

Dear Partners,

We would like to let you know about the dates for our upcoming Information Evenings at CTE and invite you to take part.

The dates and details are below, please do get in touch with our admissions staff ([cte.admissions@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:cte.admissions@warwick.ac.uk)) if you are interested in joining us and we can arrange for this to happen.

For Secondary partners, please find below the updated guidance from the DfE about Secondary ITT SKE programmes and bursaries. The updated SKE subject guidance summary is also provided for you.

Furthermore, we would just like to remind you about the opportunity for you to join us on any of our interview selection days. Primary interview days are on a Tuesday afternoon and Secondary interview days take place on a Wednesday morning. We would also welcome any opportunities there may be to join you on your School Direct interview selection days. If you require further information about this and/or would like to contribute to our recruitment process, please do contact CTE Admissions on [cte.admissions@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:cte.admissions@warwick.ac.uk).

Many thanks,

Best wishes,

Vikki, Kirsty and Safina.

### [CTE Information Evenings](#)

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov – 5.30pm – 6.30pm (online)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – 6pm – 7pm (online)

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan – 4.30pm – 5.30pm (in person)

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – 5.30pm – 6.30pm (online)

### [SKE programmes](#)

SKE is to be offered to participants who, without SKE, would be highly unlikely to meet the subject knowledge requirements of the Teachers' Standards by the time their ITT course is complete.

Teacher training providers must only refer candidates for the minimum SKE course length needed to achieve this aim.

DfE does not specify that all ITT course entry requirements must be met before a SKE course starts, other than that the participant must hold a conditional offer of an ITT place and has the need to complete a SKE course identified by the ITT provider.

SKE/ITT providers (in this case CTE) must ensure that they have seen and reviewed sufficient evidence to demonstrate that a participant is eligible to commence a SKE course. This must be done before a funding claim can be submitted by CTE, and before the participant starts their SKE course. **Please note that only CTE can submit a funding claim.**

## Subjects

- Geography continues to no longer be a DfE funded SKE course.
- PE with Ebacc is still an option as an 8-week SKE. *All places for ITT and EBacc will need to be agreed in advice with DfE allocations.*
- Subjects supported by the DfE for funding:
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Computing
  - English
  - MFL – French, Spanish and German.
  - Mathematics
  - Physics
  - Religious education

## PE EBacc and MFL

If your candidate is training to teach PE confirmation will be requested that their ITT place has been confirmed with the DfE, the eligibility criteria from the DfE funding manual states:

- The candidate will need an A level Grade C or above in the Ebacc subject they are taking their SKE course in. Please be aware funding is only for an 8-week course.

For double MFL SKE programmes, the main language can only be funded for 8 weeks, and the second language can be up to 28 weeks.

## SKE for additional languages

If an applicant for ITT specialising in languages is already adept in a language other than English, you can use SKE funding to refresh their skills in an additional language, this language will be a modern foreign language.

Through the selection process you should:

- identify applicants who will benefit from an SKE programme
- concentrate on their level of existing and previous language knowledge
- make their offer of teacher training conditional on undertaking a language SKE

SKE programmes are usually for French, German and Spanish.

**NB:** A GCSE in the second language is required (grade B or above) by the CTE at the University of Warwick for the candidate to be offered a second SKE.

