

**IOP Education**

# Physics teacher training scholarships

Helping you train to teach physics in 2023 - 2024

*“The sense of being part of a group of like-minded trainee teachers with a passion for physics gave me additional confidence at the start of my training.”*

Richard, IOP Scholar



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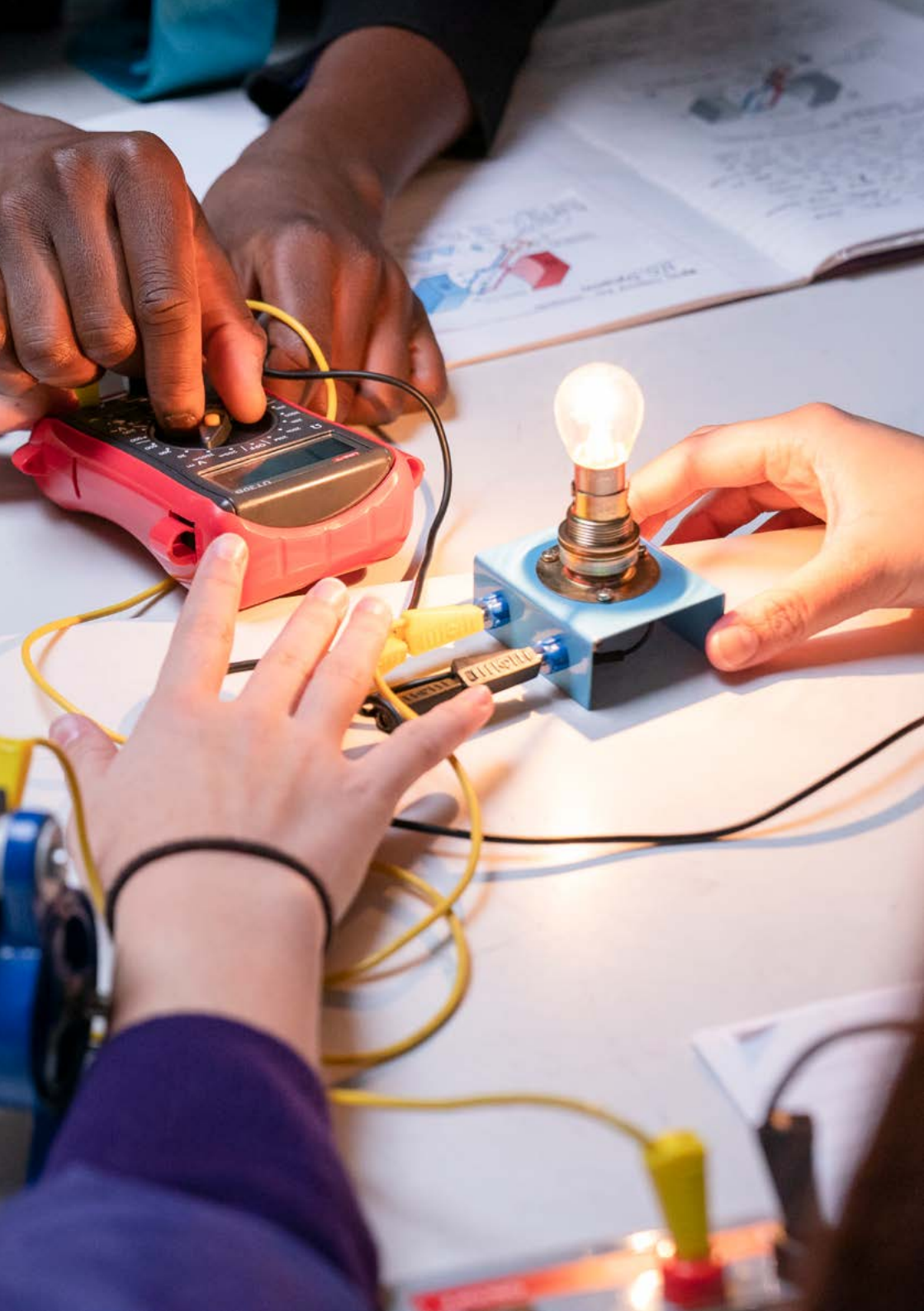
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## Inspire others with your passion for physics

### Could you use your knowledge to change the world for the better?

An Institute of Physics (IOP) teacher training scholarship could help you start an exciting new career as a physics teacher. 175 scholarships are available for 2023 - 2024, giving you the support you need to succeed and stand out. A core part of the IOP's mission is to give all pupils access to specialist physics teachers. Pupils in low-socioeconomic areas tend to have limited access to specialist teaching, so we are encouraging IOP scholars to consider a role in such areas and we will be providing extra mentoring support for those who choose to teach there. We welcome applications that reflect the breath of diversity in England. We particularly encourage applications from women, Black, Asian and minority ethnic people, disabled people, LGBT+ individuals and people from disadvantaged backgrounds, as they are currently under-represented in the physics community.

