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**Interested in a career in teaching but not sure if it's the right path for you? Our pioneering scheme gives you the opportunity to spend time on a school placement and potentially progress to an internship and direct-entry teacher training.**

The Partner Schools' Teaching Experience Scheme provides Kent students with valuable paid opportunities to gain training and work experience placements in schools.

Developed by the Partnership Development Office, it draws on our 20-year experience of working with secondary schools in Kent and Medway. Students who successfully complete the introductory School Experience Placement (Stage 1)

in their penultimate year of study at Kent can apply for a Direct-Entry Teaching Internship (Stage 2) in their final year. You may also have the opportunity to apply for a place on a salaried direct-entry teacher training programme and placement in one of our partner schools when you graduate, with ongoing support from Kent staff (Stage 3).

## Who should consider applying?

If you are interested in a career in teaching but would like some practical experience before you make a decision, Stage 1 of the scheme may be for you. If you are a final-year student and definitely interested in a career in teaching, you may be eligible to apply for direct entry to Stage 2.

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

## How does the scheme work?

The scheme has three stages.

### Stage 1: School Experience Placements

During your penultimate year of undergraduate study, you complete at least one part-time placement, over a period of four to six weeks, supporting pupils in the classroom at one of our partner schools. You receive full training and bespoke support.

Depending on your commitment and enthusiasm for the scheme, you may be offered other placements and training during Stage 1. If your School Experience Placement has increased your interest in a teaching career, you can apply to progress to Stage 2.

### Stage 2: Direct-Entry Teaching Internships

Stage 2 is undertaken during your final year of undergraduate study. To enter Stage 2, you have a formal interview with our Partnership Development Office team. If you are accepted for a Direct-Entry Teaching Internship, you benefit from:

- at least one part-time placement, over a period of four to six weeks, teaching a group of pupils in one of our partner schools
- our accredited Introduction to Teaching training programme
- a shadowing and observation placement in one of our partner schools.



Depending on the subject you are interested in teaching, there may be the opportunity to work closely with one of our partner schools, with a goal of applying to them as a salaried direct-entry teacher trainee upon graduation. If this aspect of the scheme applies, you are interviewed in the spring of your final year. By the summer you will know whether you have a salaried trainee position from September of that year.

### Stage 3: Trainee-teacher support

Upon being accepted for a salaried trainee teacher post at one of our partner schools, you can expect:

- a financial package, equating to £21,000 in your first year (to include salary and training costs)
- an intensive Summer School over four to six weeks to prepare you for teaching in September
- training through our partner online learning provider, E-Qualitas
- a guaranteed placement at our partner school for the QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) year, plus the NQT (Newly Qualified Teacher) year, which all trainees must complete
- a reduced timetable in the first year of training, to facilitate an easier transition into teaching
- access to a community of trainee teachers for networking and support at the school.

The University of Kent Partnership Development Office staff will work closely with you and the school to provide you with an excellent training experience.



### What are the benefits?

The scheme offers you a range of benefits, not least the opportunity to gain practical insights into a career in teaching before deciding whether to commit to the formal teacher-training process. You gain a rounded view of the teaching profession, with hands-on training and opportunities to benefit from classroom observation and the experience of current teachers.

The scheme's range of benefits include:

- paid work experience, at band A/B (using the University's ambassador banding system)
- paid travel time and expenses
- valuable, appropriate and practical work experience in a supportive environment
- high-quality bespoke training to help you acquire the skills necessary to begin teaching

- the support of experienced Kent staff
- employability points
- solid experience for your CV
- potentially, the opportunity to apply for a salaried trainee teacher position at one of our partner schools.

### How do I apply?

Please go to [www.kent.ac.uk/ambassadors/vacancies](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ambassadors/vacancies) and then select 'outreach vacancies'.

### Further information

For an informal discussion about the scheme and further information, please contact:

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