## General

- The bursary is **£175 per week** for full time study.
- Once approved by the DfE bursary payments will be paid in arrears.
- ITT focus and SKE subject must match.
- Degrees gained in the last 5 years in the ITT subject will not be eligible for a SKE.
- SKE must be completed before QTS can be awarded.
- Candidates can only complete/access a total of 28 weeks of SKE. Except in the case of MFL, MFL SKEs can be 36 weeks in length (8 weeks short SKE plus 28 weeks longer SKE).
- Candidates can apply for a longer course and complete it in a shorter period. They will only receive the bursary for the weeks on the course, not the weeks completed. This is known as 'compressed hours'.
- Highest academic qualification is acknowledged for SKE eligibility funding.
- For third class or ordinary degrees, programme costs can be claimed but not a bursary.
- Degree pending applications will require proof of award to receive bursary payments.
- Weekly sessions are expected to be a minimum of 25 hours of study for full time.
- Where an ITT candidate has been awarded a joint degree in the **past 5 years** and there is a **direct match** between one of the degree subjects and the chosen ITT subject, the candidate would not be eligible for a SKE.
- For International students, eligibility for SKE bursaries will be aligned to the eligibility criteria for non-UK applicants to receive an ITT bursary. Where participants meet these eligibility criteria in the relevant year, they will also be eligible for a SKE bursary. Where a participant does not meet these eligibility criteria, provider costs will only be paid where the participant has been placed on a School Direct (SD) salaried course.

## How to know if an applicant needs SKE

The need for SKE is usually identified by a school or provider during the recruitment and selection process. This could be:

- when the applicant is undertaking school experience
- during discussions with an individual before they apply
- from the application form
- during the applicant's interview

Applicants may need more specific subject knowledge to begin an ITT course if they have:

- a degree that's related to the subject rather than an exact match for it

- studied the subject at A level, but not degree level
- an unrelated degree but relevant professional knowledge in the subject
- studied for a languages degree, but need a second language at an acceptable level for teaching in schools
- a degree in the subject but have not used their degree knowledge for many years

Applicants who have a degree in their chosen ITT subject awarded in the previous 5 years are not eligible for a funded SKE course.

For all SKE courses in the 2021 to 2022 academic year:

- programme costs are funded at a unit fee up to £200 per week per participant
- the participant bursary funding is £175 per week per participant

### SKE Eligibility – HECoS codes and direct matches

An ITT candidate who has been awarded a degree (or a joint degree), where one of the subjects is a **direct match** to their chosen ITT subject in the previous 5 academic years is not eligible for SKE funding. Where the candidate has a **related degree that is not a direct match** to the chosen ITT subject, the candidate could access SKE providing other eligibility criteria is also met.

The definition of ‘previous 5 years’ is where the degree was awarded during the 5 academic years (AY) prior to the start of the current AY 21/22. For example, a participant with a direct matching mathematics degree awarded in the previous 5 years<sup>1</sup> who has applied to do ITT in secondary mathematics would not be eligible for SKE funding.

The Department will be using HECoS codes to determine whether a candidate has a degree that is a direct match to their chosen subject. HECoS codes are a recognized way of classifying academic subjects.

The claim form will allow SKE providers to select the HECoS subject code for each candidate. The form will flag if a candidate has a degree that is a direct match. If the SKE provider proceeds with the claim it will be rejected.

**Table 1:** list of HECOS codes considered a direct match to a SKE subject.

**Table 2:** list of HECoS codes considered a direct match to a MFL SKE subject

Table 2 note:

*If the degree language does not match the SKE language, or where it does, it was obtained more than five years ago, the claim will show ‘OK’ in the ‘Matching Degree check’ field. The SKE claim form will identify matched language degrees to SKE subjects in French, German, Italian and Spanish. For any other language selected as a degree subject (and where ‘Other’ has been selected as the SKE language) if the degree was obtained less than five years ago, the form displays the following message:*

