2016 PHYSICS TEACHER TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS

150 EXCEPTIONAL AWARDS

£30,000 TAX-FREE FUNDING

MENTOR SUPPORT & NETWORKING

IOP Institute of Physics
The IOP Teacher Training Scholarships scheme rewards outstanding people wishing to embark on physics initial teacher education in England. If you have the drive and determination to become an exceptional teacher of physics, and impressive subject knowledge, we encourage you to apply.

We are awarding 150 scholarships for the 2016/17 academic year. Each scholarship package provides £30,000 funding and exclusive IOP support.

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

• £30,000 tax-free funding
• IOP membership for your training year
• Early career mentoring from an experienced physics teacher through our Stimulating Physics Network programme. For details visit www.stimulatingphysics.org/mentoring
• Invitations to attend exclusive celebration events at the start and end of your training
• Opportunities to attend events and educational trips exclusively for IOP scholars throughout your training year
• 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 teaching 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. If you have a 2:2 degree we will consider your application if you can demonstrate significant physics-related industrial experience
• By September 2016, secure your training place on an eligible university-led or school-led (non-salaried) physics or physics with maths course in England for the 2016/17 academic year
• Qualify as a home student and meet the bursary eligibility criteria set out in the National College for Teaching and Leadership bursary guidance
• 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

More eligibility information can be found at www.iop.org/scholarships.
How to apply

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

If your online application is shortlisted, you will be invited to attend an assessment day in London 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 [www.iop.org/scholarships](http://www.iop.org/scholarships).

You can apply before or after you have secured your place on a teacher training course. If you are taking a Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE) course, we recommend that you submit your application towards the end of this course.

If you have any questions about the application process please get in touch by sending an e-mail to teach@iop.org or by calling 020 7470 4959.

Winning a scholarship

Scholarships will be awarded to the top 150 applicants who impress us with their physics subject knowledge, enthusiasm and passion for teaching.

Places are limited. Not winning a scholarship does not mean you are unsuitable for teaching, and we urge you to continue to apply for physics teacher training. We offer support to all trainee teachers of physics through our Student Teacher Affiliation programme. For further details visit [www.iop.org/student-teacher](http://www.iop.org/student-teacher).

Why apply?

**Aloka’s story**

“The financial support of the scholarship has meant I can afford to change careers, and the intellectual support from the physics community has meant that I am not alone in discussing how best to teach physics.”

**Nicolas’s story**

“As well as the obvious financial help, the IOP has put on many useful events, which have included some great tips for physics in the classroom. The IOP also provides another layer of support, independent from the training school and university. I think that having the scholarship on my CV enhanced my chances at interview – I was offered a job in February of my training year.”

**Mary’s story**

“Having such a respected organisation see the potential in me to be a great physics teacher is the biggest confidence boost I could have asked for. Financially, it means I can concentrate on becoming that brilliant teacher without money worries, and having an experienced mentor is invaluable.”
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 (SKE) 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.

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 university-led or school-led (non-salaried) training course.

Does 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.

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.

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.

More FAQs can be found online at www.iop.org/scholarships.

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

Related links

Our advice on becoming a physics teacher:
www.iop.org/teach

The government’s teacher training website:
getintoteaching.education.gov.uk

Teacher training course application website:
www.ucas.com/teacher-training

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