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POSTGRADUATE TEACHING BURSARIES

IN NORTHERN IRELAND

WOULD YOU CONSIDER A CAREER IN EDUCATION?

Continuing in September 2027, the Department of Education is offering generous financial support for students pursuing a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) at Queen's University Belfast or the University of Ulster in subjects with teacher shortages.

ELIGIBLE SUBJECTS

- Maths
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Computing/ICT
- Technology and Design
- Irish-medium (IM Post-Primary Enhancement Programme, QUB and Ulster University)

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

- **Full tuition fees paid**
- £12,000 living cost grant
- Total bursary value: £17,000

WHY CHOOSE TEACHING?

Teaching is a rewarding and fulfilling career that allows you to shape young minds, make a lasting impact and contribute meaningfully to society. It also offers an extremely competitive pay and rewards package, with the starting salary for graduate teachers now **£32,916**.

ELIGIBILITY AND COMMITMENT

All Northern Ireland students enrolled on PGCE courses in these subjects will be eligible for the bursary. **All bursary recipients will be expected to teach in publicly funded schools in Northern Ireland for a minimum of two years after qualifying.** Individual Higher Education Institutions will determine eligibility as part of their admissions and enrolment process. Full eligibility criteria, together with guidance issued to these institutions, is available on the Department's website.

HOW DO I APPLY?

There is no need for a separate application for the bursary. **Simply apply for the PGCE course at Queen's or Ulster. For more information, visit www.education-ni.gov.uk or contact the University Admissions Offices.**

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