

Programmes

The Church of England Professional Qualification for Headship (inc NPQH)

Financial Support and Bursary Information

For many Church of England schools accessing the highest quality professional development can be difficult due to financial constraints.

For this reason, the Foundation offers two different avenues of financial support for candidates that fall within the following criteria.

1. Department for Education Full Scholarship Funding

Who can apply?

You are eligible for this funding if:

- You work in an Opportunity Area or
- You in work in a Category 5 or Category 6 school or
- You are employed at a school which is subject to the oversight of a multi-academy trust or diocese which also includes other schools in those areas, and
- You have not previously enrolled in an NPQH programme

The DfE reserve the right to update these eligibility criteria and also to prioritise funding applicants on the basis of additional criteria when there are more NPQH participants (across all NPQ providers) than funding is available for. We shall update all applicants on any changes to these criteria as and when we receive these from the DfE.

How do I know if I am working in an Opportunity area or Category 5 or 6 school?

The Opportunity Areas are:

Yorkshire & Humber: Scarborough, Bradford, Doncaster

North West: Blackpool, Oldham

East Midlands: Derby

West Midlands: Stoke

East of England: Norwich, Fenland, East Cambridgeshire, Ipswich

South West: West Somerset

South East: Hastings

Category 5 & 6 areas

Since March 2016, all Local Authority Districts have been grouped into categories from 1 to 6 based upon the progress children are making and access to high quality schools. Areas 5 and 6 are the areas in the greatest need. In these areas there is also less provision of leadership support.

Visit the Visit www.gov.uk to find out which category your district is in.

What does it cover?

- Full course fees (£1650 +VAT)
- Does not cover any costs to school associated with taking days out of school to attend training events or take part in the 9 day placement.

How can I access this funding?

First check that you are eligible by checking that you fulfil the criteria above. If so, simply let us know this when you complete your online application form and your sponsor completes the endorsement form.

If you are unsure whether you are eligible then please speak to your diocesan education team.

If you are eligible, the Foundation shall complete the application for funding on your behalf after you have been offered a place on the programme.

2. Applying for a Foundation Bursary

All Saints Educational Trust are supporting the CofEPQH programme through the provision of Foundation bursaries for Cohort 4 participants in the most need of financial assistance.

Who can apply?

You may be eligible for a Foundation bursary if you are **not** eligible for DFE funding and:

- Your school is small with less than 210 pupils and/or
- At your school more than 30% of children receive free school meals

What does it cover?

A Foundation bursary will provide £500 towards the cost of your programme fees, making the fee payable £1150 + VAT which can be paid in two instalments across two academic years.

A small number of bursaries will be available to cover the full programme fee for those participants in the greatest financial need relative to other applicants.

How can I access this funding?

Participants who meet the above criteria should indicate so on the application form. If you have additional evidence to share about how a £500 bursary will enable you to participate in the programme then please also include this information in the 'other information' box.