

Scholarship Funding for NPQML, NPQSL and NPQH

FREE funded places for eligible schools!

As in previous years, the DfE have provided scholarship funding to teachers and school leaders in certain areas of the country meaning they could have the **full costs** of their national leadership qualifications reimbursed.

In 2018, the Department for Education launched a £10 million scholarship fund for school leadership development in areas with the lowest rates of social mobility in England. The funding is eligible to fund participants taking National Professional Qualifications for Middle Leadership, Senior Leadership or Headship.

If your school is within one of the areas below, or you have at least one school in your MAT or Diocese which is within one of these areas, you may be eligible for a free scholarship funded place!

Opportunity areas were created by the government in autumn 2016 and are defined as having the greatest need and the lowest rates of social mobility in England.

Category 5 and 6 areas - groups of local authorities where children are making the least progress and have the poorest access to high-quality schools - can also access the new funding.

A full list of the Opportunity Areas and Category 5 and 6 LA areas are available below.



The government is now finalising the criteria for applications to the scheme but has confirmed that funding will be released for participants who:

- are working in a school in an **Opportunity Area (OA)** or a **Category 5 or 6 area** or work in a MAT or diocese which has at least one school in one of these areas;
- do not already hold the NPQ for which they are applying;
- have not previously dropped out of the NPQ for which they are applying.

The government says that further criteria may be considered moving forward and details will be released in due course, but the funding will be payable in the financial year 2020 -2021 until national funds are exhausted. In our immediate reach this includes all Church schools in the Church of England Diocese of Bristol, the Diocese of Bath and Wells and the Catholic Diocese of Clifton, as well as large national MATs such as E-ACT, or Oasis which have schools in our area.

Please contact us to confirm your eligibility before applying at: NPQ@teachingschools.org.uk

Please note – schools will be charged at the rates above and then reimbursed for full costs when the funding is received from the DfE – this usually takes place within a term and will be sent to schools automatically upon receipt.

Opportunity areas

Blackpool
Bradford
Derby
Doncaster
East Cambridgeshire
Fenland
Hastings
Ipswich
Norwich
Oldham
Scarborough
Stoke-on-Trent
West Somerset

Category 5 LA areas

Allerdale
Arun
Ashfield
Ashford
Babergh
Basingstoke and Deane
Bracknell Forest
Braintree
Broxtowe
Burnley
Cannock Chase
Carlisle
Coventry
Dudley
East Lindsey
Eden
Gravesham
Halton
Havant
Kirklees
Leicester
Lewes
Lincoln
Luton
Mansfield
Medway
Mid Suffolk
Milton Keynes
Newark and Sherwood
North Lincolnshire
North Warwickshire
Nuneaton and Bedworth
Pendle

Reading
Rochdale
Salford
Sefton
Sheffield
South Staffordshire
St Edmundsbury
St. Helens
Stafford
Staffordshire Moorlands
Stevenage
Swindon
Tameside
Telford and Wrekin
Tendring
Thanet
Torridge
Warrington
Wirral
Wychavon
Wyre Forest

Category 6 LA areas

Amber Valley
Barnsley
Blackpool
Bolsover
Bradford
Breckland
Chesterfield
Corby
Crawley
Daventry
Derby
Doncaster
East Cambridgeshire
East Northamptonshire
East Riding of Yorkshire
East Staffordshire
Erewash
Fenland
Forest Heath
Gosport
Great Yarmouth
Hastings
High Peak
Huntingdonshire
Ipswich
Isle of Wight

Kettering
King's Lynn and West
Norfolk
Kingston upon Hull, City of
Knowsley
Liverpool
Middlesbrough
North East Derbyshire
North East Lincolnshire
Northampton
Northumberland
Norwich
Nottingham
Oldham
Peterborough
Portsmouth
Sandwell
Scarborough
South Derbyshire
South Holland
Stoke-on-Trent
Tamworth
Walsall
Waveney
Wellingborough
West Somerset
Weymouth and Portland
Wolverhampton
Worthing