

ITT providers who receive DfE funding must submit independently audited accounts each year.

The financial statements must confirm that funds provided by DfE were used only in accordance with the provision of the Education Act 1994 (as amended by the Education Act 2005 Act), the financial memorandum and all other terms and conditions that DfE has set. All ITT providers are ultimately responsible to DfE for the proper stewardship of the funds paid to them.

Specific requirements set out in the financial memorandum and the associated funding manual.

Previous incentive schemes: Golden Hello

This scheme is now closed to all trainees starting their ITT in, or after, the academic year 2011 to 2012. Trainees who started their ITT course before 1 August 2011 can still receive the incentive, although they must submit their claim to the employing academy or Local Authority by 30 September 2019.

Local authorities and academies with eligible trainees can [claim reimbursement for the Golden Hello Scheme](#).

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