

Studying to become a teacher after completing an undergraduate degree

Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)

Postgraduate routes such as the postgraduate certificate in education (PGCE) and school-centred initial teacher training (SCITT) allow graduates to achieve qualified teacher status (QTS).

SCITT students

Financial information for SCITT students can be found [here](#).

Tuition Fees

If you are on a PGCE course you will have to pay tuition fees. Tuition fees for Home/EU students are currently £9,250 and for Overseas Students are currently £13,500 for the academic year 2017/18.

Tuition Fee Loan

Home and EU students may be eligible for a tuition fee loan to cover the cost of tuition fees charged. This loan is available through Student Finance England. Further information can be found on the Gov.uk website.

Training Bursaries

Bursaries are available for trainees on eligible postgraduate courses in England who are not employed as a teacher. Bursary amounts will vary depending on teaching subject and degree class. Students undertaking a School Direct Salaried course are not eligible for these training bursaries.

Teaching is a prime career choice for high-quality graduates. To encourage the best people to enter the profession, in 2017/18 trainees will need at least a 2:2 to be eligible for a training bursary (Trainee teachers in Maths and Physics should read note 5 below).

Students do not need to complete an application form, the University will check eligibility and contact eligible students in early September.

The table below summarises the standard training bursaries available in 2017/18:

	Eligibility 2017/18¹				
		Bursaries			
	Scholarships ²	Trainee with 1st/PhD	2:1/Masters	2:2	Other
Physics	£30,000	£30,000	£25,000	£25,000	-
Maths	£27,500	£25,000	£25,000	£25,000	-
Chemistry	£27,500	£25,000	£20,000	£20,000	-
Computing	£27,500	£25,000	£25,000	£25,000	-
Languages ³	£27,500 ⁴	£25,000	£25,000	£20,000	-
Geography	£27,500	£20,000	£15,000	£15,000	-
Biology	-	£15,000	£12,000	£10,000	-
D&T	-	£12,000	£9,000	£0	-
English,	-	£9,000	£9,000	£0	-
History, Music, RE	-	£9,000	£4,000	£0	-
Primary Maths ⁵	-	£6,000	£6,000	£6,000	-
Primary	-	£3,000	£0	£0	-

¹ 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. Availability is dependent on your highest relevant academic award and the subject in which you are training to teach. To receive a bursary or scholarship you must be entitled to support under the [Student Finance England](#) criteria. Both elements will be assessed by your teacher training provider. Under current rules, EU nationals can access this support if they have resided in the European Economic Area or Switzerland throughout the three-year period before the start of the course. Non-EU EEA nationals should contact [Student Finance England](#). If you have a degree from outside the UK, you should refer to the [overseas degree equivalency table](#) to see the bursary your degree may attract. You can also contact your training provider for clarification on your degree's equivalency and your eligibility for a bursary and student finance.

² Trainees in maths, physics, chemistry and computing with a 2:1 or above are able to apply for a teacher

training scholarship with the appropriate professional body. [Find out more](#)

³ Bursaries are available for trainees in French, German and Spanish. They are also available for other modern, community or ancient languages. The full list of eligible languages can be found on [GOV.UK](#)

⁴ Languages scholarships are only available if you train to teach French, German or Spanish.

⁵ Bursaries are available to trainees on either primary maths specialist courses or primary general (with mathematics) courses with at least a grade B maths A level or equivalent. Trainees on other primary courses will be eligible for the standard primary bursary.

Bursary payments are processed automatically for eligible candidates by the University, you will not need to apply for the training bursary. Students will be required to submit their bank details via Student Records On-Line to facilitate payments to be made by BACS. Full details and further information regarding the training bursaries are available from <http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/funding/postgraduate-funding>

For bursary awards of up to £12,000 and study full-time:

- Trainees will receive the bursary in equal monthly instalments from October to July for the duration of their course.

For bursary awards of £15,000 or over, or a scholarship of £25,000 or £30,000, and study full-time:

- Trainees will continue to receive equal monthly instalments for the duration of their course, but this will be enhanced by larger payments in February and July, or in the final month of the trainee's course.
- The trainee will need to be on the course at 1 January to receive the first enhanced payment in February, and would need to have completed the course to receive the second payment at the end of their programme.

All trainees must be in attendance on the course on the first day of the month in order to receive the bursary for that month. Funds should reach bank accounts on the fifth working day of the month.

Scholarships

Scholarships are available in maths, physics, chemistry and computing for trainees who are starting their training in the 2017/18 academic year. These prestigious awards are aimed at high-quality graduates with a 2:1 or first-class degree, who are passionate about their subject and have the potential to be inspirational teachers.

Scholarships are awarded by professional bodies for these subjects, and scholars will be selected through an additional application and assessment process. Each scholarship also comes with a package

of non-financial benefits, such as early career support and membership of the appropriate professional body. To apply for a scholarship and for further information, you should visit the appropriate subject association website:

Physics – delivered by the Institute of Physics (IOP)

http://www.iop.org/education/teach/itts/page_52632.html

Maths – delivered by the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications (IMA), in collaboration with the London Mathematical Society (LMS), the Mathematical Association (MA), Maths in Education and Industry (MEI) and the Royal Statistical Society (RSS)

http://www.ima.org.uk/careers/teacher_scholarships.cfm.html

Chemistry – delivered by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC)

<http://www.rsc.org/Education/scholarships/?e=1>

Computing – delivered by the BCS, the Chartered Institute for IT <http://academy.bcs.org/scholarships>

The scholarship will be instead of the standard bursary, but trainees who are not awarded the scholarship will still be eligible for the standard bursaries.

The University of Gloucestershire has a dedicated Money Advice Team to offer information, advice and guidance on all aspects of student finance. They provide a confidential service to prospective and current students. They can be contacted by email at moneyadvice@glos.ac.uk