



Department
for Education

ITT Reform: Partnership Grant Webinar

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Webinar Overview

This webinar has been organised in order to cover the following:

- What is the partnership grant?
- The application process for the grant
- Grant assurance

There will also be time for Q&A at the end of the webinar

About the partnership grant

- Providers who were awarded accreditation to deliver from 2024/25 can apply for additional funding to establish new partnerships in specific geographic areas.
- This funding is designed to provide financial support to accredited providers to recognise the additional costs of establishing new partnerships.
- The grant offer will be tiered based on the number of trainee places secured through a partnership with either a provider who was unsuccessful in the ITT reform accreditation process, or lead partners of existing ITT providers.
- Both organisations must be offering ITT provision in one of the eligible areas listed in the guidance.

Funding Available (based on 2021 to 2022 Census data)	Funding Period	Maximum grant per provider*
Under 49 trainees	29 September 2022 – 14 July 2023	£10,000
Between 50 and 249 trainees	29 September 2022 – 14 July 2023	£15,000
More than 250 trainees	29 September 2022 – 14 July 2023	£20,000

* Payments will be made in arrears in autumn 2023 based on actual expenditure

Conditions of funding

There are 2 specific conditions of funding in addition to the standard [DfE grant terms and conditions](#):

1. Providers accredited to deliver ITT from 2024 will be required to establish new partnerships to recruit trainees in specific geographic areas identified by DfE. Partnerships will only be eligible for funding if they are formed with either a provider who was accredited prior to the reform, or lead partners of existing ITT providers, who must be offering ITT provision in one of the eligible areas listed in Annex A below. 7
2. Providers will be required to maintain any other existing ITT provision (for example, Early Years or Further Education ITT) that they, or their lead partners, run alongside ITT courses which lead to QTS.

What the grant can be spent on

Funding can only be spent on the costs associated with partnering with another organisation. These costs can include, but are not limited to:

- IT costs (for example, aligning two different IT systems)
- additional administration requirements associated with partnership development
- additional quality assurance costs
- legal costs

The application process

The application period for this grant is from 12 December 2022 to 28 February 2023. We encourage providers to apply as soon as possible.

You will need to provide the following information on your application form:

- Details about your organisation
- Who you plan to partner with
- (if partner is current lead partner) The strategic role of the partner, the total number of trainees the partner recruited in 2021/22 and a link to the partner's website
- The geographic area and the types of trainee places (e.g., phase and subject) they will provide as part of the partnership

You will also need to provide written supporting evidence from all partners confirming their intention to partner.

Details of ITT accredited provider

The first part of the application form asks for details of the ITT accredited provider.

Lead Provider Details
Enter the legal accredited name and email address of your own provider.

Legal Accredited Name

Operating Name

Previous Legal Name

Address

Contact Name

Contact Email

Partner details

You should complete this section for each organisation that you are intending to partner with.

Partner Details

Enter the operating name of each organisation that you are partnering with. These organisations must either have been accredited prior to September 2024, or be a lead partner of a provider accredited prior to September 2024. If you are partnering with a lead partner rather than an accredited provider please could you provide information on their current strategic role in ITT and the number of trainees they delivered in 2021/22. If you are partnering with more than three organisations please email ITTReform.Funding@education.gov.uk.

Name of proposed partner 1

Postcode of partner 1

Strategic role of partner

Total number of trainees recruited in 2021/22

Link to partner website

Proposed geographic area(s)

Subject provision

Confirm which subjects your partner intends to deliver in 2024/25 by selecting “Yes” or ‘No’ against each subject and for each individual partner.

You do not need to include number of trainees here.

Subject Provision

Please confirm which subjects the new partner(s) are intending to deliver in 2024/25.

DO NOT include provision provided directly by the accredited provider.

Subject	Proposing to deliver in 2024/25		
	Partner 1	Partner 2	Partner 3
Art and Design			
Biology			
Business Studies ¹			
Chemistry			
Classics			
Computing			
Design and Technology ²			
Drama			
English			
Geography			
History			
Mathematics			
Modern Foreign Languages			
Music			
Other ³			
Physical Education ⁴			
Physics			
Religious Education			
Primary			
Early Years ITT (0-5)			

¹ Business studies: includes economics.

² Design & Technology: includes food technology and engineering.

³ Other: includes media and communication studies, social studies, and psychology.

⁴ Physical Education: includes dance.

Completed applications

Applications will be assessed against the eligibility criteria.

You will be sent a grant funding agreement letter to sign if your application is successful.

A signed copy of the grant funding agreement letter will need to be returned to DfE within 5 working days of receipt. The grant can only be paid if we have a signed copy of the grant funding agreement letter.

The application form can be downloaded from GOV.UK

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/initial-teacher-training-reform-partnership-grant#guidance>

Any queries relating to the application process and completed application forms should be returned to:
ITTReform.Funding@education.gov.uk.

