DfE Teaching Internship Programme Opportunity Summer 2025





Northgate High School has been awarded a grant by the Department of Education to offer a limited number of three-week teaching internships in the Summer of 2025. Any undergraduate who does not yet have a confirmed Initial Teacher Training place who would like to teach chemistry, computing, mathematics, physics or modern foreign languages (French, Spanish or German) may participate in the programme.

The programme will run from Monday 16th June to Friday 4th July 2025 and you will be based at Northgate High School full time. You will need to be available to be in school from 8.20am to 4.30pm each day.

What does it involve?

The programme lasts for three weeks and will involve you spending a significant amount of that time actively working in a school environment. You will experience a range of aspects of school life, not only observing, but also working with young people, and even getting the opportunity to plan and deliver lessons. You will encounter a range of staff and students who have very different views on education. You will see the ups and downs of school life. And, most importantly, you will see the difference that great teachers can make to young people.

We will provide you with £425 per week upon successful completion of the programme (subject to Tax and National Insurance), in order to support your living and travel costs during the three weeks. Moreover, we will provide training by expert teachers in school so that you can get the most out of your experience, with sessions on the vital basics such as safeguarding, how to approach lesson observations, and also on teaching, learning, behaviour management and SEND (special educational needs and disability), so that you are able to take a more active and meaningful part in lessons. We will also support you as you make your application to train as a teacher after the programme.

If you are thinking of applying to a Teacher Training Provider, but do not yet have a confirmed place, this is a perfect way in which to get any initial experience that they recommend. Furthermore, if you are in your first or second year of university, and/or have not yet fully decided what you would like to do after you graduate, this is an excellent way to be better informed about a career in education. Teacher Training Providers look favourably on candidates with relevant experience such as this, and it is an excellent way to make career focused networks and contacts for the future.

Who can apply?

The programme aims to attract high quality STEM and MFL undergraduates into teaching. Therefore, the programme is only available for interns that are studying courses from which initial teacher training (ITT) providers would accept graduates directly for their ITT programme in chemistry, computing, maths, physics or MFL. For further guidance on this, please visit the Get Into Teaching website https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/

Stage of degree

STEM or MFL undergraduates at any stage within their degree may participate in the Teaching Internships Programme across England.

Those who already have a confirmed ITT place are not eligible for the programme. This also applies to PhD students and career changers. There are limited places available for Masters students and mature students on an undergraduate degree course (either full or part time) are eligible.

Both Industry Year and Part-time applicants are eligible to apply for the Teaching Internships programme.

Students within UK and outside England

Undergraduates who are domiciled in Wales/Scotland or Northern Ireland can take part in the programme, but interns must be considering training to teach in England.

International students

Overseas students studying in the UK can take part, but interns must be considering training to teach in England. There may be some restrictions on some overseas students participating.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks

All interns must have a DBS check. This will be provided on successful acceptance onto the internship.

Funding

Payment for each intern is £425/week (£1,275 in total). This will be paid on successful completion of the course and will be subject to Tax and National Insurance.

Support for you while you are in school

You will be allocated a Subject Mentor - an experienced teacher who is an experienced PGCE mentor and/or has been given mentor training.

All Professional Development (PD) sessions will be delivered by our very experienced school Professional Tutor and/or the members of the school Early Career Teacher Development group, who have a special interest in working with new members of the profession.

Follow up support for you after the internship

You will be in email contact with the school's Professional Development Tutor and your Subject Mentor at the end of the programme.

In October 2025 you will be invited to an online training session in Applying for Teacher Training, outlining the process to apply for each of the key training providers in Suffolk, with the offer of individual consultations to support applications.

In November 2025 you will be offered an in person Keep In Touch session after school to meet PGCE trainees and gain advice on the interview and application process.

How to apply

Please note that internship places are limited to two per subject, so we may have to close applications early if all places are filled before this time. Please apply by completing the application form using this link, or the link on the Northgate High School website. The deadline to submit the application is **Monday 24**th **February 2025**. We may close applications before this date if the places are filled.

Online Interviews will be held during the week beginning 10th March 2025 and places will be offered during the week beginning 17th March 2025. You will need to accept your place before Wednesday 26th March 2025. You will then need to complete a DBS check within school.

Please ensure that you have read the Privacy Notice for Applicants on the Northgate website before applying.

For further information or to discuss your application, please contact Miss Mary Hallett, Professional Development Tutor mch@northgate.suffolk.sch.uk





