



Terms and conditions of the Initial Teacher Training bursary scheme 2026/27

The Department for Education (DfE) has arranged for the University of Warwick (the University) to determine eligibility for and make payment of bursaries, where applicable, on behalf of the DfE to Initial Teacher Training (ITT) students. The terms and conditions referred to and summarised here are the terms and conditions that DfE requires the University to apply to applicants.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible to receive a DfE bursary or scholarship through the University **you must:**

- be eligible to receive student support from the UK government for your PGCE course* - except for Languages and Physics trainees offered an ITT place before 5pm on 7 May 2026.
- hold a UK first degree or equivalent, with at least lower second class honours.
- be taking a qualifying postgraduate ITT course in England.
- not be in possession of, or eligible to apply for, Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) or Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS).
- not be undertaking paid teaching work which contributes to your training when in receipt of the bursary or scholarship.
- not be simultaneously undertaking any other ITT course, training scheme or programme that leads to QTS or QTLS.
- agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the bursary and scholarship scheme.
- agree to seek a teaching post in England upon successful completion of your course.
- agree to notify the University promptly of any changes to your bank account and address details.
- agree to notify the University promptly if you intend to withdraw from your course temporarily or permanently.
- agree to repay any funds which you were not eligible to receive if you withdraw from the University (this applies to University-initiated withdrawals as well as student-initiated withdrawals).

***You need to provide evidence that you are entitled to student finance (tuition fee and maintenance loans) for your PGCE course before we can determine your bursary or scholarship entitlement (unless you are a Languages or Physics trainee offered a place on the course before 5pm on 7 May 2026). This evidence is required even if you do not wish to take out either of the loans. You can apply for student finance at www.gov.uk/student-finance (if you are not taking out the loans you need to enter £0 as the requested loan amount/s).**

If you have been recommended for a teacher training scholarship it is your responsibility to forward evidence of the award to ittbursary@warwick.ac.uk.

Payments

The bursary or scholarship will be paid in 10 equal monthly instalments from 5 October 2026 to 5 July 2027 according to the following payment schedule set by DfE.

| Bursary/scholarship award | Monthly instalment |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| £5,000 | £500 |
| £20,000 | £2,000 |



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| £22,000 | £2,200 |
| £29,000 | £2,900 |
| £31,000 | £3,100 |

Trainees must be fully enrolled and actively engaged on the ITT programme on 1 October 2026 to be eligible to receive their first payment, and on the first of each subsequent month throughout the ITT programme to receive subsequent instalments.

Withdrawals

If you **permanently withdraw** from the University:

- you will be entitled to be paid the bursary or scholarship for each month up to, and including, the month in which you formally withdraw.
- you will only be entitled to receive the bursary or scholarship payment for the month in which you withdraw if you were in attendance on the 1st of that month.
- following withdrawal all future payments will cease.

If you take a period of **temporary withdrawal** from your course:

- you will be entitled to be paid the bursary or scholarship for each month up to, and including, the month in which you formally withdraw.
- you will only be entitled to receive the bursary or scholarship payment for the month you withdraw if you were in attendance on the 1st of that month.
- payments for the remainder of the academic year will cease.
- when you return to your course, payments will resume from the next applicable month (the next month in which a payment was due) providing you are fully enrolled and remain eligible.
- you will only be eligible to receive the remaining bursary or scholarship award up to the value that was available in the year you started your course.

Example (permanent or temporary withdrawal):

If a trainee starts their programme in September 2026 and withdraws in January 2027, they will be entitled to 4 payments in total as they were active on the course on:

1 October 2026
1 November 2026
1 December 2026
1 January 2027

Overpayments

If you receive an overpayment/payment that you are not eligible to receive of your bursary or scholarship, the debt will be transferred to your University account and you will be required to repay the full amount immediately.

Further information: Full details of the ITT bursary scheme can be found at: [Initial teacher training bursary funding manual: 2026 to 2027 academic year - GOV.UK](#)

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