



# PGCE New Student's Guide to Fees and Funding Your Studies



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Meeting your PGCE Entry Conditions

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Note: The Student Loans Company is a collective term that encompasses Student Finance Bodies from England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. So, for example, Student Finance England (SFE) and Student Loans Company (SLC) may sometimes be used interchangeably.

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# Fees

## What are the course fees?

- Tuition fees for **full-time UK (Home)** students studying for a PGCE qualification in the **2023-24** academic year are **£9,250**. For School Direct **Salaried** PGCE courses, the fee is **£2,100**
- Fees for **EU/overseas** students are **£24,630**. Please refer to the [PGCE Admissions guidance document](#) for non-UK nationals for further information.

## When and how do I pay my fees?

- **Tuition fees** are payable **by the first day of the Academic Year**. These can be paid in full or by **3 termly instalments**. Further information can be found [here](#).
- There are a number of ways that you may choose to pay for your course tuition fees including: paying the full amount of the fees yourself; with a tuition fee loan; via sponsorship by a school; or with a combination of any of these.
- As part of online enrolment, you will confirm your tuition fee payment options (i.e. paying up front in full, in instalments or via sponsorship). There is some guidance [here](#) if you aren't sure which option to select. You'll then be able to access your student finance page via [the Student Records System \(e:Vision\)](#) where you can view invoices and make payments.

# Fees

## When and how do I pay my fees?

- **Making payments yourself** - There are a number of ways that you can pay fees, including: by direct debit, bank transfer, credit/debit card payments and Flywire. Further information can be found [here](#).
- **Tuition Fee Loans** - If your fees are entirely covered by a loan you should select “I wish to pay by instalments”. You then won’t need to set up any payment arrangements as **the loan will be paid directly to us**, in instalments, once we have confirmed your attendance to the Student Loans Company.
- **Bursaries** - If you are going to be using a bursary to pay your fees, please remember this money comes to you, so you will still need to set up and make your tuition fee payments yourself. Please note that the payment schedule for the bursar doesn’t match the required dates/amounts for payment of your fees
- **Sponsorship** - If a sponsor is paying your fees (e.g. **your school**) you **must** complete a [sponsorship form](#) as soon as possible. Once processed this will then ensure that you can select sponsorship as your method of payment and **your sponsor will be invoiced** for your fees. Further information can be found [here](#).

## Who confirms my attendance to the Student Loans Company?

- The University’s central Student Finance team confirm your attendance to the Student Loans Company so that any loans can be released. If you experience difficulties with a student loan, please contact them at [studentfinance@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:studentfinance@warwick.ac.uk)
- They will only be able to do this once you are fully enrolled and your application for finance is complete – i.e. you have signed your declaration and provided any other required paperwork to the Student Finance Body who are providing the loan (e.g. Student Finance England).

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## What financial support is available?

- The University collates a lot of information on the funding options available to non-salaried PGCE students [here](#). These include:
  - **Tuition Fee Loans** - eligible students can apply for a loan to cover the cost of their course. Like loans for undergraduate study, these are non-means tested and repayable once you are earning over the threshold amount for your particular [repayment plan](#). More info [here](#).
  - **Maintenance Loans** - eligible students can apply for a loan to cover their living costs. These vary dependant on your household income and are repayable once you are earning over £26,575. More info [here](#).
  - **ITT Bursaries** - many subjects attract a tax-free training bursary. These are not repayable, but students must either be training to teach Physics or Languages, or be eligible to receive student finance support (as per the DfE guidance to apply). More info [here](#).
  - **Training Scholarships** - if you are going to be training in Chemistry, Computing, Maths, MFL or Physics, you may be able to apply for a scholarship. These are awarded in place of a bursary and are offered by Professional Scholarship Bodies. More info [here](#).

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## Am I eligible for financial support?

### Eligibility for UK student finance support

- You must meet certain criteria to be deemed 'eligible' to receive loans, grants and bursaries from the Government for an Initial Teacher Training course. These include, but are not limited to, your nationality, residency status, your course and any previous access you've had to postgraduate funding. We recommend reading the guidance provided [here](#) as early as possible so that you can apply as soon as you are able to.
- For **ITT Bursaries**, in addition to being eligible to receive student finance support from the Government you will need to have firmly accepted your offer, hold a UK first degree or equivalent at 2:2 or above, and have had your degree classification verified by the University (this normally happens when you provide your certificate to meet conditions). You must not be undertaking paid teaching work when in receipt of the bursary. Full eligibility criteria for the scheme can be found [here](#)
- Our **Student Funding team will automatically start contacting potentially eligible applicants (ie that meet the above criteria)** by email in late Spring with further information on applying for bursaries.
- As well as meeting the eligibility criteria to receive student finance support from the Government, each Professional Body that awards **Scholarships** have their own eligibility criteria. Please see [here](#) for further info.

