

Funding Guidelines for Postgraduate Teacher Training

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Introduction

Below is a summary of the latest available information at the time of writing relating to the funding of post graduate teacher training. Always check the latest figures - for the most up-to-date information please go to:

<http://www.tda.gov.uk/Recruit/thetrainingprocess/fundinginengland.aspx>

You could also call the Teaching Information Line on 0800 389 2500 for further information.

For courses starting after 1st August 2012

Primary Teaching

Trainee with a first £9,000

Trainee with a 2:1 £5,000

Trainee with a 2:2 £0

Secondary Teaching

Physics, Maths, Chemistry, Modern Languages

Trainee with a first £20,000

Trainee with a 2:1 £15,000

Trainee with a 2:2 £12,000

Art and Design, Design & Technology, Economics, Engineering, English, Dance, Drama, Geography, History, ICT, Computer Science, Classics, Music, Biology, PE, Religious Education

Trainee with a first £9,000

Trainee with a 2:1 £5,000

Trainee with a 2:2 £0

General Science, Business Studies, Citizenship, Applied Science, Health and Social Care, Leisure & Tourism, Media Studies, Psychology, Social Sciences (except Economics)

No bursaries available

Physics trainees with a 2:1 or first are able to apply for an Institute of Physics scholarship. The scholarship is worth £20,000. It will be awarded to candidates with exceptional subject knowledge in this area with outstanding potential to teach. Trainees who hold the scholarship will not also be eligible for the standard Department for Education (DfE) bursary. Physics trainees who are not awarded the scholarship will continue in 2012 to be eligible for the standard £20,000 bursary for those with a first, and £15,000 bursary for those with a 2:1. See www.iop.org for further information

School Direct bursary top up

In 2012 a new scheme called 'School Direct' will enable more trainees to choose training that is linked to a particular school.

Trainees on School Direct places may be eligible for an additional payment worth 25 per cent of their standard bursary. To qualify for this payment, trainees will need to be based in a school where more than a quarter of pupils are eligible for free school meals.

The School Direct bursary top-up is only available in combination with a standard bursary, and will be paid on top of the standard bursary amount the trainee is eligible for. If you are interested in the School Direct scheme register your details on the TDA website www.tda.gov.uk and they will send you more information when it becomes available.

EU/International students

The TDA commissioned a grade comparison exercise, carried out by UK NARIC, of all international awards that are considered comparable to British Bachelor (honours) degree standard. To help determine postgraduate bursary eligibility, trainees with a degree from outside the UK should consult their chosen training provider or refer to the equivalency table. For more information see: www.naric.org.uk

Further information on the eligibility for student support including information for EU nationals, can be found on:

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/UniversityAndHigherEducation/StudentFinance/Gettingstarted/index.htm>

General academic requirement for a bursary

From 2012 all trainees will need at least a 2:2 to be eligible for a training bursary. In exceptional circumstances, e.g. a trainee with a 2:2 plus a PhD, may receive a higher bursary than their degree class would normally allow.

Other potential sources of funding

These are means tested/not guaranteed - student loans, child care support, adult dependant grant, disabled student allowances and Access to Learning Funds.

Tuition Fee Loan

From Sept 2006 all PGCE and SCITT courses have been able to charge variable course fees. You will need to check with individual courses to see what they will be charging. Home and EU students may be eligible for a tuition fee loan to cover the cost of tuition fees charged. This is available through Student Finance England.

Course fees do not need to be paid up front and are repaid as a proportion of your income once you are earning over £21,000 per year. The minimum starting salary outside of London from 2011 is £21,588 per year.

Student loan for maintenance

Home students in England may also be eligible for a student maintenance loan to help towards accommodation and other living costs. This is available through Student Finance England.

Maintenance grant

Home students in England may also be eligible for a non repayable maintenance grant. This grant will be means tested and you can apply through Student Finance England.

More information on the tuition fee loan, student loan for maintenance and the maintenance grant can be found on:

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/UniversityAndHigherEducation/StudentFinance/index.htm>

Graduate Teacher Programme (GTP)

This is where graduates are recruited directly into “Trainee Teacher” positions either by a school or a local authority. Graduate Teachers are paid a trainee salary on the job which is currently £15,817. GTP providers are known as “Designated Recommending Bodies” (DRB’s) and for further details of DRB’s and this route into teaching see www.tda.gov.uk and/or contact your local LEA for information on local recruitment.

Further Education Teaching Funding

See our handout “*Teaching in the Learning and Skills Sector – Further Education (16+) Teaching*”