***Matching degree obtained within last five years. Please check if this claim is valid.***

**Table 3:** Scenarios of possible degree match

**Table 1: List of HECOS codes considered a direct match to a SKE subject (excluding MFL)**

Subject code	Term	Definition	SKE Subject match
100320	English studies	The study of English language and literature.	English
100346	biology	The broadly based scientific study of living organisms.	Biology
100367	computing and information technology	The study of the theory and practice of computer science and computer systems, and the design, implementation and operation of technological information systems and services.	Computing
100403	mathematics	The rigorous analysis of quantities, magnitudes, forms and their relationships, using symbolic logic and language, both in its own right and as applied to other disciplines.	Maths
100405	pure mathematics	The rigorous analysis of quantities, magnitudes, forms and their relationships, using symbolic logic and language.	Maths
100417	chemistry	The study of individual atoms and molecules and the way they react together naturally and synthetically.	Chemistry
100425	physics	The study of the properties of matter and energy and the relationships between them, making extensive use of mathematical techniques and models.	Physics
100339	religious studies	The study of religious beliefs	Religious studies
100794	theology and religious studies	The study of the nature of divinity and of beliefs in their social context.	Religious education
100803	comparative religious studies	The comparative study of different religious beliefs, customs and observations.	Religious education

Subject code	Term	Definition	SKE subject match
100321	French language	The study of the French language, its structure, history, grammar and use. Includes acquisition, pronunciation and articulation.	Modern languages, French
100323	German language	The study of the German language, its structure, history, grammar and use. Includes acquisition, pronunciation and articulation.	Modern languages, German
100326	Italian language	The study of the Italian language, its structure, history, grammar and use. Includes acquisition, pronunciation and articulation.	Modern languages, Italian
100325	Spanish language	The study of the Spanish language, its structure, history, grammar and use. Includes acquisition, pronunciation and articulation.	Modern languages, Spanish

Subject area	Example	Response
Biology	Candidate has an Applied Biology degree obtained within the last 5 years and is applying for a biology ITT course. Are they eligible for a biology SKE course?	Yes. 'Applied Biology' is a different degree to 'Biology'. As the candidate does not have a direct match degree, they could be eligible for biology SKE.
Design and Technology	Candidate has a Textiles degree obtained within the last 5 years and is now applying for an ITT place on a D&T course. Are they eligible for a D&T SKE?	Yes. Candidate does not have a D&T degree and so could be eligible for a D&T SKE.
MFL	Candidate has a Spanish degree which they obtained within the last 5 years and is applying for ITT Spanish. Are they eligible for SKE in both Spanish and in a second language?	No. The candidate is not eligible for SKE in Spanish as they have a direct match degree achieved within the last five years.

		The candidate could be eligible for SKE in a second language subject-
English	Candidate has an English language degree obtained within the last 5 years. Are they eligible for SKE in English?	Yes. 'English Language' is a different degree to English studies' as the candidate does not have a direct match degree, they could be eligible for English SKE.
Computing	Candidate has an Information Systems degree obtained with in the last 5 years and is applying for computing ITT place. Are they eligible for SKE in computing?	Yes. 'Information Systems' is a different degree to 'Computer Science' As the candidate does not have a direct match degree, they could be eligible for Computing SKE.
Primary Maths	Are there any degrees which would preclude a candidate from accessing primary mathematics SKE?	No.

## Bursaries

Candidates may be eligible for a teaching bursary or scholarship when training to teach.

These are tax-free amounts of money received to train in certain subjects. Candidates do not need to pay them back.

Candidates will need a first, 2:1, 2:2 degree or a PhD or master's degree to be eligible for a bursary, as well as meeting the bursary scheme's individual terms and conditions.

For a scholarship, each professional scholarship body sets its own criteria. These bodies include:

- the Royal Society of Chemistry
- BCS The Chartered Institute for IT
- the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications
- the Institute of Physics

## Check which subjects have bursaries and scholarships

Teaching bursaries and scholarships are only available for the subjects listed below. You cannot receive both a teaching bursary and a scholarship.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Bursary</b>	<b>Scholarship</b>
<b>Biology</b>	£10,000	
<b>Chemistry</b>	£24,000	£26,000
<b>Computing</b>	£24,000	£26,000
<b>Design and technology</b>	£15,000	
<b>Geography</b>	£15,000	
<b>Languages</b> (including ancient languages)	£15,000	
<b>Maths</b>	£24,000	£26,000
<b>Physics</b>	£24,000	£26,000

For further information about other types of bursaries please follow this link:

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-your-training#bursaries-and-scholarships>