**SCHOOL DIRECT BURSARIES 2024 - 2025**

Bursary funding is available to some Associate Teachers completing the School Direct programme and is **most** advantageous for those undertaking training in the shortage subjects identified by the Department for Education. As Associate Teachers are **not** able to access a bursary **and** a salary, they are not directly employed by their placement schools and will be registered as Associate Teachers with West Midlands Consortium. ATs are eligible for a bursary if they have a 1st, 2:1, 2:2, PhD or Masters.

Bursary payments are paid directly by WMC to eligible Associate Teachers in equal instalments for a period of 10 months beginning in October of their training year.

West Midlands Consortium charge a fee of **£5,500** per Associate Teacher for training which can either:

1. Be paid directly to WMC by the AT – in which case there will be **no** cost to the training school for the School Direct programme
2. Be paid to WMC at the beginning of the School Direct programme on behalf of the AT by their placement school\*

\*Many of our placement schools have opted to agree a scholarship agreement with the Associate Teacher in which they must repay the fee should they not (a) complete the programme or (b) choose not to take up an offer of employment in their training school.

Associate Teachers on School Direct courses are eligible to apply for student finance.

**Bursary Funding for 2024 - 2025**

Chemistry, Physics, Maths and Computing - £28,000

Biology, Design Technology, Languages and Geography - £25,000

Art and Design, Music, RE and English - £10,000

**Scholarships**

Applicants may be eligible for a scholarship (in lieu of a bursary) if they have a 1st, 2:1, Masters or PhD although, in exceptional circumstances they may be awarded to an applicant with a 2:2 and significant relevant experience.

Scholarships also come with a package of additional benefits from the appropriate professional body. Scholarship applicants should apply to the relevant professional body, details are available on [Get Into Teaching](https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-your-training).

**Scholarship Funding for 2024 - 2025**

Chemistry, Physics, Maths and Computing - £30,000

French, German and Spanish - £27,000 (no other languages)

Associate Teachers **cannot** receive both a scholarship and a bursary.