

Mathematics Scholarship

Mathematics
Teacher
Training
Scholarships

Are you passionate about mathematics?

Do you want to inspire the next generation of mathematicians?

Are you considering a career as a secondary mathematics teacher?

Benefits of a Mathematics Scholarship

The Mathematics Teacher Training Scholarships are back for an eleventh year and they have [270 Maths scholarships to award to those starting their initial teacher training in 2023/24](#), who have a passion for mathematics and want to share their knowledge with others- inspiring young minds in the classroom.

A maths scholarship also opens up the world of CPD, networking and knowledge sharing opportunities. This [includes complimentary membership of key mathematical societies, providing access to a wealth information regarding the latest developments in mathematics and maths education to help inspire and support teachers in their role.](#)

The continual professional development (CPD) events provide opportunities for maths scholars to hear from inspirational speakers, take away resources and talk to experienced maths teachers, developing personal networks which will last a lifetime and give them confidence to progress in their career.

In addition to the above, a Maths Scholar will receive a [tax-free bursary of £29,000](#) during their Initial Teacher Training year.

The support to maths scholars does not stop at the end of the initial teacher training year! All scholars are invited to become alumni once their training year is over, meaning that the scholar community includes brand new scholars, as well as experienced teachers, some of whom will have started their ninth year in teaching. Invitations to select CPD events are extended to members of our alumni, to carry on their professional development and continue the networking opportunities.

Eligibility Criteria

To apply for a Scholarship, you need to meet the following criteria:

- Be eligible for student finance

Have or expected to achieve:

- A **first or 2:1 undergraduate degree**, or a postgraduate degree (MSc, MRes, MPhil or PhD), or;
- A **2:2 undergraduate degree** and also **significant** relevant experience.

You meet one of the following:

- Have, or are studying for, a degree with **strong mathematical content** (e.g. mathematics, physics, engineering)
- Have a degree with strong mathematical content (e.g. mathematics, physics, engineering) and **will complete, or have completed, a Maths Subject Knowledge Enhancement Course (SKE)** of any duration **prior** to September 2023
- Have a non-mathematical degree and will complete, or have completed, a maths Subject Knowledge Enhancement Course (SKE) of a **minimum of 20 weeks** in duration **prior** to September 2023
- Have a non-mathematical degree with **extensive mathematical professional experience**

Ultimately, **secure** a training place on an eligible Secondary Mathematics PGCE or **unsalaried** School Direct mathematics course in England which leads to **Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)** for the 2023/24 academic year.

At the following two stages of the application process; the initial application and assessment, they also look for candidates to meet the wider criteria to become a maths scholar, namely:

- Demonstrate a love of, and passion for mathematics and a strong desire to share with others
- Have an excellent understanding of mathematics and the ability to explain mathematical concepts at a school level

- Are interested in, and committed to education/ teaching
- An ability to inspire secondary school pupils to take an interest in mathematics
- Have the personal attributes to make a good classroom teacher and manager
- Have an understanding of the benefits that the study of mathematics will have for the learners' careers and the major importance of mathematics to the UK economy
- A committed intention to teach in state-funded secondary schools in England, once qualified

These are aligned to the wider aims of the Mathematics Teacher Training scholarships.

Advice on the Criteria

The application process starts by completing and submitting our online application form. Maths Scholarships are **not** awarded automatically to individuals who meet the eligibility criteria, an application **must** be submitted.

You should only start the application if you feel you have the **necessary** subject knowledge. If you don't feel you do, then it is advised you begin the application process for an ITT course leading to QTS, so that you can be potentially allocated a place on a SKE course. Furthermore, if you are on an SKE course we recommend **applying sooner**, and if invited to an assessment, this may be towards the end of the academic year. This is to assist you with regards to the mathematical knowledge you will need to show as part of the overall assessment process.

If they are **unable** to determine strong-mathematical content of your degree then you will be asked to **provide a copy of your official university degree transcripts**. In addition to this, you may also need to provide **additional supporting information** if it is not obvious from your degree transcripts if you have the level of mathematics we require.

For funding or a scholarship you must be intending to take up a training place on a secondary teaching course that leads to QTS (**pre-16**). Trainees who take up a teacher training place on a course that leads to Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills Status (QTLS) **are not eligible** for funding or a scholarship as QTLS is a further Education qualification (**post-16**).