Funding for Initial Teacher Education (ITE) students

The details below provide information on the financial support that is available for ITE course at the University of Birmingham in the 2014/15 academic year.

Tuition fee loans

All home and EU students, except those on the first year of the two-year Mathematics programme, are eligible to take out a Tuition Fee Loan from the Student Loans Company (SLC) to cover their tuition fee of £9,000 for the academic year 2014/15. This will need to be repaid after graduation, but only once you are in work and earning over £21,000 per year.

Home students should apply to their appropriate **regional funding agency** for the Tuition Fee Loan at the same time as applying for other statutory support.

EU students wishing to apply for the Tuition Fee Loan can download a copy of the application form from the **gov.uk website**. For more information contact the Student Finance Services EU team on 0141 243 3570.

Maintenance loans and grants

Home (not EU) students, except those on the first year of the two-year Mathematics programme, are eligible to apply for a Maintenance Loan, if required, of up to £5,555 (if living away from home and outside of London) to cover general living costs.

Home students may also be eligible for a means-tested Maintenance Grant of up to £3,387. Applications are assessed by your appropriate **regional funding agency** and supplementary grants (e.g. Parents Learning Allowance, Childcare Grant, Disabled Students' Allowances, etc) may also be available to you.

Training bursaries

Home and EU ITE students may be eligible for a training bursary of up to £20,000 from the National College for Teaching and Leadership or up to £25,000 as a scholarship from various NCTL-related organisations. Details will be sent to you in the Summer, prior to the start of your course.

If you are eligible, the University will pay the bursary to you on a monthly basis during your course, from the end of September until you complete your studies. It will not be subject to income tax.

Please note that for 2014/15, PE will no longer be an eligible subject for a bursary.

The **National College for Teaching and Leadership** provide comprehensive details of the scheme.

Hockerill Educational Foundation grants

The Hockerill Educational Foundation invites applications for grants (usually worth £500 - £1000 per year) to teacher training students who have particular financial difficulties.

Students training to teach Religious Education are their highest priority, but they can also help students in other areas, particularly primary education students. If you think you may be eligible, you should apply now for a grant for the academic year 2014-15. Applications received by 31 March 2014 have priority, but they will consider applications received during April/May if funds are available. The final deadline is 31 May 2014.

To request an application form and guidance email: **info@hockerillfoundation.org.uk**.

Association of Church College Trusts

From 2013-14, trainees in secondary Religious Education are eligible to apply to one of the Church College Trusts for a grant towards course expenses or living expenses. Candidates can check **www.cstg.org.uk/acct** for further details of the trusts and foundations to which they can apply.

International students

International students are not eligible for Tuition Fee Loans, Maintenance Loans/Grants or training bursaries. In exceptional circumstances, they may be eligible for a Hockerill Educational Foundation grant.

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