# **Increasing widening participation in the PgCE/ProfCE**

In order to receive this support you would need to apply for, and be accepted on either the PgCE or PfofCE course, from academic year 2022-23. Application is through the College standard application process and please be aware that eligibility for this bursary does not imply eligibility for acceptance on to the programme.

If you belong to one of the following groups you may be entitled to a bursary and support to study on the programme.

* You have a recognised disability, under [the Equality Act 2010](https://www.gov.uk/definition-of-disability-under-equality-act-2010)
* You come from a looked after/care background as defined by the Welsh Government as being [Children looked after by local authorities](https://gov.wales/children-looked-after-local-authorities)
* You are from an ethnic minority group under [the Equality Act 2010](https://www.gov.uk/definition-of-disability-under-equality-act-2010) and in line with [the Initial teacher education black Asian and minority ethnic recruitment plan](https://gov.wales/initial-teacher-education-black-asian-and-minority-ethnic-recruitment-plan-html)
* You identify as a gender other than male/female
* You are from a family of Gypsy or Romany travellers, under [the Equality Act 2010](https://www.gov.uk/definition-of-disability-under-equality-act-2010)
* The first in their families to study in Higher Education
* From an area of deprivation as set by the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD). Swansea has 11 wards ranked in the lowest 10% and these students will be eligible. Students can find out if their postcode matches by visiting: [Data Unit Wales](https://apps.dataunitwales.gov.uk/welshindexofmultipledeprivation/)
* You have caring responsibility and are aged 25 or younger as defined under [the College Young Adult Carers Policy](https://www.gcs.ac.uk/sites/default/files/Young%20Adult%20Carers%20Policy.pdf)

The support that you are being offered is:

## **Focussed support strategies to increase diversity**

## **Extended induction**

Programme Leader to provide an introduction to the course, college and workload. Introductions to the support staff available to the students will made during this time and will include: Library, HE Team and Support Officer**.**

## **Access to a Widening Participation [WP] mentor**

As a part time student you do not have a tutor as such but we do provide a lot of support within the course. As part of this bursary you will have access to a mentor who will support you in your studies and act as a tutor. They will also be able to signpost additional support services if they are needed.

## **£250 bursary**

Students who meet the threshold criteria in one or more the six categories listed above will receive a bursary of £250 per year. Two payments will be made – £125 at the start of the year and £125 at the end of semester 1.

**INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY FOR THE BURSARY WILL BE PROVIDED ONCE YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR THE COURSE.**

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