

# Geography Teacher Training Scholarships

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- Train to teach and inspire future geographers
- Apply for a prestigious £17,000 tax-free scholarship
- Receive extra subject support, training and RGS-IBG Fellowship whilst you train

# Inspire the next generation of geographers. Train to teach.

With record numbers of pupils studying geography there is a greater need to recruit the next generation of geography teachers.

The Society is delighted to be working with the Department for Education to run the RGS-IBG Scholarship Programme for geographers starting their teacher training in the autumn of 2020.

These prestigious scholarships will provide outstanding trainees with significant financial and professional support.

## Support

- £17,000 tax-free funding
- Free training events on key subjects, GIS and residential fieldwork
- Access to teaching resources
- Fellowship of the Society
- Membership of the Geographical Association
- A *Get ready to teach* resources box
- Networking opportunities and other support to complement your teacher training course

## Eligibility

You will need:

- A strong commitment to geographical education and be able to demonstrate this alongside any relevant experience
- An excellent proven, or predicted, academic record in geography holding a first or 2:1 Hons degree (or 2:2 with significant experience), or a Master's or PhD
- To secure a training place on an eligible non-salaried school or university led geography teacher training course in England for the 2020/21 academic year
- To meet the bursary eligibility criteria. Visit *Get Into Teaching* for more information [W getintoteaching.education.gov.uk](http://www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk)

*'It was my geography teacher who inspired me to study this subject and I want the next generation of teachers to have a similar positive impact on their pupils. So if you are a passionate geographer and want to become a teacher, I'd encourage you to apply for a RGS-IBG Geography Teacher Training Scholarship.'* **Nicholas Crane** RGS-IBG Past President

## How to apply

If you meet our eligibility criteria you can apply online via [W rgs.org/scholarships](http://www.rgs.org/scholarships) If shortlisted you will be invited to an assessment day at the RGS-IBG in London. The deadline for applications is 26 June 2020. If you have any questions please email [E scholarships@rgs.org](mailto:scholarships@rgs.org)

You could be eligible for the *Premier Plus* service, which provides additional support when preparing and applying for teacher training and scholarships. Visit *Get Into Teaching* for more information [W getintoteaching.education.gov.uk](http://www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk)

## FAQs

### Do I need a geography degree?

We are seeking applications from those with an undergraduate degree in geography or a closely related discipline (e.g. geology, earth sciences, or environment sciences where geography forms 60% or more). If you cannot meet this requirement you may still be able to apply for a geography bursary through *Get Into Teaching*.

### I have a PhD, would I be suitable?

Yes. Applications are not restricted to those with an undergraduate degree.

### I am doing a Subject Knowledge Enhancement course in geography, can I apply?

Yes, if you meet the other eligibility criteria.

### I'm not a recent graduate, can I still apply?

Yes. As long as you meet our criteria it doesn't matter whether you are a current or recent graduate or a 'career changer'. If the latter, your experiences could provide additional support to your application.

### Should my teacher training place be confirmed before applying for a scholarship?

You **do not** need to apply for a teacher training course before a scholarship application is submitted, but **you must** have secured an eligible place by September 2020. You can apply for teacher training via UCAS Teacher Training. For more information on the routes into teaching and help with your application visit the *Get Into Teaching* website [W getintoteaching.education.gov.uk](http://www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk)

### Will the RGS-IBG arrange my teacher training course?

No. Scholarships are awarded separately to your teacher training place, which you must apply for independently.

### If I get a scholarship will I also get the government's training bursary?

No. If you are selected to receive a scholarship it will be instead of a training bursary.



# Further information



## The Society

All geography graduates are welcome to join the Society as a Fellow. For further information please visit

**W** [rgs.org/joinus](https://rgs.org/joinus)

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## Government

For more information about the different routes into teaching visit

**W** [getintoteaching.education.gov.uk](https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk)

*'The scholarship has been amazing! As well as the financial benefits, the scheme has opened so many doors and networking opportunities with others in the field. The RGS-IBG have held a number of different training events specifically for trainees which have been a great addition alongside my university training'.*

**Rowena Butterworth** Geography Scholar

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