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| Am I eligible for funding? | Please see funding criteria |
| The funding eligibility criteria states that I must be in year 3 to 6 of practice at the start of the course, what does this mean?  | This means you must be in years 3-6 of teaching from the date of QTS when the course is due to start in September.  |
| Do I need to be registered with the EWC? | Yes, to be eligible for funding you must be registered with the EWC in the category of school teacher. This must be maintained for the duration of the course. |
| Why is the funding only available for teachers in years 3-6 of practice? | The funding for this programme is offered by the Welsh Government as part of the Early Career Teacher Package |
| Following completion of my NQT induction, I spent a period of time working overseas / took a career break, does this count? | Time spent employed as a teacher outside of the UK or time taken as a career break will not be counted as years of practice |
| Am I required to have a teaching contract for a minimum period of time, e.g. an academic term / year? What happens if my contract ends part way through the programme? | Eligibility will be conferred at the beginning of the programme. At that point you will need to hold a contract of at least one term. |
| I am employed as a teacher in a number of schools and my contracts total more than 0.4FTE. Am I eligible for funding? | Yes, as long as your contracts total 0.4FTE or higher, you are eligible to apply for funding |
| I am a part time and/or supply teacher, can I apply for funding? | Yes, as long as your contracts total 0.4FTE or higher, you are eligible to apply for funding |
| Do I need to commit to working in Wales after I have completed the MA Education? | In accepting this funding teachers are required to continue to work in Wales, within the maintained education system for a minimum of 2 years after completing the programme. |
| Is there a residency requirement before the course starts? | In order to be eligible for funding you must be resident in Wales for 3 years prior to start of course and remain so for the duration of the programme. |
| I would like to self-fund; how much are the fees? | £6,500 |
| I have previously undertaken masters level study, am I eligible for funding for this programme? | If you have previously studied a subject specific masters programme, then you are still eligible to apply for funding (subject to meeting all other criteria). Please note that if you have previously undertaken a funded MEd then you will not be eligible to apply for funding for the National MA |
| My application for funding was unsuccessful, what are my options? | If your application for funding is not successful, you may still be able to take up a place on the course as a self-funded student. |
| My application for funding was unsuccessful, how can I appeal against the decision? | Applicants who are not satisfied with the decision of the National MA Education (Wales) Funding Award Panel should contact the Chair of the Panel in the first instance.  |
| Who decides on funding allocation? | Upon receipt of your application, the Admissions team at your chosen institution will ensure that you meet the eligibility criteria. The National MA Education (Wales) Funding Award Panel will then assess all eligible applications to determine the outcome and award funding to those who are successful. The Panel consists of representatives from each Partner University and reports to the National Management Board (which has membership from the Welsh Government), to ensure clear accountability and oversight. |
| How many funded places are available? | There are 500 funded places across the National MA Education (Wales) partnership |
| Am I eligible for a student loan? | If you are awarded Welsh Government funding for the National MA Education (Wales) then you must not also apply for postgraduate finance support through the Student Loans Company (SLC). Students who are not in receipt of Welsh Government funding may apply to the SLC.**HOWEVER** If you are expected to start the National MA Education (Wales) in 2021 you will not eligible to apply for a student loan as you will be claiming Recognition of Prior Learning / experiential Learning as per Student Finance Wales’ guidance as detailed below. *Student Finance Wales Students are not eligible where they are undertaking a partial master’s course where previous study and/or work experience has been taken into account, allowing the student to bypass certain aspects/modules of the full master’s course. Postgraduate Master’s Funding is designed as a contribution to the costs associated with a full master’s course and there is no prorated support available where less than a full standalone master’s course is undertaken.* Further information is can be found on [Student Finance Wales’ webpages here](https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/media/u1hphebe/pg-master-s-guidance-wales-ay2122-v1-0.pdf).  |