#### With an IOP scholarship, you get

- Support to develop your physics teaching skills including Continuing Professional Development (CPD) workshops.
- Funding of £29,000 (tax free).
- The benefits of IOP membership for your training year.

*"The IOP scholarship CPD sessions have been incredibly helpful, giving useful hints and tips to help students and also providing interesting new ways to teach things."*

Helen, IOP Scholar

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## What you need to apply

### To apply, you'll need

- A good knowledge of physics, and a passion for the subject.
- The ability to communicate clearly and inspire others.
- A physics or related degree.
- A physics A-Level or equivalent (grade C or above) is desirable.
- An excellent academic record, with a first, 2:1, master's or PhD degree (proven or predicted). In exceptional circumstances, applicants with a 2:2 and significant relevant experience will be considered.
- A secured place (by September 2023) on an eligible university, school-based initial teacher training (SCITT) or School Direct (non-salaried) physics or physics with maths course resulting in qualified teacher status (QTS) in England for the 2023 - 2024 academic year - although you can apply for a scholarship first.

When applying for your scholarship, ensure you demonstrate your knowledge, enthusiasm and passion for both physics and teaching.

*"The IOP scholarship offers several benefits for a trainee teacher and looks impressive when applying for training programmes and jobs in the future."*

Franceska, IOP Scholar

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## Your questions answered

### Do I need a physics degree?

No. But your degree does need enough physics content (for example, engineering or astronomy). Or you may need to complete a Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE) course in physics.<sup>1</sup>

### I graduated some time ago. Does it matter?

Not at all. Your experience since graduating could make you a better teacher. We award scholarships to people of all ages from a variety of backgrounds.

### What teacher training courses can I take?

To be eligible for an IOP scholarship, you'll need to take a university-led or school-led (non-salaried) teacher training course, in England. Your course **must** be either physics or physics with maths and **must** result in qualified teacher status (QTS).

### Does the IOP arrange my teacher training course?

No. You need to apply for your teacher training course separately to applying for a scholarship.

### Can I get a scholarship for a part-time training course?

Yes. The scholarship you receive will be the same, but your payments will be spread over your training period.

### Will I also get the government's training bursary?

No. If you are awarded an IOP scholarship, it will be instead of the government's training bursary.

1. You can apply for a scholarship while doing an SKE course, but we will assess your subject knowledge, so you may prefer to wait until you have completed your course. Email us to let us know you intend to apply, and keep an eye on the application deadlines.

## How to apply

### Apply online at [iop.org/scholarships](https://iop.org/scholarships)

If your online application is shortlisted, it will be reviewed by a panel of IOP staff including experienced physics teachers. You will also be asked to complete a further online subject knowledge test.

There will be a series of monthly application deadlines announced in due course through to July 2023. Find out when the next deadline is at [iop.org/scholarships](https://iop.org/scholarships)

Remember: You can apply before or after you have secured your place on a teacher training course. If you are doing an SKE course, we recommend you apply towards the end of the course.

