

Languages Teacher Training Scholarships 2020/21 - FAQs

1) How will the current situation regarding COVID-19 affect my application, interview and PGCE year? *The current situation should have no effect on the application process. Interviews will be online rather than face to face; if you're successful more details will be provided. Any questions you have about delays to your training should be directed to your provider.*

2) How is the Languages Teacher Training Scholarship different from the Teacher Training Bursary? And can I only have one or the other? *The bursary does not have an application process, eligibility for student finance and being on a fee-based non-salaried MFL course leading to QTS are the primary criteria. Please note that if awarded a £28,000 Languages scholarship by the British Council, you would not receive a £26,000 bursary in addition.*

3) How will the interviews be conducted/what will the interview process look like? Can I specify which language it will be conducted in? *The interviews for this year, will be conducted online; more details will be provided if you're successful. It will be done in 2 languages - mainly conducted in English and then questioning in Target Language (if choosing to train to teach more than one language you will be able to choose which language this will be).*

4) When is the deadline for the Languages Teacher Training Scholarship application? *1st June 2020.*

5) I do not have my degree certificate/I do not know the result of my degree yet. Can I still apply? *Yes, you can still apply. There is an option in the application to select your predicted grades and you can upload a transcript of your predicted grades.*

6) How much money is awarded for LTTs? *You would receive £28,000 during your training year (ten monthly instalments from your training provider commencing in October), as well as up to £6,000 Early Career payments (£2,000 at the start of years 2, 3 and 4 of teaching).*

7) What are the eligibility criteria? *To be eligible to apply, you must have, or be predicted to achieve, a minimum of a 2:1 in a French, German or Spanish degree. You may also be considered if you have a 2:1 degree in a different subject and can demonstrate excellent language skills and significant cultural knowledge (e.g. experience of living/working in the target language country, or you're a native speaker). If you have a 2:2, or predicted 2:2 degree in the language, a relevant PhD or master's degree, or recognised equivalent and substantial relevant experience, you may be considered on a case-by-case basis. If you wish to apply, you must be able to demonstrate your interest and experience with clear examples.*

Home and EU students must be entitled to support for a tuition fee loan via Student Finance England. Please note that you do not have to take out this financial support, but you need to meet the criteria. EU students should also have normally been resident in the UK for three years prior to the start of the teacher training course. We recommend that if you are from outside of the UK, you should confirm eligibility with Student Finance England before applying for the scholarship. Contact Student Finance England. Residents of Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland must be entitled to support as set out by your country's student finance body (Student Finance Wales, Student Awards Agency Scotland or Student Finance NI).

Teaching training course requirements: By September 2020, you must secure your place on an eligible university- or school-led (fee-based, non-salaried) initial teacher training (ITT) course in England for the 2020/21 academic year via UCAS. The training place must be with a DfE-approved

provider and lead to achieved [Qualified Teacher Status \(QTS\) status](#). Scholarship funding is not available for trainees who want to take up a course that leads to Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS). QTLS is for further education (post-16) and you cannot obtain QTLS if you are on a course for pre-16. Qualified teacher status (QTS): qualify to teach in England. Find out how to obtain qualified teacher status (QTS) to teach in a maintained school or non-maintained special school in England.

8) I have achieved a 2.2 grade in my degree. Can I still apply? *See above*

9) I do not yet have a physical NARIC statement of comparability. Will this affect my application? *You may face a delay receiving your NARIC statement, but you can request a pdf version to be emailed to you. If you organise this with NARIC, you can submit the online copy in your application.*

10) Do you have to have been accepted onto a training course before applying? *No, but you must state where you would prefer to do your training in England starting in September 2020.*

11) What other information/documentation is needed in the application beside the eligibility criteria? *Besides the eligibility criteria, you will be asked to provide contact information, previous work or academic experience relevant to teaching or language skills; as well as a supporting personal statement and referee details (if graduated in past three years an academic referee, if more than three years a professional referee).*

12) I already hold QTS in UK/another country - can I still apply? *You would not be eligible if you hold Qualified Teacher Status. The DfE provide guidance on [converting overseas QTS to England equivalency](#).*

13) What does my NARIC statement of comparability need to show? *It should show you're your overseas qualification is equivalent to a UK Undergraduate Bachelor's Degree, as a minimum.*

14) How do I apply for a NARIC statement of comparability? *Please visit the following website <https://www.naric.org.uk/naric/Individuals/Compare%20Qualifications/Statement%20of%20Comparability.aspx>*

15) Can I defer my scholarship if I am successful? *This can be done but subject to a case by case basis. Please get in touch via email to see if this applies to you.*

16) How many scholarships are award each year? *We award on average 150 scholarships per year.*

17) Do I need to have previous teaching experience to apply for the scholarship? *Not necessarily but it would help when answering interview questions regarding how you will react in a teaching environment. You should also include any experience you have working with children.*

18) Is there an upward age restriction for applying? *There is no upward age restriction.*

19) Does the scholarship cover my student loan fees? *Scholars can opt to use their funding to pay for course fees if agreed with their training provider, however a tuition fee loan can also be used if seeking to cover only living costs with scholarship funding. How recipients use their funding is at their discretion.*

20) Am I still eligible for the scholarship if I choose a SCITT as a training provider? *You are eligible if you have secured a training place on an eligible non-salaried school languages course in England for the 2020/21 academic year by September 2020 leading to QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) at secondary level.*

21) Am I eligible for the scholarship if I am planning to train on a PGDE rather than a PGCE? *Only a course that leads explicitly to QTS can be eligible for the scholarship – as PGDE courses largely offer QTLS (Qualified Teacher Learning & Skills) it would not be eligible. Please refer to your provider to clarify the teaching status outcome of your course however.*

22) How/when will we hear about the progress of our application? *You will be contacted via email after the applications have been reviewed. This will inform you if you have been shortlisted for an interview and how the interview process will work this year.*

23) Can I train to complete my PGCE for one language instead of two? Will this affect my chances of being awarded a scholarship? *Yes, you can study to teach one language, but you may want to enhance your subject knowledge of a second language to help with your employability. It will not affect your chances of being awarded a scholarship.*