

National Scholarship Scheme to Support Professional Development 2011/12

Supporting the professional development of teachers

The Schools White Paper, '*The Importance of Teaching*' announced plans to introduce 'a competitive national scholarship scheme to support the professional development' of teachers, giving them 'the opportunity to deepen their subject knowledge and renew the passion which brought them into the classroom'.

What is the scholarship?

The scholarship will let you choose professional development programmes and activities to suit you, supporting and strengthening your subject knowledge or specific knowledge and skills relating to supporting pupils with SEN, and giving you more control over your career.

It will also make it easier for you to access expert seminars and Masters level continuous professional development (CPD) in your chosen area.

The scholarship will not only allow knowledge, learning, and expertise to be shared across the school system, but we also hope that it will

support a culture change, highlighting how important professional development is in every teacher's career.

Who can apply?

Any teacher that has qualified teacher status (QTS) and works in one of the following types of eligible schools in England can apply for a scholarship:

- Maintained schools (including Special Schools), non-maintained Special Schools, City Technology Colleges, Academies, Free Schools and Pupil Referral Units (PRUs)
- Local Authority peripatetic (centrally employed) teachers with QTS are also eligible.



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What are the priority areas?

This year we are focusing the scholarship scheme on four priority areas.

- Maths
- English
- Science
- Special Educational Needs (SEN)

What can I use the scholarship money for?

This scholarship is a very prestigious fund. We'd like to see applicants use this money for Masters level development, or other highly valuable opportunities, such as subject specific seminars. We would welcome applications from teachers hoping to register for this kind of development.

How much can I apply for?

The maximum scholarship award will be £3,500. You will need to meet any additional costs. The value of the award will vary according to the nature of the proposed activity.

For further information about CPD opportunities visit the National CPD database at <https://cpdsearch.tda.gov.uk/>

For reviews of evidence based research visit the Teacher Development hub at <http://bit.ly/tdhub>

When can I apply?

Applications to the scheme will open in June 2011 and will close by the end of September 2011. You'll find out whether your application has been successful by December 2011.

You can find further information and the application form on our website:

www.tda.gov.uk/pdscholarship

For any further queries, please e-mail nationalpdscholarshipscheme@tda.gov.uk

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