

# Chemistry Scholarships



Bring your passion for chemistry to a career in the classroom

<https://www.rsc.org/prizes-funding/funding/find-funding/teacher-training-scholarships/#eligible>

## Benefits of a RSC Scholarship

If you have a **passion** for chemistry and want to inspire the next generation of scientists, then a teacher training scholarship from the Royal Society of Chemistry can help you on your way.

This year they are awarding **£29,000 tax-free** funding up to **150** talented individuals entering chemistry teacher training in England in the 2023/24 academic year.

An RSC scholar, you'll receive both financial and practical support to help you make the most of your studies and thrive in your career. Benefits include:

- £29,000 tax-free funding from the Department of Education
- Free classroom materials including books, posters and a lab coat
- Mentoring by an expert chemistry teacher
- Free online courses on key concepts in teaching chemistry
- Opportunities to engage with the Royal Society of Chemistry beyond the scholarship year

Scholars also get **free membership of the Royal for two years** this includes:

- **Education in Chemistry** bimonthly magazine, with news, reviews and opinions written by teachers for teachers
- **Access to national and regional networks** for chemistry teachers and trainee teachers
- Up to a third off books from top scientific publishers
- Assistance if you need it from our **Chemist' Community Fund**

# What they look for in candidates

Throughout the application process, they look for the following in candidates:

- An excellent understanding in chemistry
- An appreciation of the importance of chemistry education for learners and society
- A realistic understanding of teaching as a career
- A willingness to engage in reflective professional development
- A committed intention to teach in state-funded schools in England, once qualified
- Effective interpersonal skills (including communication and skills for productive working relationships)
- The empathy, respect and humility needed to relate to pupils, colleagues and parents/guardians
- An ability to explain complex chemistry ideas effectively for secondary school pupils
- An ability to inspire secondary school pupils to take an interest in chemistry

## Eligibility Criteria

- Intend to take up a training place on a **fee based (non-salaried)** secondary teaching course that leads to qualified teaching status (QTS) (**pre-16**), to receive scholarship funding.
- Hold a **chemistry or related degree** with proven or predicted grade of a **2:1 or above** (if you have a 2:2 your application will be **considered** if you can demonstrate **significant** relevant experience/ subject knowledge).
- Be classified as a **'home fee'** student. The Royal Society of Chemistry teacher training scholarship scheme is a government funded financial incentive to train to teach in England. Students with 'overseas fee' status **are not** eligible to apply.
- Be a student **eligible** to receive grants and loans towards tuition fees or living costs.
- Have **not** previously applied for a scholarship in the same academic year.

**Applications open 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022**