Grant assurance – application process

DfE will conduct due diligence on applications received. These checks will include:

- confirmation that the applicant is an accredited provider
- that the proposed partnership meets the criteria in terms of both partners being located in one of the named eligible areas listed in Annex A of the Partnership Grant guidance.
- that the proposed partner is an eligible organisation.

Grant assurance – Annex C(i) and (ii) and Annex G

You will be required to complete

- Annex C(i) of their grant funding agreement letter by 15 March 2023. If this is not completed and submitted to us, we will be unable to pay funding incurred in this financial year (e.g., 29 September 2022 to 31 March 2023).
- Annex C(ii) of their grant funding agreement letter by 14 July 2023.

You will also be required to submit an externally audited ‘Annex G’ certificate of expenditure return by 31 December 2023 confirming that the funding has been spent on the activities detailed in their claim forms (Annex C of the grant funding agreement). Any mis-spent funding will be clawed back.

DfE will undertake further assurance on a random sample of both Annex C claims forms and the grant funding paid and may ask for evidence of the stated expenditure. You should ensure that you retain evidence of expenditure claimed for as per the Department’s Terms and Conditions.

Key Dates

Activity	Timeline
Application period	12 December 2022 to 28 February 2023
DfE assess applications received	Within 4 weeks of receipt
DfE confirm outcome of application by email and issue grant funding agreement letter (if appropriate)	Within 4 weeks of receipt
Applicant returns signed grant funding agreement letter	Within 5 days of receipt
Applicant completes Annex C(i) of the grant funding agreement letter detailing actual spend from 29 September 2022 to 15 March 2023 and estimated expenditure from 16 March 2023 to 14 July 2023	15 March 2023
Applicant completes Annex C(ii) of the grant funding agreement letter detailing actual expenditure from 29 September 2022 to 14 July 2023	14 July 2023
DfE pays funding to provider	Autumn 2023
DfE to provide details of Annex G process	End September 2023
Applicant completes Annex G return	31 December 2023

Useful links

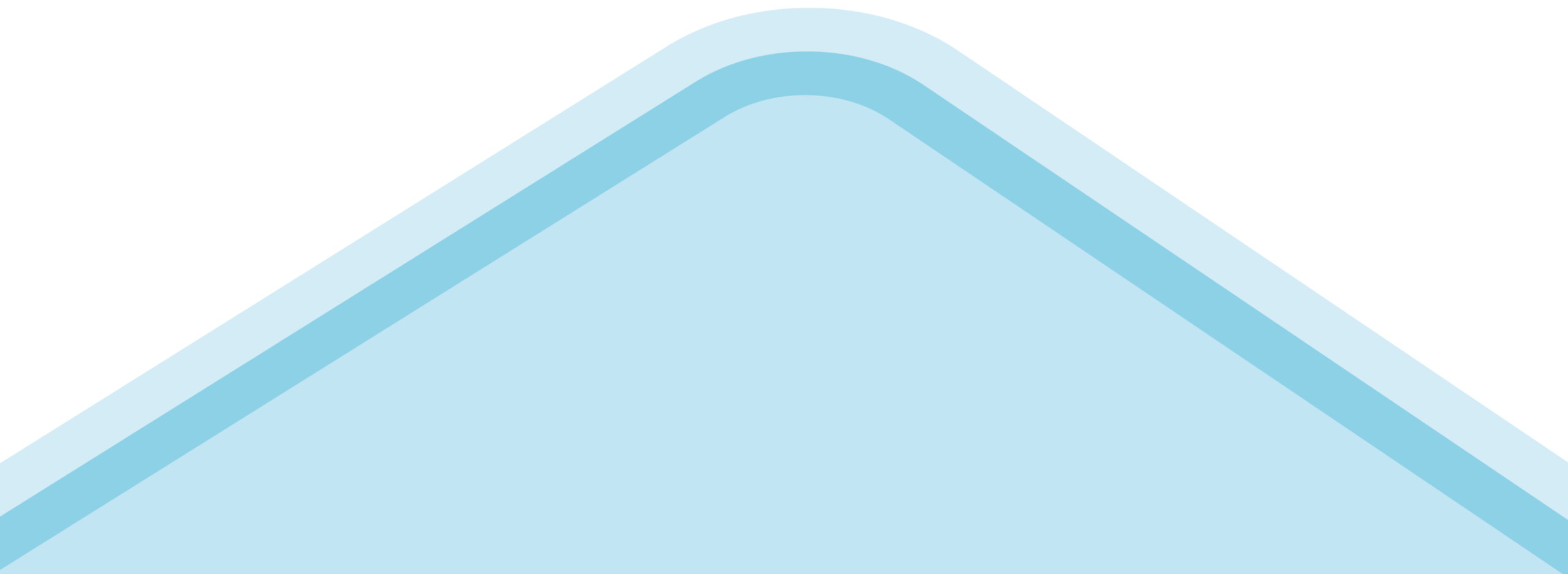
Partnership guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/initial-teacher-training-itt-forming-partnerships>

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