Funding for Primary Initial Teacher Training
PGCE and School Direct (non-salaried) courses

This factsheet contains information for Home students entering in September 2018

If you require this document in an alternative format, please contact Funding and Financial Support:
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Please note, the information on this sheet is relevant only to students with “Home status” who usually live in England. Other UK, and international, students should check eligibility details with The National College for Teaching & Leadership. Other UK nationals should also check with Student Finance Wales, Northern Ireland, or Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS), as applicable, for details of eligibility for funding for tuition fees and living costs.

Tuition fees

The tuition fee for full-time Home students on the PGCE and School Direct (non-salaried) courses is likely to £9,250 for the 2018/19 academic year. You can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan from Student Finance England to cover this cost in full.

Living costs

ITT Bursary from The National College for Teaching & Leadership, part of the Department for Education – Students may be entitled to a tax-free ITT Bursary with the amount awarded depending on previous qualification(s). The 2018/19 bursaries are as follows:

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<th>ITT Bursary for Primary Maths*</th>
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*Bursaries are available to trainees on either primary Maths specialist courses or primary general (with mathematics) courses with a least grade B Maths A level, or equivalent.

The University’s School of Education will arrange payment of the ITT Bursary directly into your bank account. Bursaries up to and including £6,000 will be paid in ten equal monthly instalments, October to July.

Prospective students are sent information in July before the course starts. This will contain a bank details form which needs to be completed with your bank account number, sort code and bank address in order for your ITT Bursary to be paid.

Further information about training bursaries can be found on the Department for Education website: www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching
Student Loans Company support for living costs

**Student Loan for living costs** – the maximum loan for 2018/19 is £8,700 (£7,324 if you are living in your parents’ home). A percentage of the loan, £4,054 (£3,224 if living in your parents’ home) is available regardless of household income.

**Additional Maintenance Loan** – If your circumstances mean that you can claim income-related benefits whilst a student you could be offered an increased loan of up to £9,916.

Students, who meet the eligibility criteria, can also apply for additional allowances, such as the **Childcare Grant, Parents Learning Allowance** and **Adult Dependant’s Grant**. For further information on the support available through the Government: visit [www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance) or call +44 (0)300 100 0607.

**Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA)** – Home students who have a disability may be eligible to receive funding to help with extra costs incurred whilst attending their course which are a result of their disability. Advice is available from the University’s Disability Support team, and on their website – see Useful Contacts.

You apply for student loans, grants and additional allowances at: [www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)

**Please note:** Students studying courses through the **SCITT Programme** (where the School/Academy (eg EMTTP or Torch) is the main course provider, rather than the University) should apply for funding from Student Finance using the School/Academy as the institution they are studying at. They will also be the contact point for any Student Finance query.

Salaried School Direct and SCITT students (or students on any similar course where the University of Nottingham is not the main training provider) are not eligible for additional financial support from the University of Nottingham.

Bursaries from the University of Nottingham

**University Core Bursary**

PGCE students may be eligible for the University’s Core Bursary. Awards are made based on household income, as assessed by Student Finance England.

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**Nottingham Potential Bursary**

The Potential Bursary offers £1,000 per year for students who meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:

- Students with adult or child dependents **AND** with a household income, as assessed by Student Finance, of £35,000 or below
- Students who have been in local authority care for at least three months **AND** are aged under 25 at the start of the course

For more information please see [www.nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport)
Credits and Benefits

Benefits, Universal Credit and Council Tax

If you are a lone parent, disabled student or a student couple with children, The Department for Work and Pensions will expect you to apply for all the student financial support you are entitled to, before assessing you for tax credits and benefits.

Child Tax Credits (CTC) – Students with children under 16 (or under 18 in certain circumstances) can currently continue to claim CTC. You should inform the Inland Revenue you are going into full-time education. Maximum CTC will entitle your children to free school meals, as well as help with NHS costs, such as prescriptions.

Universal Credit has started to replace six existing benefits with a single monthly payment for those out of work or on a low income. Universal Credit will eventually replace:

- Housing Benefit
- Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit

Universal Credit was introduced on 29 April 2013 in selected areas of Greater Manchester and Cheshire. It will be gradually rolled out to the rest of the UK and is expected to be completed by 2017. For more information go to: [www.gov.uk/universalcredit](http://www.gov.uk/universalcredit)

Council Tax – Full-time students are exempt from Council Tax. Students should inform their local council of their student status. Where this leaves one eligible person in a household a 25% Council Tax discount may be claimed.

For more information go to the University’s Student Services Centre webpages and click on "Documents and letters": [www.nottingham.ac.uk/ssc](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/ssc)

Please contact the Student Union’s Advice Centre for more details on benefits and your entitlement – see Useful Contacts on page 4.
Useful contacts

**National contacts**

The National College for Teaching & Leadership, part of the Department for Education
Advice on ITT Bursaries and ways into teaching
+44 (0)800 38 92500
[www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching](http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching)

Gov.UK
Advice and information on all aspects of student finance including eligibility, entitlement and how to apply for funding through Student Finance.
[www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)

Student Loans Company
Information relating to Student Loans.
[www.slc.co.uk](http://www.slc.co.uk)

Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs (HMRC)
Information on tax credits eligibility and application procedures.
[www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk)

National Union of Students (NUS)
Advice and guidance on all aspects of student life.
[www.nus.org.uk](http://www.nus.org.uk)

**University contacts**

School of Education
The University of Nottingham, Jubilee Campus, Wollaton Road, Nottingham, NG8 1BB
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[www.nottingham.ac.uk/education](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/education)

Funding & Financial Support, Student Services
Advice on all aspects of student finance including Student Loans, Government grants, University scholarships, bursaries and support funds.
+44 (0)115 82 32071
financialsupport@nottingham.ac.uk
[www.nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport)

Academic Support and Disability Support, Student Services
Study support, support for students with dyslexia, dyspraxia and other specific learning difficulties and disabilities.
+44 (0)115 82 32070 or
+44 (0)115 74 86500
dyslexia-support@nottingham.ac.uk or
disability-support@nottingham.ac.uk
[www.nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices)

University of Nottingham Students’ Union Student Advice Centre
A confidential service available to all University of Nottingham students, giving advice and information on a range of matters, such as housing, money and academic issues.
+44 (0)115 84 68730
SUAdvice@nottingham.ac.uk
[www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/helpadvice](http://www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/helpadvice)

All information was correct at the time of writing and is based on data from the Department for Education, Gov.UK and the University of Nottingham. We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information we provide however it can only give general guidance. We would always advise you to contact the relevant funding bodies referenced in relation to your specific circumstances.

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