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

This factsheet contains information for Home students entering in September 2021

If you require this document in an alternative format, please contact Funding and Financial Support:
t: +44 (0)115 82 32071
e: financialsupport@nottingham.ac.uk

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 be £9,250 for the 2021/22 academic year. You can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan from Student Finance England to cover this cost in full.

Student Loans Company support for living costs

Student Loan for living costs – the maximum loan for 2021/22 is £9,488 (£7,987 if you are living in your parents’ home). A percentage of the loan, £4,422 (£3,516 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 £10,815

Students, who meet the eligibility criteria, can also apply for additional allowances, such as the Childcare Grant, Parents Learning Allowance and Adult Dependents’ Grant. For further information on the support available through the Government: visit 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: 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 [nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport](http://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 benefits.

**Universal Credit** has replaced six existing benefits with a single monthly payment for those out of work or on a low income. Universal Credit replaces:

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

For more information go to: [gov.uk/universalcredit](http://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": [nottingham.ac.uk/ssc](http://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

Department for Education
Advice on ITT Bursaries and ways into teaching
+44 (0)800 38 92500
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.
gov.uk/studentfinance

Student Loans Company
Information relating to Student Loans.
slc.co.uk

Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs (HMRC)
Information on tax credits eligibility and application procedures.
hmrc.gov.uk

National Union of Students (NUS)
Advice and guidance on all aspects of student life.
nus.org.uk

University contacts

School of Education
The University of Nottingham, Jubilee Campus, Wollaton Road, Nottingham, NG8 1BB
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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
nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

Disability Support Services, 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
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
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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