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**The Graduate Secondary Teaching Scheme (GSTS) provides an opportunity for exceptional Kent graduates to continue with their academic studies, while working towards a teaching qualification at one of the University's partner schools.**

Developed by the Partnership Development Office, the scheme draws and builds on our long history of working with secondary schools in Kent and Medway. Candidates who are accepted onto the scheme are funded to train on a part-time basis to become a fully qualified teacher at one of our partner

schools, while also studying for a PhD\* part-time, over a five-year period.

## **Who should consider applying?**

If you are a high-achieving Kent student, with a strong interest in teaching and a desire to continue with postgraduate study, this scheme could be right for you. Your degree subject needs to have strong links to a shortage teaching subject (attached to a government bursary), as detailed on the Department for Education website: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-salary/overview>

Unfortunately, the scheme does not accept applications from Tier 4 visa holders.

## **How does it work?**

You apply for a place on the GSTS and also for postgraduate study at Kent (the University's usual postgraduate entry criteria apply). If your applications for both are successful, we place you at one of our partner schools and assist with your induction, including your enrolment with e-Qualitas, the teaching qualification provider.

Typically, GSTS students follow the programme shown opposite.

\*Applications from Masters students will also be considered.

## What are the benefits?

Teaching is a rewarding but challenging career. The GSTS is designed to provide you with a supportive introduction to the profession, with a lighter teaching load and a flexible structure to accommodate both teacher training and academic workloads.

The scheme offers you significant benefits, including:

- the opportunity to develop your teaching experience through observation and practical application of your learning in years 1 and 2 of the scheme (supernumerary status), working alongside class teachers rather than having your own class and the corresponding pressure that it brings
- a flexible, responsive online learning provider (e-Qualitas) that adapts learning and assessments to the particular needs and timetables of GSTS participants
- a guaranteed annual income of at least £14,533 for students on the five-year programme (any government bursary is included in this total), plus an additional £250 annual travel allowance
- no postgraduate tuition fees to pay, providing you complete the programme within five years
- teacher-training fees paid
- a guaranteed school placement for five years, including QTS (Qualified Teacher Status), NQT (Newly Qualified Teacher) and, if successful, the FQT (Fully Qualified Teacher) year
- the ongoing support of Kent staff.

## How to apply

Recruitment for the scheme takes place in the autumn term but, due to the highly specific profile of candidates interested in the scheme, we will consider applications up to the end of the spring term.

## Further information

For an informal discussion about the scheme and further information, please contact:  
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Year	Partner school/ e-Qualitas	University of Kent
1	QTS part-time teaching (supernumerary)	PhD research (part-time)
2	QTS part-time teaching (supernumerary)	PhD research (part-time)
3	NQT part-time teacher	PhD research (part-time)
4	NQT part-time teacher	PhD research (part-time)
5	Fully Qualified Teacher – part-time	Writing up thesis

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