



National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership

Our university and delivery partners have drawn on their teacher education expertise to design programmes with the following characteristics for any school that wants to join us:

- Knowledge and evidence-based.
- Drawn from expert theory and current practice.
- Inquiry-based spiral learning.
- Learning embedded in practice, not an additional burden.
- Located near you.

Who are you? →

For school leaders who are, or are aspiring to be, a senior leader with cross-school responsibilities. Such as:

- An experienced middle leader
- A recent deputy headteacher
- An assistant headteacher
- Other senior staff

The benefits to your school →

We know that our children and young people need teachers who are committed to their education and are confident learners themselves. Our programmes have been developed with teachers and leaders to:

- Create professionally confident teachers and leaders.
- Grow the next generation of leaders with the skills and knowledge to use the evidence-base for the benefit of their children and young people.
- Retain the best teachers who are excellent, collaborative role models for their schools and communities.
- Inspire leaders who can harness the power of rich learning environments for their children and young people no matter the current circumstances.

Cost of programme →

Scholarships are available to all NPQs for teachers and leaders working in the “top 50% of schools as defined by the proportion of students that attract pupil premium funding. You must also:

- be, or are aspiring to be, a senior leader with cross-school responsibilities.
- Work in a state funded school and state funded organisations that offer 16-19 places in England.

If you don't qualify for a scholarship, the cost is £1,055. For British International Schools, please contact your preferred international [delivery partner](#).

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Summary of programme and NPQSL learning hours →

SESSION TYPE	TOTAL HOURS
ONLINE INDUCTION CONFERENCE AT THE BEGINNING OF PROGRAMME	4
FACE TO FACE EVENTS X 3	15
SELF DIRECTED LEARNING	44
MENTORING / PEER LEARNING GROUP	12
TOTAL	75

A unique part of the UCL offer is the implementation project. Each participant will demonstrate how their learning is being implemented in practice through action research or a project that is supported by a facilitated peer learning group to ensure the programme has an impact on an individual's leadership and the pupils in their school. Once completed, the programme will be assessed through a case study-based approach to be completed in an 8 day window.

How to apply →

To apply, please go to [DfE NPQ Registration Service](#) and choose UCL as your provider (The registration portal will open on Monday, 10 February 2025). In the meantime you can register your expression of interest and get more information from our [website](#).

Quote

"The UCL Institute of Education NPQSL was a very important stage in my career development. The reading material was excellent and the workshop sessions were lively and provocative. The school project that I organised gave me enormous insight into successful leadership. Completing an NPQSL gave me the confidence to apply for and be offered a senior leadership post. Highly recommended."

Crispin, Assistant Headteacher.