### Guidance for non-UK applicants

- As you're starting a course after **1 August 2021**, you must have **settled or pre-settled status** under the **EU Settlement Scheme** to be eligible for student finance support and Home fee amounts.
- Irish citizens are eligible to apply for student finance support. Full eligibility criteria still applies
- If you are eligible for student finance support you may also apply for a bursary, where available.

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## How do I apply for financial support?

- Whether you are seeking to access funds in the form of a **student loan, bursary or scholarship** you will **need to apply to your regional Student Finance Body** (e.g. Student Finance England (SFE), Student Finance Wales (SFW), etc.) to **assess your eligibility** and confirm that you accept the terms and conditions.
- Register and apply following the steps here: <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>
- Once you have submitted an application you will be assessed and notified of what support you are eligible for.
- **The next steps:**
  - **Tuition Fee and Maintenance Loans** - you must sign and return your declaration to the Student Finance Body. Only once this has been received and processed by them is your application complete. The University are not provided with your details to be able to receive tuition fee payments for you until this has been completed.
  - **ITT Bursaries** - the assessment from Student Finance confirms your eligibility to receive student finance support. You don't need to apply for a bursary. The University's Student Funding Team will contact you in late spring if you have been assessed by us as potentially eligible. You will be asked to confirm your eligibility for student support.
  - **Training Scholarships** - the assessment from Student Finance confirms your eligibility to receive student finance support which you may be asked to provide as part of your application. Each Professional Body awarding scholarships have their own individual application processes. You can find further information, linking through to their websites [here](#).

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## How and when do I receive my payments?

- **Tuition Fee Loans** - These are paid directly to the University each term to cover your tuition fees.
- **Maintenance Loans** - These are paid directly to you by the Student Finance Body who have awarded the loan (e.g. Student Finance England) and are normally in 3 termly instalments.
- **ITT Bursaries** - Bursaries will be paid in 10 equal monthly instalments over the duration of the course with the first **normally** released on **5 October** and then the **5<sup>th</sup> of each month** thereafter. These are made by the university by BACs payment. You should ensure **bank account details are up to date** on your [Student Records System \(e:Vision\)](#) account.
- **Training Scholarships** - Each Professional Body awarding scholarships will have their own payment arrangements. Please check with them directly for further information.

## How does provisional enrolment affect payments?

- In the unusual event that you are provisionally enrolled, you won't be able to receive Maintenance Loan payments. You may be eligible to access hardship funds in the interim. Please note that tuition fees aren't payable until you are fully enrolled so although funds won't be released, you won't be liable for fees either. Once you become fully enrolled, payments can proceed.
- In some cases ITT Bursary payments can be made to those provisionally enrolled, with the exception of those who have not provided evidence of their degree linked to their bursary eligibility.
- Please note that if you are provisionally enrolled and you receive bursary payments, but are subsequently unable to continue the course, and you are required to withdraw - you will be required to repay the full amount.



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## What extra funding is available from the Government?

- If you have children, a disability or an adult dependant, you may be entitled to extra funding support.
- There are a number of non-repayable grants available from the Government which are detailed [here](#).

## What hardship funds can I access if I'm struggling with money?

- The University has a number of options for students who are struggling financially.
- If you have taken out the maximum amount of finance that you are entitled to but are still struggling, you may be eligible to access a grant from the [Warwick Hardship Fund](#)
- This might also be an option for you if your maintenance loan payments are delayed as a result of a provisional enrolment status. **Warwick Hardship Funds cannot be awarded to assist with the payment of tuition fees.**
- The **Warwick Hardship Fund** is intended to provide selective help to students who have serious financial difficulties, and as such, applications for grants are assessed on an individual basis. You will need to be enrolled (even if only provisionally) to access this fund.
- Alternatively, if you are struggling with essential day to day living costs in the short term, you may be eligible to access an **Emergency Loan**. You will need to be enrolled (even if only provisionally) to access this fund. Further information and contact details can be found [here](#).
- There are useful resources on managing your money available [here](#).

# Fees and Funding

## Key Links and Contacts

The **Student Finance Fees** team deal with payment of your tuition fees. If you have a tuition fee loan, they also confirm your attendance to the Student Loans Company.

✉ [studentfees@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:studentfees@warwick.ac.uk) ☎ 024 765 28471

The **Student Finance Collections** Team can help with organising payment schedules or refunds if you withdraw contact

✉ [studentcollections@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:studentcollections@warwick.ac.uk) ☎ 024 765 28472

The **Student Funding** Team is available to provide help and advice on all funding matters, including budgeting, funding options, ITT bursaries information and payments and hardship advice

✉ [ittbursary@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:ittbursary@warwick.ac.uk) or [studentfunding@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:studentfunding@warwick.ac.uk) ☎ 024 7615 0096

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-my-teacher-training> view your Government funding options

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance> apply for student finance support from the Government

[Student Records System \(e:Vision\)](#) view your fees, invoices, maintain your payment options and bank details