YOUR GUIDE TO

2013

TEACHER TRAINING

SCHOLARSHIPS

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The **IOP Teacher Training Scholarships** scheme rewards outstanding individuals wishing to embark on physics initial teacher training. If you have the drive and determination to become an exceptional teacher of physics, combined with impressive subject knowledge, you are invited to apply.

Following a successful scholarship scheme in 2012, we will be awarding a further 100 scholarships for the 2013–14 academic year.

**As an IOP scholar you will receive a complete package of rewards and benefits:**

- £20,000 tax-free award
- IOP membership
- Mentoring through our Stimulating Physics Support (SPS) programme
- Networking and support from your scholarship peers
- Opportunity to become an IOP physics teacher ambassador
- Chance to contribute to physics education policy

**Are you eligible?**

If you have the academic and personal qualities that will enable you to excel in the world of physics education we urge you to apply.

**To apply you will need to:**

- have an excellent, proven (or predicted) academic record with a first or 2.1 degree; or hold a PhD or masters degree or recognised equivalent;
- have an excellent understanding of school-level physics;
- have an excellent ability to explain physics ideas at school level;
- have an interest in physics education;
- possess the qualities required to be an inspirational teacher of physics;
- by September 2013 secure your training place on an eligible PGCE or School Direct physics or physics with maths course in England for the 2013/14 academic year;
- qualify as a home student and meet the bursary eligibility criteria set out in the Teaching Agency bursary guidance.

**More eligibility information can be found online.**

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FAQs

Do I need a physics degree?
No. However, you are very unlikely to be given a place on a course unless your degree contains sufficient physics content (examples include engineering, sports science or astronomy), or you have undertaken a subject knowledge enhancement course in physics.

I have a PhD, would I be suitable?
Yes, applications are not restricted just to graduates of first degrees. We will be awarding scholarships to individuals from a variety of backgrounds and ages.

I graduated some time ago, does this matter?
Not at all, your experiences since graduating could be very valuable to becoming a teacher.

I’m not due to graduate until later this year, can I still apply?
Yes you can, as long as your predicted grade is a 2.1 or above.

I’m currently doing a SKE course, should I apply now or wait until I’ve completed it?
You can apply at any time but we will be assessing your subject knowledge, so you may prefer to wait until you have completed your SKE course. You can always express your intention of applying by e-mailing us. Keep an eye on the deadline dates.

What choices do I have for teacher training?
We can only award you a scholarship if you undertake your teacher training in England and do a PGCE or have a School Direct place.

Does the IOP arrange my teacher training course?
No, the scholarship will be awarded independently of your teacher training. You can apply for a scholarship at any time in this process.

Can I apply if I want to do a part-time PGCE course?
Yes, the scholarship support that you receive will be the same but your payments will be spread out throughout your training period.

Will I also get the government’s training bursary?
No, if you are awarded a scholarship it will be instead of the government’s training bursary.

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Winning a scholarship

Scholarships will be awarded to the top 100 applicants who impress us with their knowledge, enthusiasm and passion.

Places are limited – not winning a scholarship does not mean that you are unsuitable for teaching, and we offer support to all training teachers of physics through our Student Teacher Affiliation programme.

How to apply

Go to [www.iop.org/scholarships](http://www.iop.org/scholarships) to complete an online application form.

If shortlisted, you will be invited to attend an assessment day and will be told shortly afterwards if you are successful.

To manage demand there will be a series of application deadlines throughout the year. To find out the next deadline visit our website. We strongly recommend that you submit your application as soon as possible. You can apply before or after you have secured your place on a teacher training course.

To find out what to expect on an assessment day take a look at our video that can be found online.

Related links

Our advice on becoming a physics teacher: [www.iop.org/teach](http://www.iop.org/teach)

The government’s teacher training website: [www.education.gov.uk/getintoteaching](http://www.education.gov.uk/getintoteaching)

Teacher training course application website: [www.gttr.ac.uk](http://www.gttr.ac.uk)

The IOP Teacher Training Scholarship scheme is run in partnership with the Department for Education.

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