



WE ARE RESPONDING TO PRESSURES FACING SCHOOLS

AND DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY

Star Institute and our partners are continuing to offer the full range of NPQs through this challenging time. We've taken steps to ensure our programmes are accessible in response to the pressures schools are facing. This allows schools to prioritise professional development at a time when leadership is crucial and make the most of the fully funded NPQ scholarships available. We want to make sure that existing and aspiring leaders still have the opportunity to develop their skills so they are prepared for whatever the future holds.

LIMITED FUNDING

Scholarship funding will be available for NPQ cohorts starting in the summer term. This means schools in Category 5/6 Areas and Opportunity Areas are eligible, as well as all those working for Trusts and Dioceses with schools in those areas. The Department for Education has confirmed that although funding will continue, this criteria will change for Autumn term starters. We don't yet know what the updated criteria will look like, and we don't want your school to miss out on the opportunity, so we're offering the chance to start an NPQ this academic year.

Our NPQML and NPQSL programmes are delivered by Star NPQ Partners. To find out more about delivery near you:

[NPQML PROGRAMME](#)

[NPQSL PROGRAMME](#)

SUMMER 2020 NPQH & NPQEL COHORTS - A responsive programme model

We know that school leadership is more important now than ever before. That's why we've decided to go ahead with summer term National Professional Qualifications for Headship (NPQH) and Executive Leadership (NPQEL) programmes as we planned, but to do things a little differently.

We're responding flexibly to the pressures schools are facing, that's why we've slimmed down the application form to make it less time-consuming. We'll be introducing new ways to connect with our participants by utilising digital solutions to run online induction sessions.

Participants will have access to remote coaching and online project support, to guide them through the planning stage. Then, when it is safe to do so, our expert school leaders will begin delivering face-to-face training. We know that September is always a busy time and this year is likely to bring different challenges. That's why we've decided that we won't be running any sessions in September during school hours to protect staff time and wellbeing.

The deadline for applying for NPQH and NPQEL is Sunday 31 May. To find out more:

[NPQH PROGRAMME](#)

[NPQEL PROGRAMME](#)

PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

Being an NPQ Partner school with Star brings a number of benefits alongside the experience of the trust including discounted NPQs, facilitator training and a range of development opportunities. We offer an 80/20 model which allows partners to tailor our high quality, evidence-based content to the needs and context of your cohort. Partners can choose to deliver the programme to an internal audience at a discounted price or can open recruitment to a local network and raise funds to support the delivery costs.

If you're interested in learning more, please get in touch: natasha.brooks@staracademies.org