STEM Bursaries
Partner toolkit
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What’s the toolkit for?

The toolkit has been created for use by universities and other partners to help promote the scheme.

It acts as a guide on how best to amplify the scheme across your key web and social media channels.

Any case studies/film from your own organisation can be used as well as the information provided in this toolkit.

You can create your own posts and talk more about your own organisation’s part in the STEM bursary scheme.

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Background

STEM Bursaries are one of the actions within the STEM Strategy for Education and Training, published in October 2017. Skills Development Scotland (SDS) administers the bursaries to students undertaking a Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE).

Targets for the past two years, set at 100, were both exceeded: 107 in 2018-19 and 111 in 2019-20.

For successful applications, Bursary payments will be made in 10 equal monthly instalments from September 2020 to June 2021.
To be eligible to apply for the 2020-21 scheme, candidates must:

- have been in employment for at least 36 out of the last 60 months, including career breaks
- hold a 2.1 degree or meet the minimum ITE entry requirement with a relevant masters in their subject area
- have Higher English and National 5/credit level Maths, or equivalent
- be at least 36 months away from full time education unless they have completed a paid PhD which includes teaching experience
Digital Assets

- **STEM Bursaries website**
- **News article on SDS website**
- **Case study of recent recipient**
STEM Bursary Scheme to open for applications

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150 career changers - up from last year’s 100 target - will now be able to apply for the £20,000 bursary to support them while training, to fill the high-demand teaching roles in STEM subjects. The scheme’s budget is also being increased, from £2 million to £3 million. Targets for the past two years, set at 100, were both exceeded: 107 in 2018-19, and 111 in 2019-20.

Last year, Home Economics was included in the subjects available for the first time, while the other STEM subjects in most demand are Physics, Chemistry, Maths, Technical Education and Computing Science. This year’s bursary scheme will open for applications on Monday 16 March, for postgraduate teacher training courses beginning in August 2020.

Deputy First Minister John Swinney said:
“Developing STEM skills is vital for our future economy, and having great STEM teachers who are enthusiastic about their subjects will inspire the next generation of the Scottish workforce.
“The success of the 2019-20 scheme demonstrates that teaching is recognised as an attractive profession, and we want to continue to make it more accessible to those considering a career change to become teachers.
“These bursaries continue to provide financial help, making it easier for enthusiastic career changers to take that step into a rewarding and exciting new career, sharing their passion and expertise with young people.

Nadeem Kardar from Edinburgh left a successful career in the higher education sector to study for a Professional Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) in secondary education at Edinburgh Napier University to become a chemistry and science teacher.
He said:
“It’s hard to go 10 months without any source of income when you’re trying to support yourself – never mind a family too. That's why the STEM bursaries are so helpful.
“Thanks to the support of the bursary, I can be at home with my family – I am already enjoying the benefits.”

Paul McGuiness, Skills Development Scotland’s National Training Programmes Performance and Operations Manager, said:
“Our learning system is focused on ensuring all people in Scotland have the skills, information and opportunities to succeed in an increasingly global economy which is constantly evolving.

“STEM skills are central to achieving this, and the STEM Bursary plays an important role in attracting the right calibre of people into the classroom to help our young people fulfil their potential.”
Scheme to encourage people to train as secondary school teachers in STEM subjects now open to applications.

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Further information, including eligibility and application, is available by going to stembursaryscotland.co.uk
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Are you looking to #careerchange to inspire the next generation? Applications are now open for £20,000 of support to retrain as a secondary school teacher in #STEM subjects http://bit.ly/2INT2Ld #stembursary
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Support to career change to become a teacher in STEM subjects
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