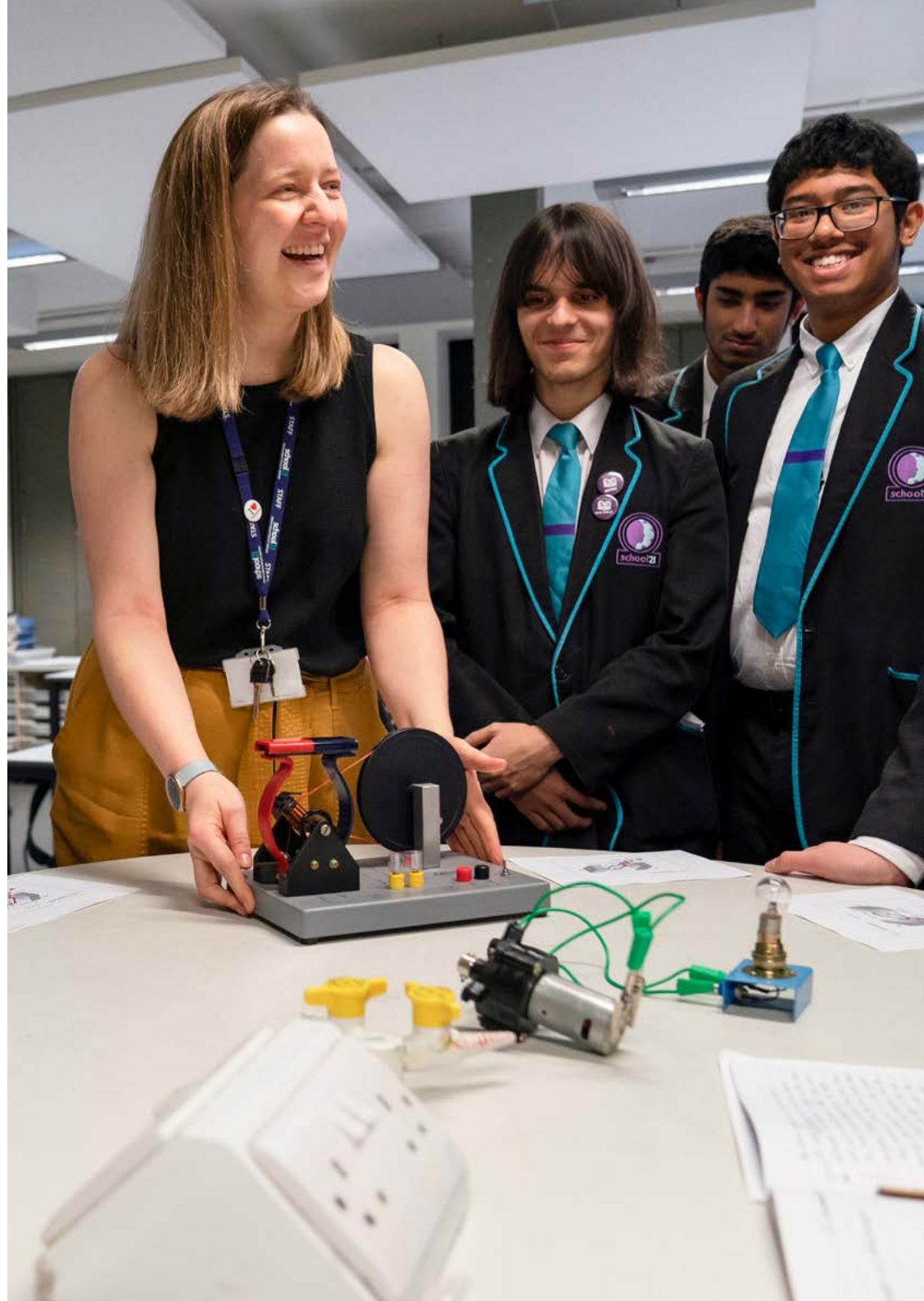
We look forward to receiving your application.

If you have any questions about the application process, please get in touch by sending an email to [teach@iop.org](mailto:teach@iop.org) or call **020 7470 4959**.

There are 175 scholarships available for 2023 - 2024. Not winning a scholarship does not mean you are unsuitable for teaching. Whatever happens, we will support you in training to become a physics teacher through our early career teacher programme.

Once you have been accepted onto a teacher training course, you can sign up at [iop.org/student-teacher](https://iop.org/student-teacher)

**The Institute of Physics (IOP)** is the professional body and learned society for physics in the UK and Ireland. It seeks to raise public awareness and understanding of physics, inspire people to develop their knowledge, understanding and enjoyment of physics and support the development of a diverse and inclusive physics community. As a charity, it has a mission to ensure that physics delivers on its exceptional potential to benefit society.



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## Useful websites

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

The government's teacher training website: **[getintoteaching.education.gov.uk](https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk)**

Find a teacher training course website: **[gov.uk/find-postgraduate-teacher-training-courses](https://gov.uk/find-postgraduate-teacher-training-courses)**

Teacher training course application website: **[gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training](https://gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training)**

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