

# Bursaries and scholarships

There are three types of funding available for teacher training - depending on your circumstances, you could receive all three:

1. Tax-free bursary or scholarship
2. Tuition Fee Loan and Maintenance Loan
3. Additional financial support if you are a parent, have an adult dependent or have a disability

Further information on tuition fee and maintenance loans and additional financial support can be found on the DfE's [funding my training page](#).

## The financial offer for 2021/22<sup>1</sup>

Subject	Bursary <sup>2</sup>	Scholarship <sup>3</sup>
Maths	£24,000	£26,000
Physics	£24,000	£26,000

## Scholarships

If you're passionate about your subject and have the potential to be an inspirational teacher, you could apply for a scholarship to support your training. Scholarships are awarded to the most gifted trainees in Maths and Physics in partnership with highly regarded professional subject associations.

As well as financial support, as a scholar you'll enjoy a range of prestigious benefits, including:

- free membership from the professional subject associations awarding the scholarship
- access to resources and events to support you through your training
- support to improve your teacher practice and subject knowledge
- networking opportunities from a community of like-minded scholars

Each of the professional scholarship bodies sets its own eligibility criteria - find out more on the dedicated scholarship pages;

- **Maths**: Mathematics Teacher Training Scholarships
- **Physics**: Institute of Physics Scholarships

1. Bursaries and scholarships are available to trainees on a tuition 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. Residents of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland will need to be entitled for support as set out by your country's student finance body (Student Finance Wales, Student Awards Agency Scotland or Student Finance NI). Both elements will be assessed by your teacher training provider. Candidates with overseas degrees may be asked to formally recognise any overseas qualifications through UK NARIC, and the DfE can help you with this. Contact them on **0800 389 2500** and they can provide you with guidance on your equivalent qualifications and a free UK NARIC statement of comparability (this usually costs £49.50 plus VAT) once you have submitted your application to teacher training.
2. Bursaries are available to trainees with a first, 2:1, 2:2, Master's or PhD.
3. Trainees in Maths and Physics can apply for a teacher training scholarship with the appropriate professional body. Scholarships are awarded **instead of** a bursary.