



Department for Education (DfE)

Initial Teacher Training Bursary 2019/20

Guidance Notes

Please retain the guidance notes for information

This document concerns training bursaries available for trainees starting courses in the 2019/2020 academic year only.

Student Money Advice & Rights Team (SMART)

Entitlement of the bursary

The training bursary award is dependent on the subject in which a trainee wishes to teach and the grade of their highest academic qualification (min 2.2 UK honours degree equivalent) they hold.

Who is eligible for the Initial Teacher Training (ITT) Bursary?

To be eligible for a training bursary an ITT trainee must, from 1st of September, meet and continue to meet the following eligibility criteria:

- be an “eligible” student for the provision of UK student support
- hold a UK first degree with at least second-class honours (or equivalent)
- be taking a qualifying postgraduate ITT course in England
- be notified by their ITT provider in writing that they are eligible
- comply with the terms and conditions of the bursary scheme through their enrolment on the course
- not have possession of, or eligibility for, QTS
- not be undertaking paid teaching work when receiving the bursary
- not be simultaneously undertaking any other ITT course, training scheme or programme leading to QTS
- be training in an eligible ITT subject
- have at least a grade B in A level Maths (for Primary Maths trainees only)

Who is not eligible for the Initial Teacher Training (ITT) Bursary?

- overseas trainees will not be eligible for the training bursary
- trainees on the School Direct salaried route to the PGCE will not be eligible for the training bursary
- applicants with QTS or eligibility for QTS are not eligible for the bursary. Qualified teachers from EEA, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and USA can apply to DfE to be awarded QTS.
- trainees who have been awarded an ITT Scholarship will not be eligible for the standard bursary. This applies to Physics, Maths, Computing, M.F. Languages, Geography and Chemistry.

ITT Providers will:

- determine whether a trainee is eligible to receive a bursary and whether they continue to receive the bursary. Being ineligible for a bursary does not make a trainee ineligible for an ITT place.
- determine the amount, date and method of bursary payments.
- ensure that trainees are informed of whether they are eligible for the bursary in good time before the start of their ITT course. An individual is only eligible for a bursary when this is confirmed by ITT provider. Providers will inform trainees of their decision and determine the amount of bursary payable upon verification of their qualifications.

Terms and Conditions of the bursary

To continue to qualify the trainee must agree in writing and comply with the terms and conditions of the bursary scheme including;

- to inform SMART of any information the provider requires to determine or re-determine whether or not the ITT trainee is eligible including maternity break, failing a DBS or standards assessment
- to update bank and address details on their UEL Direct account
- to inform SMART of intentions to withdraw or defer via thehub@uel.ac.uk or 020 8223 4444 to stop future bursary payments and repay promptly any overpayment of bursary received, should they withdraw or intermit from the course.
- Eligible trainees who withdraw or defer from a course will be entitled to be paid the training bursary for each month up to, and including, the month in which they formally withdraw. Any payment made to trainees after the month they withdraw will be reclaimed. For example, if you last attended your programme on the 1st December, and you received a payment on the 5th January, you will be required to return the January instalment. Trainees must promptly repay any overpayment received.
- Trainees will be expected to seek a teaching post in England upon completion of their ITT course to be eligible for the ITT Bursary.

Teacher Training Bursaries

The level of bursary that trainees are entitled to will depend on their highest relevant academic qualification that aligns with the bursary tier. Trainees who hold a PhD attract the same bursary tier as trainees with first-class degrees; trainees who hold a Masters attract the same bursary tier as trainees with a 2:1. However, there are some restrictions. The bursary is subject to authenticated proof of qualifications.

2019/2020 Eligibility for ITT Subjects	Highest Qualification		
	Scholarships***	Bursaries for Trainees with 1 st , 2.1, 2.2, PhD or Masters	Early-career payments**
Secondary Mathematics**	£22,000	£20,000	£10,000
Physics	£28,000	£26,000	N/A
Chemistry	£28,000	£26,000	N/A
Modern Foreign Languages	£28,000	£26,000	N/A
Computing	£28,000	£26,000	N/A
Geography	£28,000	£26,000	N/A
Biology		£26,000	N/A
Classics		£26,000	N/A
English		£15,000	N/A
History & Design and Technology inc. Engineering & food trainees		£12,000	N/A
RE or Music		£9,000	N/A
Primary Mathematics† with Maths A Level Grade B and above		£6,000	N/A

† Trainee teachers in primary mathematics courses, i.e. primary mathematics specialist or specialism (including primary-general with mathematics), with at least a B at A level in mathematics will be eligible for a bursary of £6,000 if they hold a 2:2 or above. Trainee teachers on a primary mathematics specialism course (including primary-general (with mathematics)) who do not have at least a B at A level in mathematics (or equivalent), will not attract a training bursary. All trainees must meet the A level requirement.

