

£20,000 bursary opportunity for aspiring STEM teachers

The Scottish Government has launched a new bursary for career changers looking to get into STEM education.

The STEM Teacher Education Bursary is a £20,000 incentive to ease the transition from paid employment into Initial Teacher Education.

The fund has been set up to address the shortage of teachers in certain STEM subjects at secondary level.

Career changers wishing to undertake the one-year PGDE ITE (Initial Teacher Education) course in Scotland leading to the award of registered teacher status in the hardest-to-fill STEM subjects could be eligible for funding.

The eligible PGDE ITE courses starting in August 2018 are:

- Maths
- Computing Science
- Physics
- Technical Education

If you have applied for, or are looking to apply for a PGDE in any of the above subjects, you could be eligible to apply for this fantastic opportunity.

Applicants will be expected to be in current employment, and to have been in employment for at least 36 months in the last five years (including career breaks) at the point of application for the bursary.

You must also have a relevant degree at 2.1 or above with the required academic content to teach one of the selected subject areas. All of the normal entry requirements for PGDE course will also apply – you can see what these are [here](#).

To see the full list of eligibility criteria, [click here](#).

With 100 bursaries available, the STEM bursary offers a fantastic opportunity for those wishing to take experience from their career into the classroom. You could use your skills and experience to inspire the next generation of budding STEM workers.

You can find out more about the STEM Teacher Education Bursary at stembursaryscotland.co.uk.

For more information on careers and retraining, get in touch with Skills Development Scotland at www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk.