



Why partner with the University of Exeter?

We welcome schools to our partnership who are committed to training the next generation of teachers and future school leaders. The University has a long standing reputation for excellence which attracts high calibre trainees keen to join our partner schools.

- Teaching Excellent Framework (TEF) 2023 Gold Overall standard
- Partnership arrangements with over 300 schools
- Involved in Teacher Education since 1839
- One of the largest and most well respected universities for education in the country

* Research Excellence Framework 2014 based on the percentage of research categorised as 4* and 3*

"Trainees know exactly what they need to do. Dates are clearly communicated, and timely reminders are sent by Exeter. It's super organised!" **Secondary Partnership School**

"Exeter are interested in getting to know us as a school and are always receptive to school views. The ideas that have come from Exeter have helped our school improvement" **Primary Partnership School**

"Leaders in partner schools recognise the high calibre of Exeter trainees and value the up-to-date ideas they bring." **Ofsted Inspection Report 2023**

If you would like further information about becoming a University of Exeter Partnership School visit: education.exeter.ac.uk/partnership/joiningthepartnership or email our dedicated ITE Partnership Office: exeterpartner@exeter.ac.uk.

We are always happy to visit schools who would like to discuss opportunities for partnership.

Joining the University of Exeter Initial Teacher Education Partnership

Information for schools

education.exeter.ac.uk/partnership/joiningthepartnership

exeter.ac.uk/teachertraining



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THE EXETER MODEL OF ITE IN PRACTICE

Our ITE programmes are based on a deliberative approach to learning to teach, which reflects the view that teaching is complex and intellectually challenging. All ITE Mentors, both in schools and at the University use the Exeter Model of ITE as a shared framework for their work with trainees.

The Exeter Model of ITE uses a phased approach where trainees gradually increase their time and independence in the classroom. Trainee progress is guided by the Exeter Model training tools which are designed to scaffold the learning of the trainee and to support their Mentor in structuring their development in school.

For more information about the theoretical basis for the Exeter Model of ITE see education.exeter.ac.uk/partnership/exetermodel



BENEFITS TO SCHOOLS OF AN ITE PARTNERSHIP WITH EXETER

Fast response and support

- A dedicated Partnership Relations Manager and ITE Partnership Office team offering a rapid response to support you throughout your journey with us.

Access to high quality ECTs

- Support with staff recruitment including a free vacancy advertising service.
- Access to the most employable ECTs, many of which gain teaching positions in their placement schools and continue their careers in the South West.

High quality mentor training

- Access to Mentor Meets – gaining knowledge about current research in education.

Community of Practice

- Providing support and development for all members.
- Work with university curriculum experts to gain knowledge of current research-led teaching practice.

Opportunities to feed into course development

- Share your knowledge and experience of current teaching practices with our university staff to allow us to continually evolve and develop our courses.
- Opportunities to co-design the PGCE curriculum, ensuring schools are fully involved in creating teachers to meet the needs of their schools.

Benefits for pupil learning

- Benefit from the skills, energy and fresh ideas from our exceptional trainees, bringing subject specialist learning into the classroom.

Link to wider university

- Access to University Teach Meets.
- Invitations to academic lectures and to become involved in educational research – our partners are part of our research community.

PGCE COURSES

We offer primary and secondary PGCE courses. Details of the specific courses can be found here exeter.ac.uk/study/teachertraining.

All trainees have placements in two contrasting schools.

Primary Placements

We place trainees in Reception, KS1 and KS2 classes across our two primary courses (3-7 and 5-11).

Our partnership area covers Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset. We also have placements in a small number of schools in London.

Secondary Placements

We offer the following secondary programmes: English, Geography, History, Mathematics, Modern Foreign Languages, Physical Education, Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Biology with PE).

Our partnership area covers Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset. Our trainees select their preferred placement region at the application stage and our dedicated Partnership Office Team arrange their placements.

Specific details about how placements are structured across the year and payment information can be found on our website: education.exeter.ac.uk/partnership/joiningthepartnership