** Trainees could receive £30k or £32k in total - £20k as a tax-free bursary or £22k scholarship with additional payments of £10k after tax once in teaching. Trainees will need to have completed a non-salaried teacher training course and received a bursary or scholarship in the academic years 2018/19 or 2019/2020. Two additional early-career payments of £5k each in your third and fifth year of teaching will be available - enhancements to these payments are available if you teach in specified areas in England. You must have taught in a state-funded school in England since completing your teacher training course. For more information, please refer to the mathematics early-career payments guidance on the getintoteaching website.

*** Trainees in secondary mathematics, physics, chemistry, computing, geography and languages with a 2:1 or above are able to apply for a teacher training scholarship with the appropriate professional body. A scholarship award replaces a trainee's bursary eligibility. More information available on the getintoteaching website. You can still apply if you have a 2:2, but you will need to provide evidence of significant relevant experience.

Ordinary degrees and Open degrees from the Open University without honours are not eligible for bursary.

When will the ITT Bursaries be paid?

Trainees will be paid in ten monthly instalments on the fifth working day of each month, from October 2019 after their qualifications have been verified and enrolment has been completed.

£28,000 scholarships will be paid by ten equal monthly instalments of £2,800 from October 2019 - July 2020.

£26,000 bursaries will be paid by ten equal monthly instalments of £2,600 from October 2019 - July 2020.

£22,000 scholarships will be paid by ten equal monthly instalments of £2,200 from October 2019 - July 2020.

£20,000 bursaries will be paid by ten equal monthly instalments of £2,000 from October 2019 - July 2020.

£15,000 bursaries will be paid by ten equal monthly instalments of £1,500 from October 2019 - July 2020.

£12,000 bursaries will be paid by ten equal monthly instalments of £1,200 from October 2019 - July 2020.

£9,000 bursaries will be paid by ten equal monthly instalments of £900 from October 2019 - July 2020.

£6,000 bursaries will be paid by ten equal monthly instalments of £600 from October 2019 - July 2020.

Payments will be made directly into trainees' UK bank accounts which must be capable of receiving direct credits and must be in the name of the trainee undertaking the ITT programme. Payments will not be made to third parties. See section 3 of the application form for providing bank details.

Implications of leaving an ITT programme

- Returning trainees who defer and then rejoin their original course, or take any advanced standing or credit to a new ITT course will only be eligible to receive the remaining sum of their initial ITT Bursary as awarded in the year they started their programme. If a trainee has received their full entitlement and is required to return in the next academic year for repeat or placement, there will be no further ITT Training bursary available.
- Trainees who leave one ITT programme and join a new one with no transfer of standing or credit from their previous course, and are being charged a new tuition fee, will be viewed as on a separate route to QTS. Therefore, they will be entitled to receive a new bursary subject to the eligibility criteria and rates in this guidance. However, trainees who have already received a full bursary award upon leaving/withdrawing from their previous ITT programme will not be eligible for another bursary.
- Trainees who leave one ITT course with advanced standing or credit transferred to a new ITT course, will only be eligible for the remainder of any training bursary they were receiving on the original course.
- Eligible trainees who leave their ITT programme for any reason will not need to repay any of the ITT bursary received up to the point of withdrawal or intermission. Any payment made to trainees after the month they withdraw will be reclaimed. For example, if you last attended your programme on the 1st December, and you received a payment on the 5th January, you will be required to return the January instalment. Trainees must promptly repay any overpayment received.
- Any payment made to trainees after they stopped attending the programme will be reclaimed. For example, if you last attended your programme on the 4th December, and you received a payment on the 5th December, you will be required to repay that December instalment. ITT bursary payments are not pro rata.
- Trainees will be notified of any overpayment via our Credit Control team. Trainees must promptly repay any overpayments received.

Trainees must inform SMART promptly in case of deferral or withdrawal to prevent any overpayments via itffunding@uel.ac.uk or by phoning 020 8223 4444.