



# ACADEMY CLASS

FIRST CLASS TRAINING FOR  
CREATIVES AND DEVELOPERS

## Training grants and funding

### Training Grants

Training Grants are available now for companies in 8 Council areas in the West of Scotland. These are genuine grants, not loans, and will cover up to 50% of the cost of approved training courses. The grants are paid directly by the Council on satisfactory completion of the training, and have been available for a number of years. The application process is straightforward, and Council staff are very helpful.

There are some qualifying criteria which must be met, but these are not too onerous, and are set to define exactly who is eligible for assistance.

The main criteria are:

- Companies must operate from business premises within one of the participating Councils area.
- Companies with head offices or parent offices outside these areas are eligible as long as the staff being trained work within the area.
- Companies must have less than 250 employees worldwide (including those in parent companies if the company is a subsidiary company).
- Companies must have a genuine, identified training requirement, and this will be verified to ensure the training is appropriate for the company.
- Training must not have already started before the application and approval process.
- Training providers must be registered with Councils (which obviously Academy Class are).

The application must be completed by the company applying for the grant, however Academy Class can assist with the planning and application process.

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### Skillset funding for freelancers

The Skillset Scotland Training Fund (SSTF) is a source of financial support to develop businesses, freelancers and employees in Scotland's screen industries.

Training Bursaries are **money grants** for **freelancers based in Scotland** to spend on training.

You could get **up to a maximum of £1,000** to spend on training that will benefit your career in Scotland's screen industries (film, TV, animation, computer games and interactive media). Some qualifications may also be supported.

**You can apply** for these training grants, **if you:**

- are a **resident in Scotland;**
- can **demonstrate professional experience** in the film, TV, animation, computer games or interactive media industries;
- have checked with the recognised training provider that **the course is not receiving** another form of **public subsidy;**
- can **demonstrate how the training** you are applying for **will benefit your career;** and
- have applied for a structured training course and have been **accepted by the training provider.**

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